

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE LPN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Wednesday, June 17, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Sam McCord, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing Practice, at 9:07 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

Eileen Mahoney Bauer, DNP, RN, APRN
Daryl Lauffer, LPN
Christy Coss, LPN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kyle McComas, ASN, RN
Cheri Crumley, LPN
Kathleen T. Mohn, MEd, BSN, RN
Cynthia Morris, LPN
Dr. Mary Jo Noble, EdD, MEd, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam McCord, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing Practice, Chair
Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN, Executive Director
Kim Arguello, General Counsel
Cydnee Cernas, Management Assistant

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by S. McCord at 9:07 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 20, 2020, March 11, 2020 Subcommittee. E. Bauer motioned to approve the March 11, 2020 Subcommittee meeting minutes, S. McCord second, motion carried. The February 20, 2020 minutes will be continued to the next meeting as the committee did not make quorum.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review, discussion and possible action regarding the role of the LPN in changing and or removal of the PICC line. This item was continued to the next committee meeting.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board meeting follow up: March and May 2020 Meetings. S. McCord discussed the impact of COVID-19 and the in-person meetings. Due to governor Sisolak's social

distancing requirements, all meetings have been telephonic and remains open to the public. Hearings have been postponed while administrative agenda items continued based on the necessity for Board functions to continue moving forward. Based on the governor's directive a waiver was put in place that allows out of state and or expired nurses with no discipline to practice immediately under the state of emergency declaration. Approximately 600 waivers have been submitted with no challenges or complaints thus far. Licensure extensions have also been issued to those who were set to expire, late fees are also being waived at this time. The processing and issuing of licenses have not slowed down since Board staff has been working in office or remotely from home. The board addressed additional problems caused by COVID-19, students could not complete their clinical hours due to closed clinical sites along with testing sites. NCLEX testing sites have started to open and begin testing again at half capacity. C. Dinauer noted that she will be meeting with the legislator and will try to introduce the Nurse Compact at the upcoming 20/21 legislation session. S. McCord discussed that some of the practice decisions have been pushed back but will be put back on the agenda for July. The July Board meeting will be a regular Board meeting instead of the annual administrative meeting in addition there will be an August Board meeting for the north hearings.

2. Review and discussion regarding trends of Scope of Practice questions received by Board staff. S. McCord noted that the data is still being collected no report at this time. S. McCord gave an overview of what has been collected thus far related to the pandemic. The governor issued the directive 011 that allows licensees to practice outside of their scope as long as they are competent to do so. The Board has not made any changes to the scope of practice however the directive will remain in effect while Nevada is in the state of emergency. Since the directive has been in place LPN's have called regarding screening and swabbing COVID patients along with the lab equipment to get test results. A lot of questions regarding personal protective equipment (PPE) and refusing assignment being connected with not having the necessary PPE available. Staffing issues and infection control related questions were also some of the frequent calls for concern. A more detailed report will be available after the July Board meeting.
3. Review and discussion regarding committee research of other state programs definitions of the temporary central line and clarification of the Nevada IV certification as its related to other state programs. This discussion was continued to the next committee meeting.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding possible recommendation to the Board regarding practice decision entitled Role of LPN in Hemodialysis. This item was continued to the next committee.
5. Review, discussion and possible action regarding clarification of NAC 632.450 (1)(d), the mixing of intravenous fluid and medications. It was discussed and agreed among the committee that based on the standard that's practiced around the country its best to leave the practice as is. No further discussion is necessary.
6. Legislative Update, K. Arguello reported that the governor will have a special session that will need to take place before July first regarding budget deficits.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

1. Review, discussion and possible action regarding the role of the LPN in changing and or removal of the PICC line
2. Review and discussion regarding committee research of other state programs definitions of the temporary central line and clarification of the Nevada IV certification as its related to other state programs.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding possible recommendation to the Board regarding practice decision entitled Role of LPN in Hemodialysis.

PUBLIC COMMENT: S. McCord acknowledged and thanked the committee members who were able to attend the committee meeting. S. McCord informed the committee that there is room for two more members if anyone knows someone who is interested in joining the committee.

ADJOURNMENT-The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.