

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

**Open Session**

**July 9, 2007**

**The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:26am 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:**

**Sandra Megerdichian, RN, MS**

**Jeannine Borozny, RN**

**Lynn Curran, CRNA**

**Cristiana Rosa, PCNS**

**Theresa Jeremiah, RN**

**Joslin Leasca MSN NP**

**Elizabeth Lamonde, MSN, RN, CNOR**

**Katherine Lukas, RN,MS, CCRN**

**Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN**

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Kristen Kamm, LPN**

**Michael Gerhardt**

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

**Ms. Rosa, called the meeting to order at 8:26 am. A quorum established at this time.**

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF**

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

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Cristiana Rosa, Vice President chaired the meeting due to the absence of Ms Smith.**

- Ms Rosa accepted the consensus of the Board to cancel the August mtg.**
- Ms Rosa described that she has been asked by Ms Smith to lead the implementation of the CE component of the new Diversion Contract. Ms Rosa stated she has been working with RISNA on this initiative.**

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

**Ms. McCue reported the following:**

- Attended the Executive Officer Leadership Seminar at the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. Ms McCue described a very positive experience and networking opportunity**
- On July 25th, Nur Rajwany, Director of IT at the NCSBN will be coming to RI to meet with BON staff and HEALTH's IT staff for beginning the implementation of the Nurse Licensure Compact.**
- Invited Kathy Apple, Executive Director of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to attend a RI Board of Nursing Meeting**
- August 6-10 is the Delegate Assembly of the NCSBN. The meeting, being held in Chicago will be attended by Ms McCue and Sharon Smith representing RI.**
- "Unofficial "State Board Exam results are now available for RI applicants 3 days after the exam is taken**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Presentation-Master's Degree Curricula Comparison**

**Joslin Leasca, RNP, MS made a presentation on the current regulatory requirements of Nurse Faculty and presented ideas for consideration as possible solutions to the Nurse Faculty shortage. Handout attached.**

**B. Discussion of the Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Nurses-Joslin Leasca, RNP, MS informed the Board that NP organizations in the community are looking at the language in statute referring to “collaborative practice” for NPs with prescriptive privileges. Ms Leasca informed the Board that the language as written causes confusion for both NPs and collaborating physicians. Ms Leasca stated that these organizations most likely would submit a bill for next year's General Assembly session clarifying this section in statute. Ms Leasca stated that RISNA would most likely head this initiative and would present this bill/language to the Board for their consideration and support.**

## **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**On motion of Ms Rodrigues, seconded by Ms Lukas, 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 9:37am.**

## **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**Ms Rosa called the open session back to order at 14:00 pm.**

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

**On motion of Ms Curran, seconded by Ms Leasca, 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:**

**PN06-059 Lawrence Jenson LPN- Suspension of licensee .**

**RN06-031 Kathleen Nagel RN- 2-year probation.**

**RN04-011 JoAnn Paul RN- 2-year probation.**

**RN06-105 no unprofessional contact occurred.**

**RN06-096 no unprofessional conduct occurred**

**RN07-014 no unprofessional conduct occurred.**

**RN05-113 no unprofessional conduct occurred.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Ms Curran, seconded by Ms Leasca, it was  
unanimously voted to adjourn at 15:00 pm. .**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Elizabeth Lamonde MSN, RN, CNOR**