

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

March 15, 2010

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:00am 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

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Kristen Young, RN

Linda Damon, RN,MS

Michelle Cahill, LPN

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD

Manuella Reposa

Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Gerhardt

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pamela McCue, RN, MS Director

Linda Tetu Mouradjian, RN, Compliance Officer

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Ms McCue called the meeting to order at 8:02 am. A quorum was established at this time.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF January 11, 2010

On motion of Ms Mergerdichian and seconded by Ms Borozny, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of January 11, 2010.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms Leasca requested the Board to approve a reordering of the agenda due to the amount of business needing to be done that morning. Motion to move Agenda #6 to #3 by Ms. Cahill, seconded by

Ms. Mergerdichian.

Ms. Leasca described the NCSBN mid year meeting that she and Ms McCue attended in Chicago the week before. Topics discussed at that meeting included “Transition into practice” pilot models, patient safety initiatives, and Boards of Nursing adopting philosophies of “just culture”.

4. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ms. McCue welcomed the guests to the meeting including students from St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing. Ms McCue welcomed Mr. David Becker, the new director of the St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing.

5. BUSINESS

1. Proposed Language to the Nursing Rules and Regulations

Ms. McCue identified the sections that where substantial revisions were being proposed

Sec 5.3-no suggestions were made

Sec 6-no suggestions were made

Sec 7- Question regarding 7.10 (a) and (b).from the public regarding if this was

a change. Ms. McCue pointed out that this language was in the old language,

7.10. Ms. McCue described discipline of license in a compact state

and

7.11. specifically in RI.

Sec 10.2-discussed 10.2 removed by statute.

Sec 16.0 etc-Ample discussion ensured. Ms. Leasca described the impact of this legislation 16.0 and 16.1 discussed regarding practical nursing programs. Discussed 16.2 (2), and page 30, (2) is a new provision, Ms. McCue read the section. Ms. Damon discussed this section. Ms. Mergerdichian is concerned about (b) and that someone in their second week of a nursing education program would not be appropriate. Ms. Lesca is also concerned about clinical experience. Ms. Rose sees an advantage for teaching assistant opportunities for someone in a graduate program. Ms. Matteson suggested including successfully completed half of their program and evidence of actively pursuing masters degree. Mr. Becker spoke that it should be five years clinical nursing experience and allow flexibility for other than BSN. Dean McGarry spoke about education plan. Ms. Lesca spoke about Nevada experience increasing their faculty credentials. Ms. Matteson spoke to CCNA standards and BSN being the minimum. Ms. Matteson asked about definition of preceptor. Ms. Mergerdichian asked if there should be years of experience regarding preceptors. Ms. Matteson spoke to preceptors being needed who were new to the profession and could serve as young new role models. Ms. Borozny spoke regarding certification in their related fields. Ms. Cairns spoke regarding preceptor degree requirement. Ms. McCue cautions regarding too many stipulations in regulations. She also spoke to the approved programs being knowledgeable in this area and their ability

to hire the appropriately experienced faculty member for their program. Ms. Lesca read Nevada's and Connecticut's experience to Board members. Ms. Lesca spoke that responsibility of students remains with masters prepared clinical faculty. Ms. Policastro stated that clear definition of preceptor needs to be done and that schools have policies and should be relied on and there should not be too much regulation. Dean McGarry spoke about preceptors being RNs. Ms. Lesca spoke that role model should be at the same level as the student as an LPN precepting an LPN student. Ms. Lesca spoke about CT's language. Dean McGarry asked about when would a preceptor role begin? Ms. Matteson and Ms. Damon also spoke about need to not to over regulate. Ms. McCue spoke about the need to discuss this at the next Board meeting. Ms. Lesca requests all information be submitted to the Board so that we can be more consistent with other states. 16.6 is all new language. Ms. Cue brought up the need to have innovation in nursing education. Ms McCue brought up the research money available from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) . Ms. Matteson requested less specific curriculum content in 16.5.2. Spoke about reports that will be coming in the future. Ms. McCue spoke about the proprietary programs that are approaching the Board and their lack of knowledge regarding courses required. NEIT spoke about the courses and about the lack of direction. Ms. McCue addressed the requirement that programs must be accredited, which was not previously in regulations.

Motion by Ms. Leasca to convene the April 19 Board meeting at meeting at 8:30am, seconded by Ms. Cahill. The Board also agreed to continue the discussion of the proposed language at the April meeting

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Nursing Charter School

Ms. Policastro informed the Board of a proposal for a charter school. The school to serve underprivileged youth with a focus on sciences and some exposure to nursing. Purposed to prepare the students for college education. Plan is to have RISNA move into the charter school to mentor students. The plan is to expose students to nursing in high school. March 23 and 25th will be the public hearings. Welcome letters of support from nursing. Would welcome a letter of support from the Board of Nursing. Students will start in the 10th grade. It will be a middle college model. It will be open to any student in the State of RI. A motion was made by Ms Borozny for the Board to send a letter of support for this concept. Ms Reposo seconded it. The Board unanimously voted in favor of this motion.

7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms Borozny, seconded by Ms Mergerdichian, 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 10:35am.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

Ms Leasca called the Open Session back to order at 1:50pm.

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 Cahill, seconded by Ms Megerdichain, 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

Pamela Diehl,RN

Action: Suspension stayed with 1 yr probation

Lisa Pratt, RN

Action: Reinstate license

Linda Edesberger,

Action: Release from probation

Sylvia Marucci-Longo

Action: Reprimand

Lynne Laverty

Action: Reinstate license on a 3 yr probation

Abigail Baker, RN,CRNA

Action: Reinstate licenses on a 3 yr probation

: Patty Scott

Action: Release from probation

The following cases were voted No Unprofessional Conduct

RN09-106

RN010-001

RN10-003

RN09-100

RN09-104

RN09107

RN09-101

PN09-069

11. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms Borozny and seconded by Ms Rodrigues, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:52pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Anne Tierney, CRNA

Secretary