

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
November 30-December 2, 1988

G. CONTINUING EDUCATION

ACTION Ratification of approval of CE courses: September 13-November 14, 1988
It was moved and seconded to ratify the approved courses as submitted.
MOTION CARRIED.

Total Number of Programs Reviewed: 117
Approved: 110
Denied: 1
Pending: 6

Complaints received and investigation underway regarding three CE offerings.

H. NURSING PRACTICE

ACTION 1. Request for Opinion regarding Registered Nurses Advancing Swan-Ganz Catheter Lines: Executive Director presented the request and reviewed results of the questionnaire sent to facilities. Discussion followed. It was moved and seconded that the Board find the advancement of Swan-Ganz catheter lines to be outside the scope of registered nursing practice. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION 2. Request for an opinion regarding Registered Nurses Administering Drugs Epidurally That May Cause an Anesthetic Effect: The Executive Director presented the request and reviewed the results of the questionnaire sent to health care facilities. Interested parties spoke to the issue and discussion followed. It was moved and seconded to amend the language of the Advisory Opinion of December 6, 1985, regarding the installation of medication via epidural catheter, to "reversible Opioid agonists" in place of "analgesic drugs". MOTION CARRIED.

3. Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs, Attorneys at Law: Questions regarding nursing practice. The Board directed the Executive Director to respond.

ACTION 4. Attorney General's Opinion Regarding the Relationship of Education of Handicapped Act and Nurse Practice Act: presented by Deputies Attorney General Haight and Foster. Discussion followed. It was moved and seconded to accept the Attorney General's Opinion. MOTION CARRIED. Letter, accompanied by the Opinion, will be sent to school districts throughout the State, the Board of Education, School Nurses and others.

ACTION 5. Request for Clarification about Training of Nurses in EMS System: Board directed the Executive Director to maintain the position that if one wishes to practice as an EMT, he needs to be prepared as an EMT; if he wishes to practice as a nurse, must meet the requirements of 632.225.