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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

MINUTES OF THE  
CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Thursday, April 3, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER**

The committee meeting was called to order by Tamara Pachak, MSN, RN, CNA Training Program Specialist, at 9:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Judy Gmouh, LPN  
Sara Hartwich, RN  
M. Jeanne Hesterlee, RN  
Jama Deyoe, RN  
Rhonda Meyer, RN  
Gail McGuill, MSN, RN - Retired  
Kendall Valdez, RN  
Jacob Watts, CNA  
Holly Wesner, RN

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Marie Coe

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Tamara Pachak, MSN, RN, CNA Training Program Specialist, Chair  
Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN, Executive Director  
Kimberly Arguello, General Counsel  
Michelle Johnson, EdD, MS, APRN, CPNP-CP, Director of Nursing Education  
Anyssa Vasquez, Management Assistant

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

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 2, 2025, meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as written. MOTION CARRIED.

B. OLD BUSINESS: None.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and discussion regarding follow up to the March 19-20, 2025 Board meeting. T. Pachak introduced C. Dinauer to provide an overview of the March 2025 Board Meeting. C. Dinauer began by welcoming the new committee members. She provided an update on the search for the new Las Vegas office. And shared that the Board reviewed and approved the current language for eligibility screening question #7. C. Dinauer shared that LPNs were added to the hospital administration of IV solutions and the LPN scope of practice regarding phlebotomy. Lastly, C. Dinauer presented updates regarding the following 2025 legislative bills:

- Senate Bill 271 providing funding for a nursing apprentice program;
- Senate Bill 249 revising CRNA prescribing abilities;
- Senate Bill 176 funding for high school CNA students; and
- Senate Bill 78 revising provisions relating to boards, commissions, councils and similar parties.

M. Johnson provided updates regarding the education related agenda items presented at the Board meeting. M. Johnson stated the Board approved the site visit findings for Carrington College Las Vegas and they will remain on provisional approval with a follow-up report in 6 months. The Board approved the site visit findings of Las Vegas College and they will remain on conditional approval with a follow-up report in 6 months. Lastly, M. Johnson provided an update on the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter NCLEX pass rates. T. Pachak summarized her agenda items from the Board meeting. She explained that 2 nursing assistant training programs (NATP) site surveys were approved, 5 new programs were approved, 1 remediation plan was approved, and 1 remediation plan was denied.

2. Review and discussion regarding current updates of Credentia. T. Pachak presented the agenda item. Brenda Scafiro a representative from Credentia was present to answer questions and provide updates. The updates included:
  - Confirming that Credentia does own the NNAAP and MACE Examinations;
  - The CNA written and clinical exams will be reviewed every 2 to 3 years for possible updates, and the last update was in 2024. If updates are needed, Credentia will provide training to the program coordinators and evaluators;
  - Credentia has a total of 9 evaluators in Nevada including 2 full-time evaluators, 1 in Las Vegas and 1 in Reno;
  - Credentia has a total of 67 confirmed events. This includes 27 regional events with 197 regional open seats and 427 in facility open seats. There are currently 180 students with an active application that can test through June 27, 2025.
3. Review and discussion regarding the 2025 National Council of State Boards of Nursing Midyear meeting from the Nevada State Board of Nursing Executive Director. C. Dinauer gave a brief overview of the 2025 National Council of State Boards Nursing Annual Midyear meeting. Discussion topics included addiction in nursing, the revision of the Model Act & Rules, and regulating the practice standards of our nurses. Also, C. Dinauer discussed regulation of CNAs, scope of practice, and testing.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING ON AUGUST 7, 2025.

- M. Johnson stated that she would like to discuss how we can get CNAs involved in the committee and how the committee can discuss more CNA issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- H. Wesner proposed that board staff create a questionnaire or online link to assist the committee in addressing current CNA issues.
- S. Hartwich gave kudos to Tamara, Credentia, and all programs for the improvements made to increase test events and decrease the number of canceled events. S. Hartwich added that its heartwarming being able to get CNAs into the workforce in an expedient way.

ADJOURNMENT-The meeting adjourned at 09:37 a.m.