

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

December 14, 2009

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:37am 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

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Sandra Mergerdichian, RN, MS Vice President

Catherine Rose, RN, MS,

Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA Secretary

Joslin Leasca, RN, MS, RNP, President

Michael Gerhardt

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD

Manuella Raposo

Michelle Cahil, LPN

Linda Damon, RN

Kristen Young, RN

Carol Cairns, RN

Linda Twardowski, RN

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Jeannine Borozny, RN

Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN, PCNS

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pam McCue, RN, MS Director

Linda TetuMouradjian, RN Compliance Officer

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Joslin Leasca called the meeting to order at 8:37am. A quorum was established at this time.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF September 14, 2009

On motion of Ms. Rodrigues and Mr. Gerhardt it was voted unanimously to accept the minutes as written.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms Leasca welcomed the new members of the Board. Brief introductions of all Board members were made.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms McCue recognized the outstanding work of School Nurse Teachers in their efforts to assist the Department in the organizing of school vaccination clinics as part of the Department's H1N1 response. The Board congratulated them as well.

Ms McCue welcomed the new members as well. She gave a brief description of the mission and the role of the Board in RI. Ms McCue informed the former board members the each new member has gone through an orientation process prior to this meeting.

Ms McCue also informed the Board that staff is working on a draft of amendments to the Nursing Rules and Regulations with the goal to present to the Board in January. The amendments involve clinical faculty, evaluation of foreign trained nurses education/credentials, approval of nursing education programs and collaborative practice agreements for nurse practitioners at their employment setting.

Ms McCue also disseminated the nursing communities' response to the AMA's paper on the scope of practice of APRNs.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Ms McCue disseminated a draft policy regarding the request of continuances by attorneys.

Informal conferences: The policy allows two continuances for good reason. (DON and Legal Council will make decisions based on attorneys' reasons).

Administrative Hearings: The Board will follow The Rules and Regulations Regarding Practices and Procedures before The Rhode Island Department of Health, section 12.1. These rules dictate that a party may request two continuances without reason. Further requests must be submitted to the hearing officer and shall only be granted for "good cause shown.

Mr. Gephardt explained response to complaint letters have been revised to tighten up process.

Motion by Ms Megerdichian, seconded Mr. Gerhardt to adopt this policy. The motion passed unanimously.

6. NCSBN UPDATES

Ms McCue informed the Board that she will be disseminating a document via email on the committee work being done out of NCSBN.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms Policastro, Executive Director of RISNA informed the Board that RISNA will be holding an Awards Gala on March 26th, 2010. Application to nominate nurses are available on the RISNA website. Two nurses will also be inducted into the RI Nurses Hall of Fame.

8. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Mergerdichian seconded by M. Raposo, 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 9:23am.

9. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

Ms Leasca called the Open Session back to order at 1:38pm.

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

On motion of Mr. Gerhardt, seconded by Ms Megerdichian ,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.

11. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

Maureen Striker was Board Ordered a three yr suspension of her license for non-compliance with her probation. This became effective December 11, 2009.

Marybeth Hammond voluntarily surrendered her license on December 10, 2009.

Debra Colby-Reinstatement her license on a 3 yr. probation.

The following cases were found to be “No Unprofessional Conduct”

PN09-087

RN09-072

RN09-076

12. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms Megerdichain, and seconded by Ms Rodrigues, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Anne Tierney, RN, MS, Secretary