

Nevada State Board of  
**NURSING**

**MINUTES**  
**CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Thursday, April 5, 2018

The committee meeting was called to order on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. by Catherine Prato-Lefkowitz, PhD, MSN, RN Director of Nursing Education via videoconference at the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy, Ste B300, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 and the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, #300, Reno, Nevada 89502.

The CNA Advisory Committee advises and reports to the Board on matters related to Certified Nursing Assistants and Medication Aides-Certified.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Catherine Prato-Lefkowitz, PhD, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing Education  
Edward Aquino, RN  
Marilynn Jeanne Hesterlee, RN  
Carole Wiseman, RN  
Carla Wright, RN

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jacob Watts, CNA, Board Member Liaison  
Tracy Gentry, CNA  
Rhonda Meyer, RN  
Jennifer Williams-Woods

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jeannette Calderon, Management Assistant, NSBN  
C. Ryan Mann, MSN, RN, Application Coordinator, NSBN  
Michele Kenyon, RN  
Lola Shipp  
Kathryn Webb, RN

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- K. Webb informed committee regarding East Career and Technical Academy was voted top 6 magnet schools in the United States.

- C. Prato informed committee that Marilyn Jeanne Hesterlee has replaced Sherry Crane as the committee representative from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public and Behavioral Health.
- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 1, 2018 meeting: The minutes were reviewed and approved with correction to minor typo.
- B. OLD BUSINESS:
1. Review and discussion regarding workgroup follow-up report on facilitating competency in CNA instructors: R. Mann reviewed the February 9, 2018 meeting minutes and informed the committee regarding the next step to look at skills exams results and provide support and plans for improvement to instructors. Instructors are encouraged to become proctors for Headmaster as it has shown improvement of examination results. Another meeting will be held within the next couple of months.
  2. Review and discussion regarding workgroup follow-up report on Headmaster test bank validation: C. Wright informed the committee that another round of reviews will be performed on the written test bank questions. The work will begin reviewing the skills examination and she will be needing volunteers.
- C. NEW BUSINESS
1. Review and discussion regarding Headmaster examination pass rate year-to-date for 2018: C. Prato provided year-to-date examination results for 2018. Committee reviewed and discussed skills steps that were below 80%. Committee discussed the blood pressure skills, C. Prato informed the committee that there are groups in the state working to get simulation arms to help provide a consistent testing environment for students for the blood pressure skill demonstration.
  2. Review, discussion and action regarding continuation of Headmaster test bank validation: It was moved and seconded the committee approve the test item advisory panel to continue the work in validation of the Headmaster test bank. MOTION CARRIED.
  3. Review and discussion regarding Headmaster 2018 workshop dates: C. Prato informed the committee regarding upcoming scheduled workshops on April 28, 2018 at College of Southern Nevada, June 9, 2018 at Truckee Meadows Community College and August 24, 2018 at Great Basin College.
  4. Review and discussion regarding the CNA Sunset Committee outcome: C. Prato informed the committee that the CNA Advisory Committee was validated and approved to continue during the State Sunset Committee meeting.
  5. Review and discussion regarding CNA certification barriers: C. Prato informed the committee regarding the work that Cathy Dinauer, Executive Director and she are doing with the Occupational Licensing Consortium to break down barriers in nursing. One goal is to increase the pipeline, which in nursing it starts nursing assistant training programs. The group is thinking about introducing basic healthcare education in middle or elementary schools. Committee requested a follow-up on at the next meeting.
  6. Review and discussion regarding English as a secondary language affecting CNA pass rates: C. Wiseman reminded the committee that this topic had been discussed at previous meetings and she is providing information to help other programs in the state. English as a secondary language (ESL) students are having difficulties passing the course and/or the certification examination. She provided many strategies to assist ESL students; including but limited to,

encourage students to take an ESL course prior to enrollment in to the CNA program, provide touring in, and student's naïve language. Committee would like to continue discussion.

7. Review and discussion regarding HOSA judges for 2019: C. Prato informed the committee regarding HOSA, Health Occupations Students of America. HOSA holds a statewide competition every year. She has judged the competition for the past two years. Students that are enrolled in the nursing assistant training programs in the high school all over Nevada compete in interviewing and job seeking skill as well demonstration of their knowledge and skills in nursing assisting. The organization is always looking for subject-matter experts to judge.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

1. Follow-up report on facilitating competency in CNA instructors workgroup
2. Follow-up report on Headmaster test bank validation workgroup
3. Discussion regarding English as a secondary language CNA students.
4. Update from Cathy Dinauer regarding consortium on licensure barriers.
5. Update regarding simulation arms.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Committee members were informed the next CNA Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.