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F. NURSING PRACTICE

ACTION 1. St. Mary's Regional Medical Center's request for a Board Advisory Opinion regarding Authorized Registered Nurse: Cynda DeWyk, R.N., EMS Manager and John Cramer, EMS Coordinator, were present to answer questions. Discussion followed. It was moved and seconded that the Board find the acts of registered nurses giving medical directions to EMS field personnel, falls within the scope of practice as defined in NRS 632.235. MOTION CARRIED four to three.

ACTION It was moved and seconded that the training concepts, as presented by St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, are in accordance with the "Special Conditions" under NRS 632.235. MOTION CARRIED four to three. The training course will need to meet the requirements of NAC 632.225 and NAC 632.358 for approval by the Board.

ACTION 2. Advisory Opinion on Licensed Practical Nurse functioning in a supervisory role: the Executive Director presented information on the proposed advisory opinion and the request from the Governor. The Dissenting Opinion, as prepared by Vicky Carwein and Sylvia Maxson following the February Board meeting, is attached to these minutes. It was moved and seconded that the Board reconsider the issue of LPNs functioning in a supervisory role. MOTION CARRIED unanimously. Need to respond to Governor's Office and Cottonwood Care Center regarding delay. Board directed staff to obtain additional information from Medicaid, the Bureau of Regulatory Health Services, Employment Statistics, other states, etc., and place on June agenda.

3. Consideration and/or Approval of Course on LPNs and the Supervisory Role as Submitted by Hearthstone of Northern Nevada: Board directed staff to notify Hearthstone that the course will not be considered until the August meeting, by which time the Board's position on LPNs functioning in Supervisory Roles may be clarified.

*no action was to be taken on LPN IV reg. solutions. Staff report on August meeting. See full letter.*

4. Humana Hospital Sunrise's request for Reconsideration of the Flushing of an I.V. Heparin Lock with a Non-therapeutic Dose of Heparin or Saline by LPNs: Janine Sawaya, Vice-President for Patient Care, presented request for clarification of the words "direct" and "flush" within the context of the Regulations on Venipuncture and Intravenous Therapy, and consideration of revision of the Regulations. Board asked staff to prepare a review of the I.V. Regulations for consideration.

G. MATTERS PERTAINING TO NURSES

1. Deputy Attorney General's Opinion Regarding the Renewal Process: Mr. Haight spoke with the Board regarding the Board's need to protect the public, obtain reliable information, support the nurse who answers "yes" to the questions regarding physical or mental health, chemical dependency, or felony convictions. The Board indicated they did not need a written opinion at this time.

2. Discussion and Decision Regarding the Renewal Process. Staff was directed to bring samples of statements used by other states, and proposed policies and procedures for handling responses to various options, to the June Board meeting. Retain "yes" answers on initial application for licensure; sample statement for renewal only.