

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

The committee meeting was called to order on July 8, 2014, at 9:06 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 and Medication Aides-Certified.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Sansom, RN, MSN, Director of Operations, Chair
Rhonda Meyer, RN Branden Murphy, RN
Carla Wright, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Snidow, CNA, Board Member Liaison
Teresa Stricker, LASW Ruby Flores, LPN
Carole Wiseman, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, NSBN
Christie Daliposon, Management Assistant, NSBN
C. Ryan Mann, RN, BSN, Application Coordinator, NSBN
Patty Towler, Sr. Certification Specialist, NSBN
Jeannette Calderon, Management Assistant, NSBN
Cindy Peterson, RN, Investigator, NSBN
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel, NSBN

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. without a quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: C. Sansom called for public comment at the beginning of the meeting and there was none. C. Sansom called for public comment at the end of the meeting; C.R. Mann announced to the committee that she has a new assistant who is Juan Barajas. C. Sansom advised that at this time the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance has not appointed anyone to the committee to replace M. Fish-Dewitt; also there is a long term care opening in the committee

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and that if any committee members knew someone who might be interested to please let them know of the openings.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 3, 2014 meeting were continued to the next meeting.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report on the May 2014 Board meeting outcome: J. Calderon informed the committee that surveys at Battle Mountain, Great Basin College, E. Career Technical Institute, W. Career Technical Institute and Sierra Nevada Job Corp were approved. Medicine Cup was presented to the Board and not approved due to not meeting all the requirements for a training program. C. Sansom informed the committee that National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) has an e-notify system for all licensed nurses, and anyone who employs them, which sends automatic notices regarding when a license needs to be renewed and if there has been disciplinary action taken; this is a free system. D. Scott informed the committee that the Nevada State Board of Nursing has been awarded the Regulatory Achievement Award by the NCSBN.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and discussion regarding quarterly Prometric reports: C. Sansom presented this item and reviewed the annual reports for fiscal year 2013-2014. The members reviewed and discussed with no concerns or questions. It was noted the number of re-entry applicants for the year was higher than expected. C. Sansom informed the committee that there are now over 8,200 CNA's in the state.
2. Review and discussion regarding patient safety and reading comprehension challenges for Nurse Aide Training Program students: A handout from C. Wiseman was provided to members in her absence. C. Wright informed the committee that the College of Southern Nevada does not have a requirement that a student take a reading comprehension test prior to admittance to the training program. She noted that not only English as a second language students could have problems, but others may also have reading comprehension difficulty. In their program if a student is having difficulty with reading and/or verbal comprehension it is identified early prior to any direct patient contact. Instructors work directly with the student if an issue is identified and refer them to other services as needed. C. Wright explained that if a student graduates from the program and passes the exams they are considered safe to practice. She shared that her experience is that it is a small fraction of the students that may have this type of issue. C. Sansom stated that this item is for discussion only.
3. Review and discussion regarding CNA training program applications and surveys:
 - a. Everest College does not have an active application at this time.

- b. Saint Therese Learning Institute has submitted an application that is pending revisions prior to submission to the Board.
 - c. Western High School application is complete and will be presented at the July 2014 Board meeting. It was noted that this was the first high school in the area that is not a career and technical academy.
 - d. Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow (FIT) submitted an application that is currently incomplete, and no instructor has been identified.
4. 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.
 5. Discussion regarding legislative and media issues: D. Scott informed the committee that AB170 has been completely implemented and the APRN audit requirements have been updated. She thanked F. Olmstead for his work on implementing regulation changes. She also informed the committee that there are proposed regulations from the Board of Medical Examiners to allow a medical assistant to administer anesthesia and advised there is information regarding this on their website. Proposed regulation changes are being presented to the Board at its July 2014, meeting regarding making it a requirement for APRNs to be active in the Controlled Drug Task Force Prescription Monitoring Program and to use this tool when prescribing controlled substances to patients.
 6. Suggested items for future CNA agendas:
 - Prometric reports
 - Board meeting outcomes
 - Legislative and media issues
 - Suggested items for future CNA agendas

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.