

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Disability Advisory Committee was called to order by Sherri Twedt, BSN, RN, at 9:00 a.m. via teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sherri Twedt, BSN, RN, Compliance Coordinator, Chair
Paul Kapsar, MSN, APRN, Member
Susan O'Day, MEd, RN, CPAN, Member
Richard Agelastro, MS, RN, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Beth Kiehn, APRN, Member
Todd Rush, BSN, RN, Member
Rebecca Scarpa, DNP, APRN, Member
Toril Strand, BA, RN-C, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Samuel McCord, BSN, RN, Director
of Nursing Practice
Jan Hewitt, Executive Assistant
Alex Tanchek, Silver State
Government Relations

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of the April 8, 2021 minutes was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

B. **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. No old business was discussed.

C. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. McCord reviewed the Nevada State Board of Nursing Board meeting of May 12-13, 2021. At the May meeting, Executive Director Dinauer reported that all staff was back to in-office work on April 1, 2021, in both the Reno and Las Vegas locations. Dinauer further noted that the July Board meeting would be a hybrid meeting with a combination of in-person and virtual options. The Nurse Licensure Compact did not pass legislation. McCord reported that several nursing practice decisions were updated and available in public meeting minutes.

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2. McCord reviewed the scope of practice report which will be presented annually. The Board receives 50-55 calls monthly regarding various practice concerns. The Board is still operating under the Governor's State of Emergency; therefore, other state-licensed nurses are still practicing in Nevada without a Nevada License.
3. Olmstead reviewed laws passed in the 2021 Legislative session relating to the practice of nursing. For example, AB327 requires all renewing nurses to take two hours of continuing education on cultural diversity. AB442 requires APRNs to take additional education in substance abuse disorder.
4. Kapsar presented information on the consequences and symptoms of COVID-19. Specifics discussed were long-haul COVID, brain fog, memory issues, and impairment.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

1. Presentation from Mary Duffy from Renown Behavioral Health on professional track for substance use treatment
2. Presentation from Beth Kiehn on opiate versus non-opiate pain management

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.