

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE June 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, at 9:03 a.m., at the Board of Nursing offices via videoconference between 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Ste. 300, Reno, Nevada 89502, and 2500 W. Sahara, Ste. 207, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, RN, Board Executive Director, Chair
Betty Carlgren, LPN, Board Liaison (via telephone)
Diane Allen, RN Susan Moore, RN
Judith Carrion, RN Diane Smith, RN
Cathy Dinauer, RN Gayle LaChance-Bulger, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marti Cote, RN Cheryl McKinney, RN
Vicky Hardaway, RN Joseph Rosich, RN
Lisa Mantkus, RN Karen Winter, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Sansom, RN, Dir. of Operations Dana Balchunas, RN, WCS District
Lark Muncy, RN, NSBN Investigator Cathy Clemons, RN, Spring Valley HS
Amy Clark, RN, NSBN Application Coordinator Diana Taylor, RN, CCS District
Jeanette Belz, Nevada Psychiatric Assn.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: D. Balchunas gave an update regarding the School Nurse Practice Advisory Opinion.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES—April 7, 2009:** The minutes of the April 7, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved with one correction, deleting the words “insertion and” in the agenda item, “Review, discussion, and action regarding the role of the LPN in PICC line ~~insertion and~~ management”. MOTION CARRIED.
- B. OLD BUSINESS**
1. Board meetings follow up: May, 2009 Board meeting: D. Scott reported the highlights of the May, 2009 Board meeting, including the Board’s approval of the revisions to the School Nurse Advisory Opinion.
 2. Review, discussion, and action regarding the role of the LPN in PICC line insertion and management—Amy Clark and Lark Muncy to present: A. Clark

and L. Muncy presented further information regarding the practice question asking if it is within the LPN scope of practice to draw blood from a patient's PICC line. At the last NPAC meeting, the question arose about flushing the PICC line since in order to access the PICC line to draw blood, the LPN would need to flush the line. When referring to NAC 632.450 Procedures delegable to licensed practical nurses, the regulation allows LPNs to "flush locks" and the "administer fluid to a patient with a temporary central venous catheter by continuous or intermittent infusion through a peripheral device which uses a mechanism to control the flow". Although it may be necessary in the future to revise the regulation, the committee believes that the regulation as it stands currently, would allow the LPN to flush the PICC line and to access it for drawing blood. It was moved and seconded to add this concept and wording to the current PICC line practice decision and bring the proposed revision to the Board at its regularly scheduled Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED. A. Clark and L. Muncy presented definitions of Central line, Central venous line, Peripheral, Intravenous, and PICC line for the committee's review. This information will be an attachment to the current PICC line practice decision. The committee applauded the researchers' work in presenting this information to the committee.

3. Review and discussion regarding the confidentiality of minor pregnant students in Nevada schools – Cathy Clemens, RN, Spring Valley High School to present: C. Clemens and D. Taylor presented this agenda item, providing the history behind this issue and voicing the concern that School Nurses have regarding the requirements of licensure to ensure patient confidentiality for students and still protect them in situations when a pregnant minor presents in their practice settings. Questions also arose as to what the legal requirements were in this instance. The committee discussed the many laws that may or may not apply when considering intervention with pregnant minors in the school setting. D. Taylor reported that she had met with the school district's legal representatives and that a policy was being formulated for all school healthcare providers to follow. D. Scott requested that the committee be updated when the policy has been approved.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Legislative update: D. Scott gave a brief legislative update.
2. Scheduling of NPAC meetings for 2010: The committee unanimously approved the NPAC meeting dates of February 2, April 6, June 8, August 3, October 5, and December 7, 2010.
3. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: Since the request by the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners was pulled prior to the meeting, this issue will be agendaized at a later date based on their request.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.