

BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 18, 2006

Open Session

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:07 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

Katherine Lukas, RN,MS, CCRN

Susan Day, RN, MS

Lynn William Dodd, CRNA

Theresa Jeremiah, RN

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Cristiana Rosa, PCNS, Vice President

Sharon Smith, RN, MSN, President

Kristen Kamm, LPN

Deborah G. Brown, RN,MSN

Sandra Megerdichian, RN, MS

Elizabeth Lamonde, RN

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Gerhardt

Joslin Leasca, RNP

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

Marilynn Asseslin, PhD,RN,BC, Kent Hospital

Timothy Lucier, Kent Hospital

Mary Ann Glynn, RN, MBA, Kent Hospital

David Campbell, VP, Human Resources, Kent Hospital

Lily Hsu, Ed.D, R.D., Dean of Nursing & Health Professions, MassBay Community College

Claire MacDonald, RN,BSN,MSN, Director of Nursing, MassBay Community College

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:07 am. A quorum was

established.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF AUGUST 7, 2006

On motion of Ms Day, seconded by Ms Rosa, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Introductions were made and new members were welcomed

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Smith stated that there was nothing new to report since last meeting.

DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION REPORT

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

· The Board of Nursing has acquired the assistance of a volunteer. Annemarie Marciel was introduced and welcomed. She will be volunteering at least once a month in the office and attend Board meetings. Her primary functions will include copying and other administrative/clerical functions. Mrs. Marciel is an RN who is currently semi-retired.

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

- The Department of Health will be conducting an informal community review for the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations for Licensing of Midwives. This session is scheduled for September 29, 2006 at 10am in the Health policy Forum. Copies of the proposed regulations were handed to Board members. Mr. Alexandre encouraged members to attend the informal community review and to contact him if they had any questions.**
- Ms Rosa questioned the amended changes in 10.1 and 10.2. of the proposed regulations. Mr. Alexandre stated that nurse midwives have prescriptive privileges and the proposed changes in regulation relate to prescriptive guidelines available at the practice.**

BUSINESS

MassBay Community College and Kent Hospital educational collaborative.

- Marilyn Assesslin, PhD, RN, BC, Associate Vice President, Patient Care Services addressed the Board requesting support of an educational collaborative with**

MassBay Community College and communicating that support to the RI Department of Higher Education. Dr. Asselin stated that at the completion of this program, 25 Kent Hospital employees will obtain an Associates Degree in nursing while continuing to maintain employment at the hospital. Dr. Asselin noted that 137 Kent employees indicated that attaining a degree in nursing was a career

goal, however found it difficult to achieve for various reasons. She described the Mass Bay program as innovative by combining on-line lectures with traditional clinical and face-to-face components. This format allows Kent employees to continue working and to participate in lectures when convenient to them. No other RI educational institution offers this type of format. Kent will be paying for the tuition, provide resources and student support as well providing the clinical site for the practicum experience. Graduating students are required to work as RNs in the hospital for at least two (2) years when their RN license is obtained. Dr. Asselin concluded her presentation with providing a written copy of her comments and letters of support from United States Senator Lincoln Chafee and Rhode Island State Senator Stephen Alves.

Timothy Lucier addressed the Board in support of this collaborative. He stated he is an employee of Kent Hospital and wishes to enroll in this program to earn a degree to practice as a registered nurse. Since being hospitalized for an orthopedic injury, he stated he learned “first-hand” the role of nurses and it energized him to pursue this as a career. His future goals include earning a masters degree in nursing as well. Mr. Lucier provided the Board with a written copy of his comments.

Mary Ann Glynn, RN, MBA, Senior Vice President of Patient Care Services at Kent Hospital stated that when she was a nurse executive of a hospital in MA, she implemented the same program with

MassBay and it proved to be a success with students passing the NCLEX exam the first time.

Representatives from MassBay Community College; Lily Hsu, Dean of Nursing & Health Professions and Claire MacDonald, RN, BSN, MSN, Director of Nursing provided additional information to the Board. They stated that MassBay was an approved program by the Massachusetts State Board of Nursing, they were NLNAC accredited, and that Kent employees would be receiving a degree from MassBay Community College. They stated that although Massachusetts does allow for BSN faculty members in their state approved nursing education programs, the preference at MassBay Community College is to hire only masters prepared faculty members. Dr. Hsu explained that the program plans to hire masters prepared nurses at Kent to act as faculty members for the clinical rotations. She explained that this is another innovative concept of the collaborative to thwart the potential shortage of nursing faculty members.

On motion of Susan Day and seconded by Cristiana Rosa, the following position statement was passed by the RI Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education. Ms Kamm and Ms Megerdichian abstained.

The Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education supports the education collaborative between Kent Hospital and

MassBay Community College.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Brown, seconded by Ms. Day, 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 9:15 am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. Smith called the Open Session back to Order at 1:20 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:

PN06-008 Marie Augustine, LPN Reprimand

RN06-026 Cathy Reid, RN Reprimand

PN78-2000 Teresa DeBiasio, LPN Reinstate with Probation

PN06-071 Helen Oladini, LPN Probation

The Board voted No Unprofessional Conduct on the following cases:

RN06-063

RN06-083

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Day, seconded by Ms. Jeremiah, 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 1:36pm.

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.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. Rosa called the Open Session back to Order at 1:55 pm.

PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board voted No Unprofessional Conduct on the following case:

RN06-087

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Day, seconded by Ms. Jeremiah, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN