

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE August 26, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Advanced Practice Advisory Committee was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, APN, Executive Director, at 3:05 p.m., via videoconference at the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, #300, Reno, Nevada, 89502, and the Board of Nursing, 2500 W. Sahara, #207, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89102.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, APN, Executive Director, Chair
Belen Gabato, MS, RN, Board member liaison
Tricia Brown, MSN, RN, APN Susan VanBeuge, MSN, RN, APN
George Cox, MS, RN, CRNA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Phyllis Suiter, MA, RN, APN
Amy Booth, MSN, RN, APN
Rhigel Jay Tan, MSN, RN, APN
Ronnie Wing, MSN, RN, CRNA

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Jeanette Belz

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by D. Scott, committee chair. A quorum of 4 members was not present. Discussion ensued but the committee made no decisions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 20, 2008: The minutes were not approved due to a lack of a quorum present. The minutes of the May 20, 2008 meeting of the APN Advisory Committee will be brought to the next APNAC meeting for approval.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report from the May, 2008 and July, 2008 Board meetings: D. Scott gave the highlights of the May and July Board meetings. The July meeting is the Board's Annual Business Meeting during which the members set the long term goals for the upcoming year.
2. Discussion regarding national certification requirements for APNs: This agenda item was discussed under agenda items C.3 and C.4 as it relates to the NCSBN Model Act/Rules and the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Legislative update: D. Scott and F. Olmstead reviewed the legislative activities during the past four months, including nursing issues highlighted during the interim at the Legislative

Health Care Committee and its subcommittee. Several topics were discussed relating to nursing education, budgetary constraints, infection control, board and commission structure, and professional accountability.

2. Discussion regarding NRS 639.23507: D. Scott presented this agenda item relating to information received from the Board of Pharmacy after Dave Burgio, APN, former NSBN member, inquired about the requirements in NRS 639.23507. This statute that was effective October 1, 2007, requires a practitioner to obtain a patient utilization report listing controlled substance prescriptions for an individual patient prior to writing a schedule II, III, or IV prescription for that patient. Louis Ling, General Counsel, NSBP, responded with the clarification that a practitioner must do a medical assessment and make a judgment call prior to prescribing controlled substances and using the computerized program established by the Pharmacy Board when necessary.
3. Discussion regarding APRN model Act/Rules and Regulation: D. Scott presented the model that was accepted by the Delegate Assembly of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing at its last meeting. NCSBN provides resources for state boards of nursing across the nation in the form of models for regulation. This model act and rules is available when and if a state decides to revise its laws. The committee discussed the various sections of the model and commented on its contents.
4. Discussion of “Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification and Education”: D. Scott presented this paper for discussion and comment among the members. The paper was completed through the work of the APRN Consensus Work Group and the NCSBN APRN Advisory Committee. It includes concepts and ideas from licensing agencies, accrediting bodies, certifying bodies, and educational entities. The consensus paper represents recommendations for continued communication with the goal of increasing the clarity and uniformity of APRN regulation. The goals for the work of these groups in collaboration were to strive for harmony and common understanding in the APRN regulatory community that would continue to promote quality APRN education and practice; development of a vision for APRN regulation; establishment of a set of standards that protect the public, improve mobility, and improve access to safe, quality APRN care; and to produce the written statement which reflects consensus on APRN regulatory issues. The outcome of this work is evidenced in the consensus paper that was discussed.
5. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: It was suggested that future agendas continue to have legislative updates and discussion about requiring national certification for APNs in Nevada.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.