



**MINUTES OF THE
ADVANCED PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

February 7th, 2006

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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 2:00 p.m., via videoconference at the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Ste. 201, Reno, Nevada, 89502, and the Board of Nursing, 2500 W. Sahara, #207, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MS, RN, APN, Committee Chair
Tricia Brown, MSN, RN, APN
David Burgio, MS, RN, APN, Board Liaison
Martha Drohobyczer, MSN, RN, APN, CNM
George H. Cox, MS, RN, CRNA
Phyllis Suiter, MA, RN, APN
Jeanette DiChiro, MSN, RN, APN
Amy E. Booth, MSN, RN, APN

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel, NSBN
Robert Buck, Application Coordinator, NSBN
Jeanette Belz, Universal Health Services
Nicola Aaker, Orvis graduate student
Marena Works, Orvis graduate student

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: D. Scott read a letter from John A. Ellerton, MD, CM, FACP, Chief of Staff of University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, regarding the role of certified nurse midwives in the hospital setting.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES— November 1, 2005: The minutes were approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review, discussion and action regarding proposed regulation changes: D. Scott, D. Burgio, M. Drohobyczer, and J. DiChiro related the Nevada State Board of Nursing's response to the proposed regulation changes related to advanced practitioners of nursing who are certified in Nevada. In addition to the regulations that were presented at the January Board meeting, the committee discussed the definitions in statute and regulation related to advanced practitioners of nursing. The committee agreed that the definitions were somewhat confusing and made the following suggestions. NRS 632.014—Take this statute to the Board to discuss whether the Board would like to bring forward a bill to add “advanced practitioner of nursing and physician assistant” to the list of practitioners that a CRNA may administer anesthetic agents to a person under the care of. This concept will be presented to the Board at its March, 2006 meeting. NAC 632.020—The committee suggested deleting the last sentence of this regulation. NAC 632.061—The committee suggested adding “and certified pursuant to NAC 632.255-295” to this regulation. NAC 632.062—The committee suggested adding “at the minimum” between the words “has” and “a,” and adding “A nurse psychotherapist may seek recognition as an advanced practitioner of nursing if he meets the requirements to be certified pursuant to NAC 632.260.” NAC 632.072—The committee suggested deleting the word “specified” in this regulation. NAC 632.255—The committee suggested deleting the words “ordinary” and “medical” from this regulation. The committee also recommended adding to the regulations a definition for nurse midwife and a regulation speaking to the authorized use of the title of advanced practitioner of nursing. These recommendations will go to the March Board meeting for consideration of concept and wording by the Board.
The committee reviewed the suggestions by the Board at the January 2006 Board meeting with the following changes to the proposed regulations: NAC 632. 500, 510, 515, 520, 530, 535, 540, 550—The committee decided that after the recommended changes to the definitions in regulation, that the regulations could go back to the Board as they were presented. NAC 632.545—The committee recommended the following wording “(1) A Nevada certificate of recognition as a certified registered nurse anesthetist expires automatically when the individual's national certification lapses.” In addition, it was recommended that subsections 2-5 be deleted because the concepts addressed in 2-5 are addressed with the changes recommended in subsection 1. NAC 632.260 (1)(b)—The committee recommended the following wording.” Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, if previously licensed or certified as an advanced practitioner of nursing in

another state or jurisdiction, has maintained the licensure or certification in good standing and complied with the requirements of continuing education of that state or jurisdiction.” 1(b)(1) Within two years before the date of his application. . . .NAC 632.255—The Board suggested combining “NAC 632.255 and 259 by adding “An advanced practitioner of nursing may only prescribe controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs or devices which are currently within the standard of medical practice in his identified medical specialty.” NAC 632.2555—The Board suggested that ss 1(e) be added to state “Reflect the ongoing collaborative relationship between the advanced practitioner of nursing and the physician.” NAC 632.290—The committee recommended deleting ss 2 and making ss 3, 2 to state: “To reinstate a certificate of recognition which has expired because the fee for renewal has not been paid, the applicant must meet the requirements pursuant to NAC 632.293. “ NAC 632.293—The committee suggested adding to ss 2: “for a period of 800 hours” to the end of that subsection. D. Scott will make the listed changes to the regulations and forward to the Board at the March 2006 meeting.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review, discussion and action regarding NAC 632.260 Qualifications for certificate of recognition; practice by student: R. Buck presented the regulation which requires a graduate student in nursing to notify the Board that he is completing his clinical rotation for his advanced practitioner degree in Nevada.
2. Discussion of “Ask the Doctor” video news clip: D. Scott informed the committee of this video news clip, which is available at the Board office. She participated in Channel 2’s program “Ask the Doctor” during December 2005, answering questions regarding the APN’s role in Nevada.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding whether NPs and CNMs are authorized to insert and remove a subdermal contraceptive: D. Scott read a letter from Arent Fox, attorneys at law asking if nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives “are authorized to insert and remove a subdermal contraceptive under Nevada laws and regulations.” The committee agreed that inserting and removing a subdermal contraceptive was within the scope of practice for NPs and CNMs as long as they are competent to do so and this procedure is listed in their practice protocols.
4. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: M. Drohobyczer submitted information regarding CNM, Allied Health Professional—Scope of Practice credentialing in the hospital to be put on the next meeting’s agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.