

## **OPEN SESSION**

**February 9, 2009**

**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.**

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

**Jeannine Borozny, RN**

**Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN**

**Sandra Mergerdichian, RN, MS**

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

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

**Manuella Reposa**

**Ann Tierney, RN, CRNA**

### **BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD**

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

**Michael Gerhardt**

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

**Kristen Maymon, LPN**

**Theresa Jeremiah, RN**

## **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 8:30am. A quorum was not established at this time.**

**Pam McCue took advantage of this time to educate the student nurses from St. Joseph School of Nursing about the Board of Nursing. Topics covered by Ms. McCue included Minimum competency for licensure, NCLEX RN Examination, distinction between discipline of a nursing license and a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct, scope of practice, Nurse Practice Act, Rules and Regulations, members of the board of nursing, format for monthly meetings, open session vs executive session, origin of complaints that come to the board for investigation; the investigation process and communicating final outcomes of cases. Ms McCue emphasized that in the event you receive correspondence from the board of nursing it is crucial that you respond in a timely fashion and in a professional manner. Board members were also asked to introduce themselves and the appointment they represent on the board of nursing. Ms Smith added that licensure is a privilege, not a right.**

**At 8:45 a quorum was established and the board members were asked to review the minutes of our previous meeting.**

## **2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF January 12, 2009**

**Jeannine Borozny noted that there needed to be an editorial correction on page 2. Where it notes “Genevieve Borozny”, it should state Jeannine Borozny. So noted. On motion of Jeannine Borozny, and seconded by Sandra Mergedichian, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of January 12th, 2009 with the above noted correction.**

## **3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**No report.**

## **4. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**Pam McCue reported that Sara Morado RN was summarily suspended by Dr. Gifford for compromising public safety when she diverted dilaudid from a patient and was tested and found to be under the influence of opiates in her system. The nurse was afforded the opportunity of a hearing within 10 days but denied this opportunity.**

**Copies of NCLEX RN pass rates FY 2008 were distributed to all in attendance. Pam noted that schools of nursing are required to maintain a pass rate of 80%.**

**The Senate Study Commission will be meeting Thursday, February 12th, at 12:00 noon in the state house room 313. The committee has asked for information to be presented on the “BSN in Ten” initiative. Sharon Smith will be presenting on behalf of the Board on this topic. The committee will also be finalizing recommendations to the legislature.**

## **5. BUSINESS**

**No new business at this time**

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**No announcements**

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

**On motion of Anne Tierney, seconded by Manuella Reposo, 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 9:20am.**

## **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 Rose, 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.**

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

**The Board voted the final actions on the following cases**

**Angela Coles was issued a Reprimand on her license**

**John Duhamel was issued a Reprimand on his license**

**Susan Dilibero was issued a Reprimand on her license**

**Joyce Guillfoyle's license was Reinstated**

**The following cases were voted a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct**

**RN08-066**

**RN08-019**

**RN08-095**

**The following cases were administratively closed**

**RN08-089**

**PN08-055**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Jeannine Borozny, and seconded by Sandra Mergerdichian, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 3:30 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted by**

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