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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

MEETING MINUTES

ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

The Nevada State Board of Nursing APRN Advisory Committee was called to order by Kerry Palakanis APRN Consultant and Investigator and Chair at 3:02 p.m., on May 13 2025 via video and telephonic conferencing.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Danielle Barisone, MSN, APRN-FA, AGPCNP-BC, CNOR
Amanda Cormican, RN, APRN, CPNP-PC
Karen Wagner, MS, PNP, FNP-BC
Lowryanne Vick, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC
Rebecca Scarpa, DNP, APRN
Crystal Huffaker, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
Samantha Peckham, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC, ENP-C, CNE, ACUE

MEMBERS ABSENT

Andrea Hill DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
Dominic M. Etli, DNP, MSN, APRN
Greg Jones CRNA, MS, BSN

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam McCord, RN BSN, Director of Investigation and Discipline
Gabriela Hernandez-Aguilar, Board Staff
Kerry Palakanis APRN Consultant and Investigator

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Kerry Palakanis at 3:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

A. Approval of Minutes: C. Huffaker motioned to approve November 19, 2024, meeting minutes as written. R. Scarpa seconded. Motion carried. V. Lowryanne motioned to approve the February 11, 2025, meeting minutes as written. D. Barisone seconded. Motion carried.

B. Old Business:

1. Kerry Palakanis presented the FY 2024/2025 APRN Discipline Statistics Report. Approximately 60,000 licensed nurses in the state of Nevada, with about 6,000 of those being Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). Number of APRNs complaints have risen slightly, proportion of those resulting in disciplinary action.

C. New Business:

1. Sam McCord gave an update on the March 2025 board meeting. There was a discussion regarding Question #7 on the nursing licensure application, which addresses conditions of impairment that may affect an applicant's ability to practice safely. Some concerns were raised about whether such questions could be viewed as potential barriers to licensure, particularly for individuals with mental health or psychiatric conditions. It was agreed that the intent is not to be burdensome, but to ensure transparency and patient safety. Applicants who answer "yes" are not handled in a disciplinary manner, nor does it automatically impact licensure eligibility. The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) legislation bill did not advance this session. AB 78, bill was discussed at the legislative session. It includes more specific language, particularly regarding the placement of all professional boards, including ours, under the Department of Business and Industry. No significant new developments to report, proceedings are continuing. There were a couple of practice decisions reviewed by the Board. The first one was Licensed Practical Nurses working in out-of-hospital IV therapy and concierge-type settings. The second decision clarified the LPN scope of practice related to phlebotomy.
2. Sam McCord presented the 2nd Quarter FY 24/2025 report for scope of practice trends and questions received by the board.

D. Recommendations for Agenda Items for Future Committee Meeting: Member V

Lowryanne recommended that the APRN Advisory Committee develop a continuing education course focused on scope of practice, specifically designed for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). Member K Wagner seconded. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m. on Tuesday May 13, 2025.