

MINUTES OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE August 21, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, at 9:06 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

Lisa Mantkus, RN Marti Cote, RN Cathy Dinauer, RN Gail Alexander, RN

Diane Allen, RN

Judith Carrion, RN

Vicky Hardaway, RN

Margaret Konieczny, RN, MSN

Lori Roorda, BSN, RN, CEN

Gayle LaChance-Bulger, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Leighanne Shirey, RN, BSN Zona Hickstein, RN Cynthia Gorham, RN, BSN, MHA

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Sansom, MSN, RN, Director of Operations
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor
Sherri Twedt, RN, Nurse Investigator
Cynthia Peterson RN, Nurse Investigator
Carolyn Cramer, Nevada State Board of Pharmacy
Jeanette Belz, NV Psychiatric Assn., NV Academy of Ophthalmology
Marissa Brown, Nevada Hospital Association
Jen Richards, Renown Medical Center

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by D. Scott at 9:06 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: D. Scott, chair of the NPAC, allowed for Public Comment before, during, and after the meeting. C. Sansom announced that D. Scott had received the NCSBN Meritorious Award at this year's Annual Meeting. M. Konieczny announced that a Health Care Act Forum that will be held next Tuesday evening in Carson City and invited all those present to attend. D. Scott will have the flyer for the event posted on the Board's website.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the May 1, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report from the July 2012 Board meeting: D. Scott and C. Sansom reported the highlights of the July 2012 Board meeting.

C. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Orientation of new committee members: L. Roorda was introduced as the newest member of the committee. D. Scott reviewed NSBN's policy touching on the requirements for committee membership.
- 2. Legislative update: D. Scott gave an update on the status of the regulations that were codified on February 15, 2012, related to Medication Aides-Certified and the change in Nevada law that now allows nurses to delegate nursing tasks to unlicensed assistive personnel. She also reported that the NSBN has a Bill Draft Request to change the title, "advanced practitioner of nursing" to "advanced practice registered nurse" in Nevada law. This change would provide better clarity to patients as to what type of provider is treating them. Additionally, this term is a nationally recognized title for advanced practice nurses.
- 3. Review, discussion and action regarding RNs performing amniotomies: M. Brown, Nevada Hospital Association, presented this agenda item. She described the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) Position Statement on Amniotomy and Placement of Internal Fetal Spiral Electrode through Intact Membranes. This statement does not coincide with the NSBN's current Practice Decision on Amniotomy and placement of electrodes and internal uterine catheters. She stated that there is concern in some hospitals that nurses are putting patients at risk when performing this procedure. In considering AWHONN's Position Statement and the potential for patient harm, the committee members agreed that the NSBN should revisit its current Practice Decision. Several committee members expressed an interest in working on a subcommittee to revise the current practice decision. V. Hardaway will work directly with M. Brown to draft a possible revision to be presented at the next NPAC meeting on October 30, 2012. C. Dinauer, committee member, offered assistance from her Labor and Delivery person who has discussed support for AWHONN's position on this practice. L. Roorda suggested that her Director of L&D may be willing to help, also. D. Scott will follow up with the subcommittee members to make sure that they have contact information for those who have expressed an interest in assisting with the Practice Decision revision.
- 4. Review, discussion and action regarding RNs changing sliding scales for insulin based bed side testing: This item was continued until the individual who submitted the question is available for the discussion.
- 5. Review, discussion and action regarding NSBN article "Why Can't a Registered Nurse Possess and Administer a Drug Pursuant to a Written Protocol": C. Cramer from the Board of Pharmacy clarified the information in this article, stating that the article was aimed at nurses who are working in a med spa setting. She relayed examples of how nurses may be practicing outside their scope when they are administering medications when there is no doctor/patient relationship. She stated that this article doesn't apply when nurses are working in a licensed medical facility where protocols are written and

- 6. approved by medicine and nursing as part of the procedures that occur, for instance, in an Emergency Department.
- 7. Review, discussion and action regarding accepting an order written by a pharmacist based on a verbal order by a physician: J. Richards submitted this question for discussion by the committee and presented the issue to the members. She described a scenario where a Home Health Nurse has expressed concern when she received an order from a pharmacist who was working from a protocol. Her concern was based on the Nurse Practice Act not allowing a nurse to take an order from anyone other than a licensed physician, physician assistant, dentist, podiatric physician or advanced practitioner of nursing as cited in NAC 632.220 (1). J. Richards cited NRS 639.2809 which allows a registered pharmacist to develop written guidelines and protocols in collaboration with a practitioner which then authorizes a pharmacist to order and use the findings of a lab test and exam to modify, among other things, a prescription. The committee agreed that if the pharmacist is working off a protocol, or if a pharmacist receives a verbal order from a practitioner, the pharmacist must document the change or the initiation of a drug in the patient's medical record which then would allow the nurse to administer the drug according to that order.
- 8. Review discussion and action regarding committee meeting date change from October 16, 2012 to October 15, 2012: The date of the next NPAC meeting was changed to October 30, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: The items for the next agenda will include: the proposed revision to the Board's practice decision on amniotomies and RNs changing insulin sliding scales based on bedside testing.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.