

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

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## **MINUTES OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 26, 2019**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Advisory Committee was called to order by Sam McCord, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing Practice, at 3:00 p.m. via videoconference at the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, #300, Reno, Nevada, 89502 and the Board of Nursing, 4220 South Maryland Pkwy, #B300, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89119.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rhone D'Errico, DNP, MSN, APRN-BC, FNP-C, PMHNP-BC, ENP-C  
Cheryl A. Maes, PhD, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC  
Jeanine Packham, DNP, ACNP-BC, CCRN-CMC, PHN  
Teresa Praus, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC  
Patricia Strobehn, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC  
Kelly Mecham, DNP, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC  
Maileen Ulep-Reed, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC  
Aaron Bellow Jr., PhD, RN, APRN, FNP-BC

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Stephen Ingerson, MSN, APRN, CNS  
Pamela Burgio, MSN, RN, APRN, PNP

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Sam McCord, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing Practice  
Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN, Executive Director  
Kimberly Arguello, General Counsel  
Sally Miller, PhD, APRN, FAANP, APRN Consultant/ Investigator  
Cydnee Cernas, Management Assistant  
Jeanette Belz, NV Psychiatric Association

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by S. McCord at 3:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** S. McCord welcomed Branden Murphy as the newest board member.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – R. D'Errico motioned to approve the August 20, 2019 minutes as written, J. Packham seconds. Motion Carried.

### **B. OLD BUSINESS**

1. The committee discussed the NCSBN survey results pertaining to use of continuing education courses to satisfy the advanced pharmacotherapeutics requirements

contained in NAC 632.257 (1)(c)(II). After thorough discussion A. Bellow motioned to advise the Board to accept continuing education in lieu of academic credits as long as the continuing education meets the standard of academic equivalency. P. Strobehn second, motion carried.

2. The committee further discussed the IUI practice decision approval of proposed revisions to the Intrauterine (IUI) practice decision. A. Bellow motioned to accept the practice decision with the amendments of removing sections 2,3, and 4 from under the Competency Standards for IUI. J. Packham seconds, motion carried. The practice decision will be brought before the Board for final review and approval once the revisions have been made.

#### C. NEW BUSINESS

1. S. McCord gave an update from the September and November Board meetings. During the September Board meeting Sally Miller was introduced to the Board as the new APRN consultant, Sally will also begin chairing the APRN Advisory Committee beginning February 11, 2020. Rhoda Hernandez, the Board's IT staff, has been working on updating the website, the website will be much easier to use and locate information. The annual reports regarding Board statistics were presented and will be available on the website. APRN trends that were reported were that APRN's are the fastest growing segment of licensee's in the state of Nevada. APRN's with a 23% increase of licenses issued. The total number of APRN complaints were about the same, the percentage of discipline that resulted from complaints increased between 6 -7 %. The allegations of harm have increased slightly, prescribing and customary standards have remained the same with no significant change. Confidentiality and privacy complaints increased for all licensure types. The Board went through external financial auditing with no discrepancies. The Board had elections and as of January 1, 2020 Mary-Ann Brown will be Board President, Jacob Watts will be Board Vice President, Ovidia McGuinness will be the Board Secretary. There was an agenda item that spoke to a statutory change to require an Advanced Practice RN be appointed to the Board as one of the three licensed members. The Board has given the ok to proceed with that change, it would require a legislator to introduce the bill and go forward through the legislative process and forward to the governor for his signature.
2. K. Arguello gave a legislative update on recent changes, there is a requirement to have a procedure in place that allows perspective licensees to query the Board in regards to their background. A person with criminal history may submit a petition requesting a preliminary determination regarding whether the criminal history will disqualify the person from obtaining a license or certificate. This petition has been added to the website and made available to all licensees. Cathy Dinauer discussed AB 300, APRN's are advised to ask patients if they are veterans to help give them a link for available resources and benefits that they are intitled to. This question will be placed on the renewal for APRN's.
3. S. McCord notified the committee that the data for the Scope of Practice trends and questions received by Board staff is unavailable at this time and will be available for the next advisory committee meeting.
4. The committee discussed the approval of proposed revisions to the Role of the APRN or RN in Intubation practice decision. K. Mecham motioned to accept the practice

decision with the revision of removing all APRN references. J. Packham second, motion carried. P. Strobehn and R. D'Errico will work together to structure a separate practice decision specific to APRN's, the practice decision will follow the model of the IUI practice decision.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

1. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the role of the APRN regarding intubation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: S. McCord expressed his distinct pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with the committee and would be inclined to attend at any time for any practice decision that comes from NPAC. S. McCord also wanted to thank the committee for making a quorum, without the committee members making the effort to be present the changes that were done would not have been possible.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:26 p.m.

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