

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

October 16, 2006

Open Session

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:15 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:

Katherine Lukas, RN,MS, CCRN

Susan Day, RN, MS

Lynn Curran, CRNA

Theresa Jeremiah, RN

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Joslin Leasca, RNP

Sharon Smith, RN, MSN, President

Kristen Kamm, LPN

Sandra Megerdichian, RN, MS

Elizabeth Lamonde, RN

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Gerhardt

Cristiana Rosa, PCNS, Vice President

Deborah G. Brown, RN,MSN

Ronita Appiah, RN

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Pam McCue, RN, MS, Director Nursing Registration and Nursing Education

Betsy James, RN Complaint Officer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Marcia Bliss, RN, MS, HARI

Ruth Ricciarelli, 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 SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

On motion of Ms Lukas, seconded by Ms Kamm, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes with changes as presented. Amend the attendance roster from Lynn William Dodd, CRNA to Lynn Curran, CRNA.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Introductions were made of new members for those members who were not in attendance at the September meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Smith discussed the new NCSBN website currently under construction and to be revealed in late October. A "demo" was displayed at the annual meeting in August. The goal is to make the site easier to navigate and access information.

DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION REPORT

Report given by Pamela McCue, RN, MS, Director, Nurse Registration and Nursing Education

- A letter was sent on behalf of the Board of Nursing to Dr. Jack Warner, Commissioner of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education, notifying him of the Board's position statement on the Kent Hospital/MassBay educational collaborative. Letters were also sent to Senator Lincoln Chafee and state Senator Stephen Alves thanking them for their communication to the Board of Nursing on this matter and notifying them of the Board's position statement.

- In an effort to better understand the role and to potentially develop improved programs and processes, I have taken advantage of the networking opportunities and resources available through NCSBN

and my colleagues around the country.

· RISNA and the National Institutes of Health, specifically the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), hosted a luncheon to raise awareness of funding opportunities for nurse researchers. Representatives discussed the various areas of interest to NINR and how to pursue funding for research in these areas.

Charles Alexandre, Chief of Health Regulations provided the following information:

· The informal meeting for review of the proposed changes to the Midwifery Regulations was on September 29, 2006. Not many were in attendance, however several written comments were submitted by individuals concerned with the removal of “collaboration” in the document. The Midwifery Board will review and deliberate these comments. Another public meeting will be scheduled thereafter.

BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Jeremiah, seconded by Ms. Mergerdichian, 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 8:25 am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. Smith called the Open Session back to Order at 1:30 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. Day, seconded by Ms. Jeremiah, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

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

PN06-037 Theresa Humphrey Suspension

RN06-054 Carol Giardina Voluntary Surrender

RN Linda Peczynski Reinstate with 3 year Probation

RN03-002 Robert Nelen Voluntary Surrender

PN04-093 Joyce Capece Suspension

RN05-112 Susan Beckett Suspension

The Board voted No Unprofessional Conduct on the following cases:

RN06-096

RN06-079

RN06-100

RN06-098, Letter of Concern

RN06-016, Letter of Concern

RN06-097

RN06-088, Letter of Concern

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Kamm, seconded by Ms. Lamonde, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Day, RN