

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING
EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING
OPEN SESSION
OCTOBER 6, 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

Sandra Megerdichian, RN, MS

Catherine Rose, RN, MS, Secretary

Elizabeth Lamonde, RN, MS

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD

Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN, PCNS

Kristen Kamm, LPN

Theresa Jeremiah, RN

Sharon Smith, RN, MS, President

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Gerhardt

Joslin Leasca RN, MS, RNP, Vice President

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pamela McCue, RN, MS Director

Linda TetuMouradjian, RN, Compliance Officer

Donna Valletta

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Sharon Smith called the meeting to order at 8:34 am. A quorum was established at this time.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF September 8, 2008

On motion of Catherine Rose, seconded by Jeannine Borozney, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Pamela McCue reported on the recent proposals generated for Hospital

Regulations, relative to new language to guide the practice of NP and PA's R applicable to credentialing and prescriptive privileges. There will be a Community Review of these proposals on October 22, 2008. A copy of this proposal is available on the web site www.health.ri.gov

There was a Community Review held on September 23, 2008 r/t Patient Safety Organizations and their ability to collect information from health care agency's about "near misses" for the purpose of developing strategies and making recommendations for preventing this type of event from becoming a full blown error. A formal hearing on these regulations will be scheduled in the near future.

Pam McCue noted that she has had an increased number of inquiries to the BON r/t the scope of practice of APRN's. Pam attended the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Regional Meeting in an effort to establish a larger network of colleagues with whom she can collaborate on issues such as this.

Pam noted that she had hoped to have passwords available for the BON Director's to access the NCSBN interactive continuing education website but unfortunately there are some glitches that still need to be worked out.

New changes relative to the oversight of the CNA Board, Nursing Homes Administrators, Dieticians, Assisted Living Facilities , and Athletic Trainers. Donna Valetta is the new DOH Board Administrator who will be involved with oversight of these groups. Donna has 8 years experience working in the Department of Health. Donna will be reporting to Pam McCue.

5. ANNOUCEMENTS

Self introductions of Board Members to student nurses from St. Joseph School of Nursing.

Pam McCue provided an overview of the BON membership constellation / criteria for the board members positions. Pam also explained the role of the Board of Nursing in the state of RI in terms of protecting the public from unsafe nursing practice. Pam directed the students to the www.health.ri.gov site in order to acquaint themselves with the Nurse Practice Act as these are the standards that they will be held accountable to as registered nurses.

Donna Policastro RN, NP, Executive Director of RISNA announced

that the RISNA website “Move On Nursing”, for providing continuing education on substance abuse is temporarily delayed due to the hospitalization of the person responsible for this project. Diane Kinsey from URI is preparing additional educational materials that will be added to the web site as it moves forward.

Pam added for the students benefit that in 1905 it was actually the ANA and RISNA that passed legislation that made it necessary for nurses to be registered. Pam noted that it is the responsibility of the BON to oversee the nursing education programs as well, and that in an effort to do so, the BON monitors NCLEX RN pass rates, as a means for measuring the efficacy of these educational programs.

Peggy Matteson distributed copies of the “New Essentials for Baccalaureate Education” as well as the new curriculum for the new Master’s Degree program Salve Regina is going to be offering.

6. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Kristen Kamm, seconded by Teresa 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 the 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 licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding

allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 9:04 am.

7. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

Ms Smith called the Open Session back to order at 1:30pm.

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

On motion of Ms Rosa, seconded by Ms Borozny, 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.

9. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board voted the following actions:

Barbara Jacques, LPN –Reprimand of her license

Joseph Norato, RN-Probation of his license for 2 years and a requirement for education

Denise Kennedy- Amended her Probation Contract

Case PN08-041-No Unprofessional Conduct

10. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Jeannine Borozny, seconded by Peggy Matteson, it was

unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Rose, RN, MS, Secretary