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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

MINUTES OF THE
CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 7, 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

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

Sara Hartwich, RN
Judy Gmouh, LPN
Marie Coe

OTHERS PRESENT

Tamara Pachak, MSN, RN, CNA Training Program Specialist, Chair
Michelle Johnson, EdD, MS, APRN, CPNP-CP, Director of Nursing Education
Kimberly Arguello, General Counsel
Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN, Executive Director
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: April 03, 2025, meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written. MOTION CARRIED

B. OLD BUSINESS: None.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and discussion regarding follow-up to the May 14-15 and July 16-17, 2025, Board meetings. T. Pachak presented the agenda item. First, C. Dinauer provided a brief overview of the Board Meetings. C. Dinauer shared that the Las Vegas office has found a new office location and will be moving in October 2025. Lastly, C. Dinauer informed the committee that the board has reappointed its current officers for another term. M. Johnson provided education updates, including Grand Canyon University being granted full approval status and increased enrollment to 288 annually, enrolling 96 students 3 times a year. M. Johnson shared Silver Stage High School and Debbie Smith CTE Academy were approved for their initial applications for a Nursing Assistant Training Program. M. Johnson also stated the Board approved of several program site survey findings. K. Arguello provided a Legislative update which included the following bills:
 - Assembly Bill 319 regarding the delegation to medical assistants by APRNs
 - Assembly Bill 483 regarding priority review of applications
 - Assembly Bill 360 regarding eligible testing
 - Senate Bill 165 establishing a license as a Behavioral Health Psychological Examiner
 - Senate Bill 498 regarding funding for nursing education
 - Senate Bill 34 no hearing.
2. Review and discussion regarding the Medicaid reimbursement for CNA Training by Kelly Carranza, Social Services Program Specialist III at the Nevada Health Authority, Division of Nevada Medicaid. T. Pachak presented the agenda item. K. Carranza shared a presentation regarding Medicaid Reimbursement for approved CNA training programs. Discussion included requirements of a written or oral examination and a skills examination. Nursing Assistant Training Program reimbursements are a federal requirement for all nursing facilities with a Medicaid Medicare contract. Reimbursements include competency evaluations, class fees, textbook fees, and other required course materials. Lastly, reimbursements are processed by direct reimbursement to the CNA or to a facility-based program.
3. Review and discussion regarding upcoming Credentia workshops for instructors. T. Pachak presented the agenda item. T. Pachak shared a flyer regarding the upcoming iCNA instructor and evaluator workshops in August 2025. T. Pachak shared the open seats in the upcoming meetings: August 18-19 has 20 spots available, August 20 has 9 spots available, August 21 has 12 spots available.
4. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding 2026 committee meeting dates. T. Pachak presented the agenda item. The committee motioned to approve the CNA Meeting dates for 2026 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING ON

OCTOBER 11, 2025.

- Coming up with a survey that would ask CNAs what they would like to talk, hear, or know about from the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

ADJOURNMENT-The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.