

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING  
EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**OPEN SESSION**

**November `10, 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**

**Joslin, RN, MS, RNP, Vice President**

**Catherine Rose, RN, MS, Secretary**

**Elizabeth Lamonde, RN, MS**

**Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD**

**Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN, PCNS**

**Sharon Smith, RN, MS, President**

**Ann Tierney, RN, CRNA**

**Manuela Raposa, Consumer**

## **BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**Michael Gerhardt**

**Theresa Jeremiah, RN**

**Kristen Kamm, LPN**

## **STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Pamela McCue, RN, MS Director**

**Linda Tetu-Mouradjian, RN, Compliance Officer**

### **1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

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

### **2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF October 6, 2008.**

**On motion of Elizabeth Lamonde, seconded by Joslin Leasca, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.**

### **3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Ms. Smith had nothing to report.**

#### **4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Ms. McCue introduced one of our newest members to the board, Ms. Ann Tierney, RN, CRNA. Individual board of nursing directors introduced themselves as well as their role on the board and in the healthcare arena.**

**Additional community guests present include Marcia Bliss RN, HARI, Donna Policastro RN, RISNA, and Cindy Scott, Lifespan.**

**Ms. McCue reported that members whose terms may have expired and were eligible were reappointed to second terms.**

**There is another new director that has been appointed to the Board of Nursing, Manuela Raposa. Ms. Raposa is the executive director of the Welcome Back Center. The mission of the center is to assist foreign trained healthcare professionals to meet criteria for RI licensure. Ms. Raposa will be filling the consumer seat on the Board.**

**There is currently one additional seat open on the BON for a RN clinician. Ms. McCue has received a number of applications unfortunately they do not meet the criteria to serve in this capacity.**

**The DOH has new regulations open for review and discussion on the topic of PSO's scheduled for December 3rd, 2008.**

**The DOH held an informal community review on regulations pertaining to licensing of hospitals. Comments are still being received by the Department for consideration.**

**On December 4th, 2008 a community Forum is planned to discuss School Health Regulations pertaining to Physical Education, Allergies, and Glucagon administration by school volunteers.**

**On Friday, November 7th, 2008, DOH conducted a community review on the HIE regulations.**

**The Community Review on the Nursing Regulations will be scheduled for early 2009. The regulatory changes will reflect the law that was passed during the last legislative session pertaining to collaborative practice agreements at the workplace of NPs. The regs pertaining to the nursing compact will be amended as well to reflect changes some technical changes.**

**The Senate Study Commission has met three times and is meeting again on Thursday, November 13th, 2008 in room 313, 1 pm at the State House.**

**The commission is investigating options for legislation to address the nurse faculty/nursing shortage. A report will be submitted to the**

**Senate with legislative recommendations for the 2009 General Assembly Session.**

**A seminar entitle, Workforce summit III :Partnership and Collaboration: Building a New Healthcare Workforce will be held on November 20, 2008, from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m at the Radisson Hotel Providence Airport. The seminar is sponsored by the Human Resource Professional Association.**

**Ms. McCue also noted that there is still funding left over from the grant that was awarded from the NCSBN for the implementation of the Nursing Compact. Ms. McCue stated that she is working with Department staff on how to further automate the licensure application process by using these funds. Further information will be forthcoming.**

**Rhode Island College recently had an accreditation site visit and they were fully accredited. Congratulations to RIC!**

## **5. BUSINESS**

**No New Business**

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ms. Rose inquired about national NCLEX-RN statistics being**

requested by Ms. Carol Ross, RN, MS, Acting Director, St. Joseph School of Nursing. Ms. McCue noted that she sends this information out quarterly directly to the directors of all five nursing programs in the state. Ms McCue stated she would check the contact information to ensure it is correct and then mail the reports again to Ms Ross.

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion of Jeannie Borozny, seconded by Sandra Megerdichian, 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 9:00 am.

#### **8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS**

Sharon Smith called the Open Session back to order at 2:00 pm.

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

On motion of Sandra Megerdichian, seconded by\_Cristiana Rosa, 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.**

## **10. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS**

**Patty Leone's registered nurse license was reinstated on a 3 year probation**

**Tara Bolduc O'Brien's registered nurse license was placed on a 1 year probation**

**The following cases were voted No Unprofessional Conduct**

**PCNS00010**

**RN08-003**

**RN08-076**

**On motion of Ann Tierney, seconded by Ms Rosa, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:30pm.**

**Respectfully submitted by**

**Catherine Rose, RN,MS, Secretary**