

Nevada State Board of  
**NURSING**

**MINUTES OF THE  
LPN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The committee meeting was called to order by Sam McCord, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing Practice, at 9:00 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  
Christy Coss, LPN  
Kyle McComas, ASN, RN  
Kathleen T. Mohn, MEd, BSN, RN  
Carl Balcom, MBA, BSN, RN, NEA-BC, CHE, FACHE

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Mary Jo Noble, EdD, MEd, RN  
Daryl Lauffer, LPN  
Cheri Crumley, LPN

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sam McCord, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing Practice, Chair  
Kim Arguello, General Counsel  
Cydnee Cernas, Management Assistant  
Cathy Dinauer, Executive Director  
Jan Hewitt, Executive Assistant  
Brandon Murphy, Board Member

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by S. McCord at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: S. McCord, welcomed Carl Balcom to his first committee meeting. Mr. Balcom introduced himself to the committee and the committee members introduced themselves to Mr. Balcom.

S. McCord announced that the Nurse Practice Advisory Committee has elected to have a subcommittee come together to work on the practice decision regarding complimentary therapies in holistic interventions. S. McCord asked if anyone would like to join the subcommittee, if they choose to help, they will be given the information to do so.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: C. Coss motioned to approve the February 20, 2020 minutes as written. E. Bauer seconded. Motion carried. C. Coss motioned to approve the June 17, 2020 minutes as written. E. Bauer seconded. Motion carried. C. Coss motioned to approve the August

20, 2020 minutes as written. E. Bauer seconded. Motion carried. C. Coss motioned to approve the October 22, 2020 minutes as written. K. Mohn seconded. Motion carried.

#### B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review, discussion and action regarding possible recommendation to the Board regarding practice decision entitled Role of LPN in Hemodialysis. C. Coss motioned to approve the practice decision and move forward with sending it before the Board. C. Balcom seconded. Motion carried.
2. Review and discuss the role of Phlebotomy and the LPN. This item was continued to the next committee meeting.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding 2021 LPN Advisory Committee calendar dates. C. Coss motioned to accept the 2021 calendar dates as presented. C. Balcom seconded. Motion carried.

#### C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board meeting follow up: S. McCord gave an update from the November Board meeting at which Carl Balcom was appointed to the LPN Advisory Committee. S. McCord gave an update on Las Vegas College they proposed some changes that were approved, their IV Therapy is now for 30 hours on instruction and 10 hours of clinical, eight other course programs were also approved. C. Dinauer announced that two new Board members have been appointed Cheryle Maes and Tracey McCollum, the November meeting was their first meeting since being appointed. The Nurse Compact is still going forward in the upcoming legislative session, there has been a lot of support from various groups in support of moving forward with the compact. C. Dinauer has been working with various immunization groups fielding questions regarding the COVID vaccine and helping with volunteers. A link has been added to the boards website for those who want to volunteer with vaccinating or helping with logistics, the link is through Battle Born Medical Core.
2. Review and discuss attendance policy. S. McCord read the policy and procedures for the Advisory Committees and noted the importance of attending the committee meetings.
3. Review and discussion regarding the role of the LPN and standing orders. This item was continued to the next meeting as the committee member who brought the item before the committee was absent.
4. Review, discussion and possible action regarding Practice Decision Request addressing LPN scope of practice in the insertion and changing of established gastrostomy tubes. E. Bauer recommends for there to be a change in time to a minimum of eight weeks instead of six weeks and to include a well healed pathway. C. Coss agrees with E. Bauer. S. McCord will work with E. Bauer to put together a draft with the suggested language that was discussed among the committee. K. Mohn motioned to bring the draft back before the committee for further review once the revisions have been made. E. Bauer seconds. Motion carried.
5. Review and discussion regarding trends of Scope of Practice questions received by Board staff. S. McCord gave an update regarding the Scope of Practice Trends for the period of June 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020. The overall calls have increased for this period, with a total of 158. Under LPN practice the calls have slightly increased

at a total of 7 calls compared to 5 in the previous period. There were 3 calls regarding the LPN scope in focused assessments and changes related to the pandemic and the Governors directive 011. Calls related to abandonment, staffing ratios and questions specific to patient care decreased.

6. K. Arguello had nothing to report for the legislative update as we are not currently in session, K. Arguello did note that the nurse compact is still being pushed forward as C. Dinauer mentioned in the Board update.

**D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

1. Review and discuss the role of Phlebotomy and the LPN.
2. Review and discussion regarding the role of the LPN and standing orders
3. Review, discussion and possible action regarding Practice Decision Request addressing LPN scope of practice in the insertion and changing of established gastrostomy tubes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** S. McCord thanked the committee members for their patients and for showing up and working with us despite the technical difficulties.

**ADJOURNMENT-**The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.