

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

June 19, 2020

The Nevada State Board of Nursing Board Meeting was called to order by President, Mary-Ann Brown, MSN, RN, at 9:14am, on June 19, 2020 via Webex 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, 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  
Kristie Neuhauser, Accountant

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:14 am, on Friday, June 19, 2020.

### **Public Comment:**

- Board President M. Brown wished Board member D. McKenzie a wonderful retirement after a glorious and wonderful career. Congratulations on retirement.
- Robert Kidd, President and CEO of the Perry Foundation, expressed his concern for the future of Certified Nursing Assistants. There is a nursing shortage in Nevada, and the facilities are struggling due to the lack of CNA willing to be employed during the pandemic in fear of being exposed to the virus. With the clinicals no longer being provided through facilities, the CNA students are not able to graduate. There is a decrease in the interest of becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant, which the industry cannot afford. There is a high amount of Certified Nursing Assistant students that could become certified now if certain concessions were made as have been made in other state throughout the country. R. Kidd urges the Board to approve the "100% simulation in lieu

of clinical practice experience for CNA students during the pandemic” and allow the Executive Director authority to approve programs that submit proposals. R. Kidd provided plans from various states to the Board for review.

- S. VanBeuge acknowledged the passing of Scott Mattinson, Director of Nursing at High Desert State Prison.
- Danielle Weinstein, CNA student at Saint Therese Learning Institute (STLI), was supposed to start clinical rotation in March 2020. Clinicals were not able to be completed due to complications with COVID-19. The only thing left is to complete clinical hours in order to meet all requirements to take the State test. D. Weinstein, along with her peers, ask the Board to approve the request to fulfill the clinicals with 100% simulation.
- Conrad, program director at Standards of Excellence Academy in Las Vegas, works with eight (8) facilities for clinicals and are unable to do so due to the pandemic. If CNAs cannot complete clinicals, they cannot work where needed, and the State of Nevada is in dire need of CNAs.

#### **A. Board Governance and Administration**

1. Review and discussion regarding the Summary of Recommendations to the 2020 Delegate Assembly: It was discussed on whether attendees will agree on who to vote for together or vote for whom they individually decide. Board member S. VanBeuge explained there will be video and a presentation of each candidate closer to the NCSBN Delegate Assembly.
2. Review and discussion regarding report to Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission: F. Olmstead explained the history of the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission for the new Board members. The Nevada State Board of Nursing was put on and removed from the Sunset Subcommittee agenda for both the May 4, 2020 and June 23, 2020 meetings. The June 30, 2020 agenda has not officially been posted to the public as of this date. It was requested by the Board for this to be an ongoing agenda item to identify the best ways to improve the Boards budget.
3. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding NCSBN APRN compact: It was moved and seconded to not be in favor of the language regarding the NCSBN APRN compact. MOTION CARRIED.
4. Review and discussion regarding Fiscal Year 19/20 Quarter 3 Financials: C. Dinauer presented this agenda item. V. Alvarez resigned from the Nevada State Board of Nursing. Kristie Neuhauser has been hired as the new Accountant. K. Neuhauser introduced and gave a brief background of herself to the Board. The Nevada State Board of Nursing is under budget due to no travelling throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. In the July board meeting, there will be more information on how COVID-19 effected the Board financially.
5. Review and discussion regarding Conference and Training report by Board members: Board President M. Brown requested the discipline process that was presented at the 2020 NCSBN Midyear from the Virginia Board of Nursing to be brought to a future Board meeting.
6. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding nomination and appointment of delegates and alternate delegates to the NCSBN 2020 Delegate Assembly: It was moved and seconded to appoint M. Brown and S. VanBeuge as delegates, and B. Murphy and R. O’Driscoll has alternatives for the NCSBN 2020 Delegate Assembly. MOTION CARRIED.

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7. Executive Director Report: C. Dinauer informed the Board both offices are now open for fingerprinting by appointment only. All staff is provided with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and are required to wear masks. There was a letter sent out from the Governor about possible furloughing. The Department of Administration issued a letter stating the Board is not required to furlough, however, there will be no merit increases issued to staff. There is a scheduled face-to-face Board meeting in July in Las Vegas. K. Arguello checked the venue and determined it does not qualify to be in compliance with the Governors order for social distancing six (6) feet apart. It is unsure at this time if it will be possible to hold a face-to-face Board meeting in July.

**B. Nursing Practice- No Business**

**C. Education**

1. Review, discussion, and possible action to approve Saint Therese Learning Institute (STLI) Nursing Assistant Training Program request for 100% simulation in lieu of clinical practice experience for CNA students during pandemic emergency: M. Johnson presented this item to the board. Chris Santillian from Saint Therese Institute (STLI) Nursing Assistant Training Program was present to answer any questions. Board makes no recommendation. M. Johnson explained what the State of Arizona has been doing in response to the pandemic, however, due to Arizona having more programs than the State of Nevada and are back in the actual facilities for clinicals, the two states are unable to be compared to one another. The Board voiced concerns for the public safety since the CNA students would have no contact and experience with actual patients before employment. M. Johnson and C. Dinauer have been reaching out via email and voice calls to the long-term facilities in Southern Nevada and have not received any response to allowing CNA students back in for clinicals. The facilities in Northern Nevada have opened their doors to students. M. Johnson notified the Board that the plans submitted by the CNA programs do not have enough detail and will need to provide more information about potential plans. It was moved and seconded to allow Executive Director C. Dinauer and Education Director M. Johnson to approve 100% simulation in lieu of clinical practice experience for Saint Therese Learning Institute (STLI) Nursing Assistant Training Program CNA students during the pandemic or present a completed plan to the Board for approval. MOTION CARRIED.

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2. Review, discussion, and possible action to approve College of Southern Nevada, Great Basin College, Truckee Meadows Community College, and Western Nevada College Nursing Assistant Training Programs request for 100% simulation in lieu of clinical practice experience for CNA students during pandemic emergency: M. Johnson presented this item. Nate Mackinnon was present to answer any questions and made a statement. It was moved and seconded to allow Executive Director C. Dinauer and Education Director M. Johnson to approve 100% simulation in lieu of clinical practice experience for College of Southern Nevada, Great Basin College, Truckee Meadows Community College, and Western Nevada College Nursing Assistant Training Programs CNA students during the pandemic or present a completed plan to the Board for approval. MOTION CARRIED.

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3. Review, discussion, and possible action to approve Nightingale College- Utah Campus- student placement for clinical (preceptorship) at Mesquite, NV hospital (Mesa View Regional Hospital) for Summer 2020: It was moved and seconded to approve Nightingale College- Utah Campus- student placement for clinical (preceptorship) at

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Mesquite, NV hospital (Mesa View Regional Hospital) for Summer 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

**D. Discipline Programs- No Business**

**E. Recommendations for Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings**

- Reserves
- Governors pardon towards marijuana
- CNA Advisory Committee discussion on long term simulation and its impact
- What other States have done with their CNA students during the pandemic
- Education Director report on simulation

**Public Comment:**

- M. Brown thanked Board members and staff for their hard work and flexibility during this difficult time.
- Carla Wright, College of Southern Nevada, thanked the Board member for unanimously approving the Executive Director and Education Director the ability to approve 100% simulation.
- Claudette Lachowicz, representative from St Therese will be waiting for further guidelines to be more detailed with submission of plans. It is appreciated the CNA Advisory Committee will be included in future meetings.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.