

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

**December 11, 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**

**Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN**

**Joslin Leasca, RNP**

**Sharon Smith, RN, MSN, President**

**Michael Gerhardt**

**Cristiana Rosa, PCNS, Vice President**

**Sandra Megerdichian, RN, MS**

**Jeannine Borozny, RN**

**Deborah G. Brown, RN,MSN**

**Kristen Kamm, LPN**

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Ronita Appiah, RN**

**Elizabeth Lamonde, RN**

**Lynn Curran, CRNA**

**Theresa Jeremiah, RN**

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Betsy James, RN Complaint Officer**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**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 OCTOBER 16, 2006**

**On motion of Ms Rosa, seconded by Ms Brown it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

## **Nothing new to report**

### **DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION REPORT**

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

- The Licensee report for November 2006 could not be obtained because L2K was not operating this morning. This report will be distributed via email to Board members and interested members of the public.**
- Ms. Leasca announced that she would be donating a used laptop computer to the Board of Nursing.**
- Nurses will be able to renew their license on-line by the end of December 2006.**

**An announcement article was sent to RISNA requesting that it appear in the next issue of their newsletter. The Department has also devised an optional survey for nurses to complete that will capture workforce data. A DRAFT information sheet was distributed to Board members providing information as to the procedure of the online renewal process. The final version of this information sheet will be distributed to Board members via email.**

- Following the renewal period, the plan of the staff is to conduct random audits for compliance to the continuing education requirement.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Is it within the scope of practice of nursing to perform CLIA non-wavered moderately complex tests?**

**This question was posed to the Board for advisement. Nancy Hines, Certified Laboratory Surveyor and staff member of the Department explained that in many office practices, RNs and LPNs are currently performing these test. The RI regulations governing labs requires that these tests be performed by certified clinical laboratory scientists or licensed professionals acting within their scope of practice. Historically laboratory surveyor's had accepted that these tests were within the scope of practice of nurses. Recently a healthcare provider requested clarification specifically to this, thus the advisement from the nursing board was sought. The Board discussed that nurses are responsible to ensure that they are properly trained in the performance of these tests. A motion was made by Ms Rose and seconded by Ms Borozny to affirm that it is within the scope of practice of nursing to perform CLIA non-wavered moderately complex tests**

**Ms Leasca announced that Terry Rochan has been awarded the Nurse Practitioner Excellence Award form the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.**

## **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**On motion of Ms. Lukas, seconded by Ms. Leasca, 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 10:15 am.**

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**Ms. Smith called the Open Session back to Order at 1:45 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. Rosa, seconded by Ms. Brown, 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 to the following actions in Executive Session at today's meeting:**

**RN05-076 Deirdre Couture Reprimand**

**NPP06-110 Deirdre Couture Probation 1 year**

**RN03-112 Susan Serio place on Inactive Status**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Ms. Lukas, seconded by Ms. Rosa, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:46 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Genevieve Rodrigues**