

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

January 12, 2009

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 9:30am 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

Joslin, RN, MS, RNP, Vice President

Catherine Rose, RN, MS, Secretary

Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN, PCNS

Kristen Maymon, LPN

Michael Gerhardt

Theresa Jeremiah, RN

Sharon Smith, RN, MS, President

Manuella Reposa

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD

Elizabeth Lamonde, RN, MS

Sandra Mergerdichian, 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 9:30am. A quorum was established at this time.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF December 8, 2009

On motion of Genevieve Borozny, seconded by Ann Tierney, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms McCue announced that Board Member Elizabeth Lamonde has resigned from the Board because she has taken a new position at Quincey Hospital.

The APRN Committee will be meeting sometime within the next two weeks to discuss the use of the title "Doctor" then, their recommendations will be brought to the Board of Nursing for our consideration and a vote.

A number of telephone calls have come into the Department since announcements were mailed out for re-licensure this March. The Department made the decision to eliminate paper licenses as part of a patient safety initiative. The employer must go to the Department of Health website in order to determine if an applicant or current employee is in fact currently licensed. This is referred to as primary source verification and is in the patient's best interest.

Hospital Regulations currently require employers to credential and grant clinical privileges to the medical staff. This includes APRNs. New language to the Hospital Regulations is being proposed by the

Department on this topic. The new language includes a requirement that APRN's be involved in the credentialing committee. There is still opportunity for public comment.

Kathy Apple, Executive Director of NCSBN sent out a letter to state Boards of Nursing regarding recommendations made by the American Society of Anesthesiologists' (ASA) House of Delegates at a Meeting held on October 18, 2008. The ASA passed a policy statement regarding restrictions on the education of "non-physician anesthesia education. Ms Apple cautioned the Boards of Nursing that calls are being made to institutions assuming the policy statement has been enacted into state regulations. This is not the case. No such actions have been taken and there is not plan from any state Board of Nursing to do so.

In relation to nursing, the Governor's proposed supplemental budget includes the removal of the mandate for school systems to employ certified school nurse teachers. The proposed budget does not remove the need for school systems to meet the nursing needs of it's students and these services must still be provided. Ms Smith reminded the Board that the mission of the Board is to ensure patient safety and not terms of employment.

5. BUSINESS

NCSBN Core (Commitment to Ongoing Regulatory Excellence)

Report

Ms McCue had the Board participate in the NCSBN Core Project, which is a performance measurement and benchmarking system for nursing regulators. A random sample of RI nurses participated in this project. Ms McCue will provide a detailed presentation to board members at a future meeting of the results.

Expedited Patient Therapy

RI laws allow NPs, CMWs, MDs and PAs to prescribe antibiotic therapy for the male and sexual partners of individuals infected with genital Chlamydia Trachomatis. The document presented to the Board provides guidance to these providers, based on CDC guidelines, for effective treatment. After brief discussion the Board unanimously voted to endorse this document.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

7. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board voted the final actions on the following cases

Marie Junie Voight –Reprimand of her registered nurse license

Karen Golish- Reinstate her license with a return to work contract and probation for 3 years.

The Board voted that the following cases had a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct

PN08-084.

8. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms Leasca, seconded by Ms Reposa it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Rose, RN, MS, Secretary