

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE May 5, 2009**

### **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  
Kelly DeMaria, MSN, RN, Board Liaison  
Phyllis Suiter, MA, RN, APN      George Cox, MS, RN, CRNA  
David Burgio, MS, RN, APN      Susan VanBeuge, DNP, APN, FWP-BC  
Ronnie Wing, MSN, RN, CRNA

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Amy Booth, MSN, RN, APN  
Rhigel Jay Tan, MSN, RN, APN

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel  
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor  
Jeanine Swygman, Reno V.A. Hospital

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by D. Scott, committee chair.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** P. Suiter discussed an article that she had read about the shortage of physicians which was written on April 27, 2009.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was moved and seconded to approve the February 3, 2009 meeting minutes of the APN Advisory Committee as written.

### **B. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Report from the March, 2009 Board meeting: D. Scott reviewed the highlights of the March, 2009 Board meeting.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding proposed advisory opinion regarding the practice of APNs in the VA system: D. Scott presented the draft advisory opinion to the committee and requested feedback about the content and wording. The committee responded favorably to the proposed draft. J. Swygman requested that a section on the information from the Board of Pharmacy about APNs in the VA system not needing to be licensed by the BOP to prescribe in the VA system. If the APN prescribes medications outside of this system, the APN would be required to get licensed to do so with the BOP. The changes will be reviewed J. Swygman and the committee members and returned to the committee for approval to be presented to the Board.

### **C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Legislative update: D. Scott and F. Olmstead gave the legislative update including the nurse staffing bill (AB 121), the Whistleblower bill (AB10), the medication aide-certified bill (AB106), and the malpractice bill (AB123). The bills as they are written at this time will have little impact on the NSBN.
2. Review, discussion, and action regarding concept and wording for regulations to require national certification for APNs in Nevada: The committee reviewed the proposed concept and wording for changes to NAC 632.265-293 and gave further recommendations to Board staff. The committee requested that the revised wording come back before the committee at its next meeting in August for further discussion and that Board staff begin to disseminate the concept of Nevada requiring national certification for APNs to the state's stakeholders.
3. Review, discussion, and action regarding Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Competencies in Specialty Areas: D. Scott presented this example of standards of practice for APNs that should be kept at an APNs practice site, especially if that APN is not nationally certified. The publication is very thorough and would be an excellent resource for APNs in practice. She thanked Charles Sheeley for providing a copy of this document for the committee's review.
4. Discussion of article regarding "scope of practice battles": This agenda item was just for discussion and review. The committee commented on the article.
5. Suggestions for agenda items for the next meeting: The committee recommended that the following be on the next agenda—regulations for certification of APNs, statistics related to how many APNs have national certification in Nevada, Legislative update, and a follow up regarding DMV placards and the role of the APN in doing this.

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