

**BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

June 12, 2006

Open Session

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:00 am on the above date in Room 401, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ronita Appiah, RN

Kathleen Breguet, RN, MSN

Deborah Brown, RN, MSN

Susan Day, RN, MS

William Dodd, CRNA

Theresa Jeremiah, RN

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Cristiana Rosa, PCNS, Vice President

Michael Gerhardt

Sharon Smith, RN, MSN, President

Eve Sweeney, RN, MSN

Joslin Leasca, RNP

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles Alexandre, MS, RN, Chief, Health Professions Regulations

Elizabeth James, RN, Complaint Unit

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Donna Policastro, RISNA

Ruth Ricciarrelli, HARI

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:15 am. A quorum was established.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF MAY 8, 2006

On motion of Mr. Dodd, seconded by Ms. Sweeney, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- No report.

- Ms Rosa reported that she will be attending the next meeting of the APRN Practice Committee in Chicago on June 16, 2006 to begin work

on the second draft of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Vision Paper on advanced practice nursing.

DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION REPORT

- Ms. Rosa was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the NCSBN for her work on the APRN Practice Committee.**
- The Licensee list for May 2006 was distributed (attached).**
- The Colorado legislature enacted the Nurse Licensure Compact making it the 23rd state to participate, effective 2007.**
- A survey of Boards of Nursing regarding the use of high-fidelity patient simulators in nursing education programs was distributed (Information only).**
- Press releases, dated June 8, 2006, were distributed from a coalition of nursing organizations and the Coalition for Patients' Rights calling in the American Medical Association rescind Resolution 814 regarding limiting the scope of practice of mid-level practitioners (information only).**
- The West Kentucky Community & Technical College and International University of Nursing (St. Kitts) Transfer of Academic Credit Report was distributed detailing an agreement between the schools which allows students at IUN on the island of St. Kitts to take courses at West Kentucky and graduate with an Associates Degree making them eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN examination and for licensure in the US (information only).**
- An informational packet from the National Board for Certification of**

Hospice and Palliative Nurses was distributed for review. It will be referred to the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee.

· Reappointment of eligible board members and new appointments are in process and awaiting final approval from the Governor's office.

· Interviews for the Director of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education are complete and Pamela McCue, RN, MS has accepted the position and will start on July 10, 2006.

· Ms. Policastro and Ms. Ricciarelli were invited to report on the roundtable discussion hosted by Senator Jack Reed at the College of Nursing at URI on June 5, 2006. The discussion centered on the shortages of nurses and nursing faculty.

BUSINESS

· None.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Day, seconded by Ms. Appiah, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 8:55 am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. Smith called the Open Session back to Order at 12:50 pm.

VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms. Brequet, seconded by Ms. Rosa, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board unanimously voted the following actions in Executive Session at today's meeting:

- PN03-073 Arthur Vaz Reinstate with Probation**
- RN03-015 Randy Dobbins Relief from Probation**

- Applicant Steven Aanonson Grant RN License**

- RN06-064 No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern**
- RN06-065 No Unprofessional Conduct**
- PN06-066 No Unprofessional Conduct**
- PN06-020 No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern**
- RN06-029 No Unprofessional Conduct**
- RN06-070 No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern**

The investigating committee of the Board declined to open 12 cases due to insufficient information.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Breguet, seconded by Mr. Dodd, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Brown, Secretary