

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

September 14, 2009

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:37 am 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 Megerdichian, RN, MS Vice President

Catherine Rose, RN, MS,

Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA Secretary

Joslin Leasca, RN, MS, RNP, President

Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN, PCNS

Michael Gerhardt

Manuella Raposo

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Theresa Jeremiah, RN

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Linda Tetu Mouradjian, RN, Compliance Officer

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

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

Dr Gifford stepped into the meeting to give the Board an update on the state's response to H1N1 influenza. Dr Gifford described HEALTH's plan for vaccinations and that it may entail holding up to 600 clinics in the month of October. Dr Gifford stated volunteers are needed to give these vaccinations and encouraged Board members to disseminate this need throughout the nursing community. Volunteers may submit their names by going to the health dept's website.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF September

14, 2009

On motion of Manuela Reposo, seconded by Sandra Megerdichian, it was voted to accept the minutes as written.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms Leasca requested that the Board go around the room and introduce themselves to the guests in attendance at the meeting. After the introductions were concluded, Ms Leasca announced that Jennifer Mineau surrendered her registered nurse license on September 11, 2009; that Connie Lee-Bradly surrendered her license on August 28, 2009 and that Kimberly Fry's registered nurse license was summarily suspended on August 18, 2009. Ms Leasca also reported that Ms McCue is at NCSBN today

4. NEW BUSINESS

Representatives from Kent Hospital introduced and informed the Board of a thoracic surgeon's new hospital policy involving nurses performing chest lavage and discussed whether this procedure was in the scope of nursing practice. Kent Hospital representatives discussed the policy with Board members and pointed out that this procedure would take place in the intermediate care unit. Ms. Leasca reviewed the Nurse Practice Act with the group.

The President, announced that a member of the Board, Catherine Rose, had attended the NCSBN delegate assembly with the Director of the Board of Nursing, Pamela Mc Cue. In addition, Ms. Mc Cue

would be attending a meeting that will take place in Canada with NCSBN members.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several announcements were made the first was that AMERSA is offering an educational program on Substance Abuse on November 5, 2009 sponsored by Brown University Medical School in Washington, D.C. Computer adaptive testing is being offered by the NLN and that New England Technical Institute had submitted their curriculum for the Board's educational sub-committee to review.

Additionally, Ms. Leasca voiced her concern regarding the possibility of not having enough members for a quorum due to the transition and appointment of new members. Ms. Leasca asked Board members to continue to serve on the Board until replaced by new members.

7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Borozny, seconded by Mr. Gerhardt, 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 9:07 am.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

Ms Leasca called the Open Session back to order at 2:30 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 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 actions:

Sharon Keller, RN – Consent Order for a 30 month Probation of her license.

Helen Olandini, RN – Consent Order 2 year probation of her license.

The following cases were voted a finding of “No Unprofessional Conduct”

RN09-054

PN09-045

RN09-031

RN09-029

RN09-048

RN09-049

RNP08-012

11. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Borozny, and seconded by Ms. Rosa, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA Secretary