

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, January 7, 2014**

The committee meeting was called to order on January 7, 2014, at 9:02 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, CNA  
Carla Wright, RN

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Marie Fish DeWitt, RN, BSN    Teresa Stricker, LASW  
Ruby Flores, LPN

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** C. Sansom called for public comment at the beginning of the meeting. R. Colosimo informed the committee that a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be posted for the CNA testing company contract. If any members have comments or questions they may submit them to R. Colosimo or C. Sansom. C. Sansom called for public comment at the end of the meeting and there was none.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the October 17, 2013 meeting were approved written.

**B. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Report on the November 2013 Board meeting outcomes: R. Colosimo reported that the Majen Training Program was approved pending a staff site survey and the program securing an academic administrator. The program is working on meeting the academic administrator requirement and hopes to have this completed in the near future.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Program reports from Prometric and the Prometric Contract: The current Prometric testing contract will expire this year as previously discussed. A survey will be conducted of the current test sites regarding experience with the current vendor, and suggestions or comments for future needs. F. Olmstead advised the committee that this contractual process falls under state contract guidelines and therefore an RFP must be issued. Committee members were advised that this is a public process and they are free to notify anyone regarding the RFP process. The Prometric reports for October 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 were presented by R. Colosimo for review and discussion.
2. Discussion regarding the CNA Instructor Policy: C. Sansom reported that the policy that was approved and supported by the committee was approved by the Board at the November, 2013 meeting. The policy allows nurse aide training instructors to teach prior to completing the Train the Trainer course if they meet the established criteria, are a fully approved training program, and are granted a waiver by the Education Consultant.
3. Review and discussion regarding CNA training program applications and surveys:
  - a. Discussion of requirements for new programs, academic administrators and Commission on Postsecondary Education (CPE) licensing: R. Colosimo reported that even though a program may have a CPE license, it may still need to have an academic administrator. Any program that is charging students' tuition and accepting money directly will likely need a CPE license. R. Colosimo further informed the committee that CPE regulates all postsecondary education, not only for space and equipment needs, but also to ensure the school has a bond should they go out of business for tuition reimbursement to students. She also informed the committee that per NRS 632.2856, an academic administrator may be the Nevada System of Higher Education, a public school in Nevada, a program for career and technical education approved by the State Board for Career and Technical Education, or any other nationally recognized body or agency authorized by law to accredit or approve such programs (training programs).
  - b. Review and discussion regarding Milan site survey: R. Colosimo updated the committee on the survey it requested. She observed both programs in Las Vegas and Sparks, and had discussions with the instructors and administrators. Staff will continue to work with Milan to improve their clinical test scores. C. Sansom and C. R. Mann reported that Milan has

- reached out to the Board for presentations to graduating students. R. Colosimo will keep the committee updated on Milan's performance.
- c. Discussion regarding the Prometric rater exam at the College of Southern Nevada (CSN): R. Colosimo and C. Wright reported difficulties instructors from CSN had with the final rater exam, and the limited availability of feedback or direction from Prometric. C. Sansom advised the committee that this information will be considered when surveying programs prior to the RFP process.
  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 updated the committee on upcoming legislative issues. The proposed APRN regulations are being presented to the Legislative Committee on Healthcare tomorrow for comment, and will be presented at the January, 2014 Board meeting for disposition. D. Scott also informed the committee that she has served on a task force to look at how states may assist military medics and/or corpsmen to qualify to take the practical nurse (LPN) National Counsel Licensure Exam. This effort is strongly supported by the National Governor's Association, and grant money may be available for implementation of a program. Discussions regarding possible education tracks will take place with state colleges.
  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 9:50 a.m.