

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE August 9, 2011**

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Advanced Practice Advisory Committee was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, Chair, at 3:00 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.

### **CALL TO ORDER** **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, Chair  
Doreen Begley, MS, RN, Board Liaison  
Susan VanBeuge, DNP, APN, FWP-BC (via teleconference)  
Josh Hamilton, DNP, RN-C, FNP-C, MHNP-BC, CNE (via teleconference)  
Gregory L. Peistrup, MSN, RN, APN, FNP-C, CFRN, CEN, EMS-RN  
Kate Sheppard, PhD, RN, APN-BC  
Joy Reineck, CNM, MS

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

David Burgio, MS, RN, APN  
Arthur C. Savignac, CRNA, MHS

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel  
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor  
Roseann Colosimo, Education Consultant  
Matthew Khan, Nevada Nurses Association

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by D. Scott, committee chair.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 22, 2011 and May 3, 2011: The minutes were approved as written.

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

1. Report from the July 2011 Business Board meeting: D. Scott reported the highlights of the 2011 business meeting.
2. Review and discussion regarding APNs conducting sports physicals. Fred Olmstead reported the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association amended NAC 386.819, in LCB file R147-10, to allow a physical examination to be conducted by “an advanced practitioner of nursing licensed pursuant to chapter 632 of the NRS”.

3. Review, discussion and action on proposed Advisory Opinion related to the use of the title “doctor”: Fred Olmstead opined that a nurse may never use the title “doctor” while the nurse is practicing as a nurse. It is the nurse’s responsibility to clearly communicate his/her role as an APN to a patient at the onset of the patient/nurse relationship and through ongoing credential display and nametag designation. This opinion was based upon the observation that, although a nurse may have a Ph.D., or a Ed.D. or a DNP, the patient may be confused when a nurse is practicing as an advanced practitioner of nursing but called “doctor”. So, to avoid patient confusion with Doctors of Acupuncture, Chiropractic Doctors, Herbal Medicine Doctors, Medical Doctors, Doctors of Osteopathy, or Doctors of Podiatry, when practicing as a nurse, the title “doctor” should not be used. Further discussion occurred about the use of a nurse’s legal title of licensure versus a nurse’s academic degree credentials. Mr. Olmstead agreed to do further research and report back to the committee.

### **C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Orientation of new committee members: There were no new committee members. D. Scott reminded the members in attendance to review the orientation documents to familiarize themselves with expectations for committee membership.

2. Legislative update: D. Scott and F. Olmstead reviewed a mandate by the Governor that each state agency must review its regulations for timeliness, efficiency, and effectiveness for possible update before December, 2011. The committee discussed the addition of new language requiring APNs to be nationally certified.

3. Review, discussion and action regarding the use of fluoroscopy by Nurse Anesthetists: The committee discussed this agenda item, asking questions about the extent of the use of fluoroscopy that Mr. Kronenberg was requesting. Later in the meeting, G. Kronenberg called in to the meeting via telephone and clarified his request. He stated that he had information that there were pending regulations by the Health Division that would allow CRNAs to perform fluoroscopy for lumbar epidurals and sympathetic blocks for pain management. D. Scott stated that Board staff will inquire about pending regulations and bring the information back to the committee.

4. Review, discussion and action regarding planning for an issue of the NSBN News to be focused on APNs: The upcoming issue of the NSBN News will focus on educating nurses and other readers about APN practice. R. Colosimo, the new NSBN News editor, will be compiling articles to improve nurses’ understanding about the role of the APN in Nevada’s healthcare delivery system. S. VanBeuge offered to write a “conversational” article about her personal role as an APN and D. Scott offered to write an article about the new requirement for APNs to be nationally certified to maintain certification in Nevada based on the passage of SB205 which becomes effective October 1, 2011 and upon codification of Chapter 632 regulations. R. Colosimo will coordinate the content of the upcoming issue of NSBN News.

5. Review, discussion and action regarding whether or not APNs can sign Advanced Directives: D. Scott will contact the Nevada Center for Ethics & Health Policy to inquire about the intent of the signature line for “Physicians”. Since there are other places on the SPOST (Summary of Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment) Form that refer to other healthcare providers who may complete the form with the patient, it is unclear whether it is appropriate for those other providers to sign the form. This item will come back to the next APNAC meeting for an update.

### **D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

The items recommended for the next agenda include:

- Summary of Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (SPOST) Form

- The role of the CRNA utilizing fluoroscopy in pain management procedures
- The use of the title “Dr.”

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