

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE LPN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Thursday, October 22, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Sam McCord, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing Practice, at 9:05 a.m., at the Board of Nursing offices via video conference between 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Ste. 300, Reno, NV, 89502 and 4220 S. Maryland Parkway, Ste. B300, Las Vegas, NV.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Christy Coss, LPN
Kyle McComas, ASN, RN
Daryl Lauffer, LPN
Kathleen T. Mohn, MEd, BSN, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cynthia Morris, LPN
Dr. Mary Jo Noble, EdD, MEd, RN
Cheri Crumley, LPN
Eileen Mahoney Bauer, DNP, RN, APRN

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam McCord, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing Practice, Chair
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Cathy Dinaur, Executive Director
Cydnee Cernas, Management Assistant
Sherri Twedt, Board Staff
Rhoda Hernandez, Board Staff
Carl Balcom, Public
Elizabeth Field, Student

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PUBLIC COMMENT: C. Dinauer announced that we have two new Board members, Cheryl Maes and Tracey McCollum.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 20, 2020, June 17, 2020, August 20, 2020. The minutes could not be approved as we did not make quorum.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review, discussion and action regarding possible recommendation to the Board regarding practice decision entitled Role of LPN in Hemodialysis. This item will be continued to the next meeting as we did not have quorum.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board meeting follow up: September 2020 Meeting. S. McCord discussed the Board's interest in the committee's attendance and how the committees are functioning and addressing the attendance issues if any. The Committees have reported back that they are following the policies regarding attendance issues. The Board showed interest in the committee's composition so that when a new committee member applies there is a diverse mix of specialties and or rural applicants. C. Dinauer discussed the vaccine for COVID-19, the Board has sent out an email to all Nevada licensees to help with the vaccine process and securing volunteers. C. Dinauer announced that the Board has hired a new employee by the name of Tamara Pachak, she has been hired as the CNA Coordinator and will begin her employment in November.
2. Review and discuss the role of Phlebotomy and the LPN. This item has been continued to the next committee.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding 2021 LPN Advisory Committee calendar dates. This item will be continued to the next committee as we did not make quorum.
4. Review and discussion regarding LPN IV certification educational programs conforming to the required 30 hours of didactic instruction as required NAC 632.470 and NAC 632.475 by use of a virtual modality. S. McCord discussed his research that he did with Michelle Johnson the Director of Education and announced that a program has been approved to use a hybrid format that meets all requirements.
5. Review and discussion regarding trends of Scope of Practice questions received by Board staff. S. McCord discussed both the pre COVID scope of practice calls and the post COVID calls. The calls didn't change too much, the overall calls increased prior to COVID and decreased during COVID. The common questions were in regard to PPE and feeling unsafe in the work environment. LPN's and facilities had a lot of questions regarding swab tests and the LPN's ability to perform them. The governor issued 011 directive that spoke to medical providers who can work outside of their scope, provided they have the competencies to do so. The governor's directive is only valid during the state of emergency. In answering the questions, the Board has not changed any scope related practice decisions and or laws or regulations, we are continuing to refer callers to NAC 632.242. IV regulations continue to have a high volume of calls along with acting independently with standing orders and the assessment questions that go along with standing orders.
6. Legislative Update. F. Olmstead discussed the theme for the upcoming legislative session which will likely be COVID-19 related, and the economic result from the COVID-19 shutdown resulting in budget cuts.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

1. Review, discussion and action regarding possible recommendation to the Board regarding practice decision entitled Role of LPN in Hemodialysis.
2. Review, discussion regarding the role of Phlebotomy and the LPN.

3. Review and discuss attendance policy.
4. Review and discussion regarding the role of the LPN and standing orders.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. None.

ADJOURNMENT-The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.