

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES** **CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** Thursday October 2, 2014

The committee meeting was called to order on October 2, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. by Chris Sansom, MSN, RN, Director of Operations via videoconference at the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy, Ste B300, Las Vegas, and the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, #300, Reno, Nevada.

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

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chris Sansom, RN, MSN, Director of Operations, Chair  
Jennifer Snidow, CNA, Board Member Liaison  
Rhonda Meyer, RN                      Branden Murphy, RN  
Carla Wright, RN                      Sherry Crance, RN  
Carole Wiseman, RN                      Teresa Stricker, LASW

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ruby Flores, LPN

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, NSBN  
Roseann Colosimo, RN, Education Consultant, NSBN  
Christie Daliposon, Management Assistant, NSBN  
Patty Towler, Sr. Certification Specialist, NSBN  
Jeannette Calderon, Management Assistant, NSBN  
Grayson Wit, NSMA

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** C. Sansom called for public comment at the beginning of the meeting; R. Colosimo asked the committee that if they have any articles or information that would be good for our quarterly newsletter to please contact her with the information. C. Sansom introduced Sherry Crance who is the new representative from the Bureau of Healthcare Quality and Compliance.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the April 3, 2014 and July 8, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

**B. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Report on the July and September 2014 Board meeting outcomes: C. Sansom informed the committee that at the July meeting the statistics for the year are presented. There are now 8,208 active CNAs in the state; 1,876 have been certified by examination which is more than we have endorsing into Nevada; it is also reported that our renewal numbers have increased in the last year as well. C. Sansom informed the committee that with a higher number of certificate holders we also have a higher number of complaints; the highest number of complaints for nurses/CNAs is on continuing education audit violations with 8% of CNAs disciplined due to failure to comply with the audit. She also reminded the committee that our annual report is on the website and has a compilation of all of the Board statistics. C. Sansom advised the committee that we now have a Facebook page. D. Scott informed the committee that Nevada is one of 6 states in the nation have received a grant to help veterans that are returning from active duty and are medics/corpsman to become LPNs, advanced EMTs/paramedics and police officers. College of Southern Nevada has a transition program that is a 15 credit one semester course for a veteran to receive a diploma and can be licensed as an LPN, the first class starts in January 2015. R. Colosimo informed the committee that Western High School and Standards of Excellence were approved as training programs. C. Sansom informed the committee that at the September meeting Board elections were held, Patricia ‘Tish’ Smyer is President, Rhigel ‘Jay’ Tan is Vice President and Mary-Ann Brown is Secretary.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review and discussion regarding quarterly Prometric reports: The reports were reviewed and discussed. It was noted how well the high school programs were doing even though they only had a few students who actually test.
2. Review and discussion regarding CNA training program applications and surveys:
  - a. Saint Theresa Learning Center: R. Colosimo advised the committee that an application has been received. They do have a provisional CPE license and there is a meeting scheduled with Desert Rose Adult High School as the potential academic administrator. There has not been a site visit at this time. There is also no clinical contract at this time.
  - b. Majen training program update: R. Colosimo gave an update on this program that is being taught out of St. Mary’s in Reno, Nevada. They now have a CPE license and REMSA is their academic administrator. They will be starting classes soon.
3. Review and discussion regarding MA-C program: The committee was informed that there are currently no updates regarding MA-C programs or facilities requesting to have these types of employees in their facilities.

4. Discussion regarding legislative and media issues: D. Scott gave an update on the APRN regulation workshop that was held on Monday. The Board has been working with the prescription task force to seek methods to protect the public from prescription drug abuse by active participation of the prescribers of controlled substances. The pharmacy board has a Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) that allows providers and approved agencies the ability to run a controlled substance prescription profile on a patient. The Board is proposing regulations to require APRNs that prescribe controlled substances to register with the PMP and to review a patient's profile prior to prescribing. D. Scott informed the committee that proposed bills and issues are being discussed for the 2015 legislative session; some nursing related issues under discussion are staffing ratios, mandatory minimum data sets for boards and committees, and allowing reciprocity for veterans and their spouses.
5. Suggested items for future CNA agendas:
  - Model Curriculum review
  - How does the Board inform CNAs of the renewal requirements
  - Prometric reports
  - Board meeting outcomes
  - Legislative and media issues
  - Suggested items for future CNA agendas

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.