

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

Open Session

May 12, 2008

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:30am 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:

Jeannine Borozny, RN

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Sharon Smith, MS, RN, President

Sandra Megerdichian, RN, MS

Joslin Leasca, RN, MS, RNP

Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN, PCNS Vice President

Catherine Rose, RN,MS

Elizabeth Lamonde, RN, MS

Kristen Kamm, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Peggy Matteson, RN,PhD

Lynn Curran, MS, RN, CRNA

Michael Gerhardt

Theresa Jeremiah RN

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Linda TetuMouradjian, RN, Compliance Officer

Elizabeth James, RN Investigator

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30am. A quorum was established at this time.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF April 14, 2008

On motion of Ms. Lamonde, seconded by Ms Rodrigues, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes with the following corrections:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms Smith provided an update of the activities of the Community Hospital Task Force and that a final report will consist of

- Consensus of concern over the increase fees hospitals are expected**

to pay

- The decrease in reimbursement rates being proposed**

Ms Smith expressed that she is an active participant speaking loudly and clearly from a perspective of nursing.

DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION REPORT

Ms McCue recognized the Board for their dedication to public health and wished them all a Happy Nurses Week. Ms McCue informed the Board that the staff has provided breakfast and lunch in recognition of this week and in appreciation of their work..

Ms McCue informed the Board of an educational program scheduled for June 11 at 2pm in the auditorium on the Nurse Licensure Compact. The target audience is employers of nurses. reported the Department is right on track with the implementation time line for the Nurse Licensure Compact.

- Letters sent to each licensed nurse providing information about the Compact.**
- Computer equipment ordered for the Board to track licenses during Board mtgs**
- Continued planning for a educational forum in June for employers of nurses**

BUSINESS

a. Standards for Board Approved Treatment Providers

Ms TetuMouradjian distributed an updated drafted of the document “Board Approved Treatment Providers”. After discussion, the Board unanimously voted to adopt this criteria.

b. Meadows Edge Recovery Center-John Femino, MD

Dr Femino provided an overview of his practice, his philosophy on treatment, and his long-standing work relationship with several of the health regulation boards within the Department. Ms Smith thanked him from attending this meeting and introducing himself to the new Board members.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms Borozny, seconded by Ms. Mergerdichain, 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 10:10am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms Smith called the open session back to order at 12:30pm.

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

On motion of Ms Rose, 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:

Kristen Taft-Chase -voluntary surrender of RN License

Kristen Moffatt – Place RN license on 3yr probation

Michael Rossi Revised Consent Order for Voluntary Surrender of RN License

Robert Nellen- Place RN license on a 3yr probation

Robert Lambert -Suspension of RN License

Abigail Baker – Accept the Voluntary Surrender of her RN License

The following case were voted a finding of No Unprofessional

Conduct

RN07-077

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms Leasca, seconded by Ms Rodrigues, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:30 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted, Elizabeth Lamonde, RN
Secretary**

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