

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

December 8, 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 Leasca, RN, MS, RNP, Vice President

Catherine Rose, RN, MS, Secretary

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD

Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN, PCNS

Kristen Kamm, LPN

Michael Gerhardt, Consumer

Theresa Jeremiah, RN

Sharon Smith, RN, MS, President

Manuella Reposa, Consumer

Ann Tierney, RN, CRNA

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Elizabeth Lamonde, RN, MS

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pamela McCue, RN, MS Director

Linda Tetu-Mouradjian, RN, Compliance Officer

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Sharon Smith called the meeting to order at 8:31 am. A quorum was established at this time.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF November 10, 2008

On motion of Sandra Mergerdichian, seconded by Genevieve Rodrigues, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sharon Smith noted that Westerly Hospital negotiated with staff to work collaboratively in reducing the hospital's' financial deficit. The initiative was very successful and staff were most recently awarded with financial incentives.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Pam McCue announced that Thursday, December 11, 2008 will be the next meeting of the Senate Committee on the Nursing Shortage. The meeting will be held at 1:00 pm in room 313 in the state house. It should be a very interesting meeting and it is open to the board members and the public. There are several presentations on the agenda; Supply and demand of nursing faculty and nursing workforce; data on current faculty salaries; and proposal to advance the nursing profession through higher education.

The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline has offered to work with the Board of Nursing on developing a consistent position of the use of "Dr" for medical clinicians that are educationally prepared as the doctorate level. This will be an agenda topic for discussion at the January meeting.

Ms McCue offered to provide a lecture/presentation to graduating seniors on the license/application process. Most recently Ms McCue

conducted such a presentation at URI implementing strategies learned at the Workforce Summit held in late November. Ms McCue informed the Board that the information for such a presentation exists on the website for faculty who wish to do themselves.

Ms McCue informed the Board that she has created individual passwords for each Board member so that they may access the NCSBN “members only” website including the Interactive Learning Center. .

5. BUSINESS

RISNA Legislative Presentation- Donna Policastro, RNP

A power point presentation was presented by Donna Policastro entitled, “Advancement of Nursing Education”. In January of 2009 RISNA plans to introduce legislation that would require AD and Diploma graduates to obtain a BSN within 10 years of receiving their RN license. Discussion ensued. Questions were proposed and responses afforded.

Peggy Matteson introduced a motion to support the concept. Jeannie Borozny seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the BON. Ms Smith requested that Ms McCue work closely with RISNA on this bill.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The January 12th Board of Nursing Meeting will not start until 9:30am. Ms McCue informed the Board that she will send a reminder of this via email to all members.

7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Joselin Leasca, 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 9:20.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

Ms Smith called the Open Session back to order at 2pm.

9. VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO

SECTIONS OF 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms Borozny, seconded by Ms 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

The Board voted the following final actions:

Theresa Charette-Reinstatement of her registered nurse license.

Mary Holland- Reprimand her registered nurse license.

The following cases were voted a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct

RN08-053

PN08-065

RN08-074

RN08-075

RN08-077

RN08-080

RN08-081

PN08-083

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Rose, RN,MS, Secretary