



**MINUTES OF THE  
ADVANCED PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**May 9th, 2006**

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*(Final minutes will be available on the Board's website <http://www.nevadanursingboard.org> after ratification by the committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting).*

**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  
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**

David Burgio, MS, RN, APN, Board Liaison

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Diane M. McGinnis, MSN Nursing student  
Dr. Jerry Matsumara, president of the Nevada State Society of Anesthesiologists  
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel, NSBN

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** D. McGinnis, MSN student from UNLV, introduced herself and gave a summary of her project regarding a specialty certificate program for emergency nurse practitioners. Questions arose regarding the role of the student, who would already be certified as an APN, and the need for a collaborative physician.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES— February 7, 2006:** The minutes were approved as written.

## **B. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Review, discussion and action regarding proposed regulation changes: D. Scott led the discussion regarding the proposed regulations regarding APN practice, highlighting the changes recommended since the last APNAC meeting. Two regulations regarding CRNAs were deleted from the group of regulations being forwarded to the Board for public hearing at the May 2006 Board meeting. Dr. J. Matsumura discussed the testimony he gave regarding NAC 632.500 and NRS 632.014 at the Board meeting when the regulations were scheduled for concept and wording consideration.

## **C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review, discussion and action regarding CNM Privileging: M. Drohobyczer presented the Certified Nurse Midwife Allied Health Professional Scope of Practice form, which was being utilized at University Medical Center. Some of the language written in the form does not reflect what is in the Nurse Practice Act regarding the practice of APNs. The committee commented that facilities may have more restrictive policies than the Nurse Practice Act outlines, but there was consensus that this may be confusing in practice. Ms. Drohobyczer stated that UMC is working on clarifying the language in the document and will keep the committee informed of the process. CNM input will help to clarify the scope of practice for APNs.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding APNs doing spinal injections: The question, “Do you recognize spinal injections as within the scope of practice for advanced nurse practitioners, other than certified registered nurse anesthetists? These injections, comprised of a corticosteroid and local anesthetic agents, would include selective nerve root blocks, fact blocks, and translaminar epidurals, administered in the cervical, thoracic or lumbar spine.” After discussion including input from Dr. J. Matsumura, the committee concurred that this practice is outside the scope of practice for APNs. In fact, this practice is limited even among anesthesiologists, being done only by those who have special competencies in this area.
3. ANCC certification exam—name change: The American Nurses Credentialing Center continues to offer the Clinical Nurse Specialist in Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification exam, however in keeping with contemporary nursing practice, it is now called Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Health Nursing Certification. There has been no change in the exam, just the name change. This information was given to the committee for information only.
4. American Medical Association article regarding allied health professionals’ scope of practice: D. Scott presented a summary of an article in the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Policy Perspectives entitled, *Physician Task Force Confronts Scope-of-Practice Legislation* which gave the AMA’s point of view regarding scope of practice battles. This was given to the committee for information only.
5. NCSBN Vision Paper: *The Future Regulation of Advanced Practice Nursing*: D. Scott gave an overview of this vision paper, highlighting that this paper is not intended to be enacted any time soon, but it is out for consideration to be applied in the next ten years. She underscored the information in the April 13, 2006, letter from NCSBN, which included frequently asked questions and answers. Ms. Scott will keep the committee informed of any further action regarding the vision paper.

6. Review, discussion and action regarding *Guidelines For Protocols For APNs*: D. Scott opened the discussion about the guidelines provided for new APNs coming in to Nevada or those just graduating from their programs. P. Suiter stated that she was instrumental in creating the guidelines in the past and offered to review the current document. She will bring her recommendations for revision back to the committee at its next meeting.
7. APNA – ANCC press release on adult psych nursing: D. Scott summarized the press release which reviewed a joint study conducted by the American Psychiatric Nurses Association and the American Nurses Credentialing Center which found commonalities in the roles of clinical nurse specialists and nurse practitioners practicing in the area of adult psychiatric and mental health nursing. As a result, APNA and ANCC recommended that one exam be developed to be taken by both CNSs and NPs practicing in that area. The press release states that they will convene meetings to consider this issue. This item was given to the committee for information only.
8. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: Items suggested for the next meeting agenda included discussion about the “licensed professional counselor” and follow up regarding P. Suiter’s suggestions for the guidelines for protocols.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.