

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2020

The Nevada State Board of Nursing Board Meeting was called to order by President, Mary-Ann Brown, MSN, RN, at 8:30am. on March 19, 2020 via telephonic conference call.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary-Ann Brown, MSN, RN, RN Member, President
Jacob Watts, CNA, CNA Member, Vice President
Ovidia McGuinness, LPN, LPN Member, Secretary
Deena McKenzie, MSN, RN, RN Member
Susan VanBeuge, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE, FAANP, RN Member
Richelle O'Driscoll, Consumer Member
Branden Murphy, MSNed, CPN, CCRN, RN Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHER'S PRESENT

Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN, Executive Director
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Kimberly A. Arguello, General Counsel
Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General
Sam McCord, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing Practice
Michelle Johnson, EdD, RN, CPNP-PC, Director of Nursing Education
Sydnee Chappell, Executive Assistant
Rhoda Hernandez, IT Technician
Gail Trujillo, CP, Director of Licensure and Certification, Human Resources

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am, on Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Public Comment:

- Vicki Walker of Chamberlain University School of Nursing made a statement regarding agenda item A.6. The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) made a statement on March 12, 2020 allowing flexibility in clinical hours and types of experiences for nursing students. V. Walker believes that decisions regarding students in the clinical setting are best left to the program and affiliating agency officials, in accordance with the local, state, and federal recommendations. V. Walker asked the Nevada State Board of Nursing (NSBN) to provide the schools of nursing with specific direction. Chamberlain University has suspended in-person classes and offers course work remotely. V. Walker asked the NSBN to adopt the same stance as CCNE allowing flexibility in the midst of a national emergency.

- Carla Wright, Program Director of the nursing assistant program at the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) made a statement regarding agenda item A.6. C. Wright expressed her support to allow authorization to the Executive Director to adjust clinical placements in response to the Nevada State of Emergency. CSN is in the process of setting up a plan for the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) students affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan includes revisions to the number of hours of instruction, including hours spent in the clinical placements. Clinical sites have temporarily stopped permitting clinical rotations for student. The effects of delaying changes would have a negative impact on health, safety, and welfare of Nevadans because the CNA workforce will be compromised.

Approval of Consent Agendas: It was moved and seconded to approve the consent and agenda identified as items: A.1., A.4., D.1.a-b, D.2.b, D.2.d-j. MOTION CARRIED. Items removed: A.3., A.5., D.1.c, D.2.a, D.2.c

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A. Board Governance and Administration

1. Approval of January 15-16, 2020 Board Meeting minutes: Approved under the Consent Agenda.
2. Executive Director Report: C. Dinauer presented operational changes made due to the current crisis of COVID-19. Effectively immediately, staff members are home on administrative leave with select staff members in office to continue with issuing licensures and certifications and procedures not able to be done remotely. The licensure department has continued to process applications. The issuance of licensures and certifications are only behind one day. With both Reno and Vegas offices being closed to the public, fingerprint appointments and advisory committee meetings have been cancelled through the month of April. All CNA programs have been notified of communication with Headmaster about testing for CNA students. Pearson Vue has announced suspension of all testing for RN and LPN applicants through the middle of April. The Nevada State Board of Nursing will continuously assess the COVID-19 crisis and adapt accordingly. As events progress, board members and the public will be updated on the Nevada State Board of Nursing website. Thank you to Rhoda Hernandez for her continuous work in updates and IT support. Board Member President Mary-Ann Brown thanked C. Dinauer and all staff for their efforts.
3. Progress Report on Fiscal Year 19/20 Goals and Objectives: It was moved and seconded to approve the Fiscal Year 19/20 Goals and Objectives. MOTION CARRIED.
4. Review and discussion regarding Conference and Training Report by Board Members: Approved under consent agenda.
5. Review and discussion regarding Conference and Training Report by staff: It was moved and seconded to approve the Conference and Training Report by staff. MOTION CARRIED.
6. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding authorization to allow Executive Director to adjust clinical placements in response to the Nevada State of Emergency: It was moved and approved to allow Executive Director to adjust clinical placements for nursing students in response to the Nevada State of Emergency. MOTION CARRIED.

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B. Nursing Practice- No Business

C. Education- No Business

D. Discipline Programs

1. Applications (initial and renewal in question)

a. Derouen, Angelique, CNA030948. Applicant not present. Application for CNA certification denied for violation of NRS 632.347 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.415 unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. Approved under the consent agenda.

b. Avila, Mario, CNA030476. Applicant not present. Application for CNA certification denied for violation of NRS 632.347 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct NAC 632.415 unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. Approved under the consent agenda.

c. Lewis, Deanna, CNA030738. K. Arguello requested that this matter be continued to the next appropriate board meeting. It was moved and seconded to continue agenda item. MOTION CARRIED.

d. This item was removed from the Agenda.

e. Perez, Erik, RN Applicant. K. Arguello presented this item. Applicant was present telephonically. E. Perez made a statement. Board requested the three (3) letters of recommendation to be turned in. It was moved and seconded the application for licensure be accepted. MOTION CARRIED.

f. White, Jennifer, RN Applicant. K. Arguello present this item. Applicant was present telephonically. J. White made a statement. It was moved and seconded the application for licensure be accepted. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Settlement Agreements

a. Dmyterko Randy, RN84292. Agreement for Reprimand and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.890 (16) failing to properly document controlled substances and (27) failing to perform nursing functions in a manner consistent with established or customary standards. Board requested that this matter be continued to the next appropriate board meeting. It was moved and seconded to continue this agenda item. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Sanchez, Leslie, CNA813501. Agreement for Reprimand and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (20) inaccurate recording, falsifying, and (27) failing to perform nursing functions in a manner consistent with established or customary standards. Approved under the consent agenda.

c. Howard, Diana, RN39954. F. Olmstead requested that this matter be continued to the next appropriate board meeting. It was moved and seconded to continue agenda item. MOTION CARRIED.

d. Hudson, Joyce, RN85497. Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.347 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (27) failing to perform nursing

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functions in a manner consistent with established or customary standards. Approved under the consent agenda.

- e. Pacheco Ramirez, Esmeralda, CNA034024. Agreement for Reprimand and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (12) failing to respect and maintain a patient's right to privacy, (13) violating a patient's confidentiality, and (27) failing to perform nursing functions in a manner consistent with established or customary standards. Approved under the consent agenda.
- f. Rosario, Dorothy, RN461953. Agreement for Reprimand, Fine, and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.415 unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation. Approved under the consent agenda.
- g. Sanders, Dorothy, CNA019662. Agreement for Reprimand, Fine, and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (37) practicing without an active certificate. Approved under the consent agenda.
- h. Vertrees, Rianna, RN69653. Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.347 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, and (1)(m) action in another state. Approved under the consent agenda.
- i. Sutherland, Sharon, RN09044. Voluntary Surrender of License in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violation of NRS 632.347 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (10) practicing nursing, if any amount of alcohol is present in the body of the nurse as determined by a test of breath while the nurse was on duty. Approved under the consent agenda.
- j. Howard, Ixchel, RN77380. Agreement for Reprimand, Monitoring, and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.890 (9) practicing nursing while , with or without good cause, her physical condition impairs her ability to act in a manner consistent with established or customary standards, or both, and (10) practicing nursing, if any amount of controlled substance is present in the body of a nurse while on duty. Approved under the consent agenda.

3. Formal Administrative Hearings- No Business

4. Special Action

- a. Review, discussion, and action regarding Carrie Kreyling, RN38610, request for reinstatement: F. Olmstead presented this item. C. Kreyling was present telephonically. It was moved and seconded to approve the request for reinstatement with an agreement for probation for a minimum of five (5) years. MOTION CARRIED.

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E. Recommendations for Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings

- 1. 2020 Mid-Year Conference
- 2. Executive Director Report on an update with the Nurse Licensure Compact
- 3. Certified Nursing Assistant training program plan

Public Comment:

- O. McGuiness addressed nurses and medical professionals assuring the Board is behind them. Their unbelievable efforts are admirable.
- C. Dinauer thanked the Board for the authority and trust with the agency and for the flexibility with the board meeting.
- V. Walker of Chamberlain University School of Nursing thanked the Board for future and difficult decisions and appreciated the work they do.
- M. Brown thanked all staff and board for their work.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:27am on Thursday, March 19, 2020.