

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**OPEN SESSION**

**May 10, 2010**

**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**

**Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN**

**Sandra Mergerdichian, RN, MS Vice President**

**Catherine Rose, RN, MS,**

**Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA Secretary**

**Joslin Leasca, RN, MS, RNP, President**

**Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD**

**Manuella Raposo**

**Michelle Cahil, LPN**

**Kristen Young, RN**

**Linda Twardowski, RN**

**Jeannine Borozny, RN**

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

## **BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**Michael Gerhardt**

**Carol Cairns, RN**

**Linda Damon, RN**

## **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 8:30am. A quorum was established at this time.**

### **2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF April 19, 2010**

**On motion of Ms. Megerdichian, seconded by Ms Rose, it was voted unanimously to accept the minutes as written.**

### **3. BUSINESS**

#### **1. RIC/URI Nursing Simulation Lab Building**

**Ms McCue gave overview of last months' presentation to the Board by the Commissioner of Higher Education for members who were not present at that meeting. Ms Rosa brought up that the nursing school faculty from RIC seemed to feel that it was rushed. Ms Rose asked regarding the plan for the building. Ms. Leasca discussed that her impression of the proposal was that the new building would provide additional seats and resources to increase the number of graduates-50 from each school. Ms. Matteson asked about the 100 additional students and if there is a plan for faculty. She inquired that the proposal involves voters approving a building and if this new building would effect curriculum. Ms McCue informed the Board that curriculum changes lie within the regulatory authority of the Board. Ms. Matteson spoke about fitting all the curriculums into a building. Ms Megerdichian raised a concern that if this proposal was not approved then how that would affect the schools and their limited resources. How could they expand? Did they each have an adequate simulation lab? She brought up that she did not hear that they would be combining schools. Ms Rose talked about the buildings that are available in that area. Ms. Matteson stated that she was surprised that private schools were mentioned as having access to this new building and she had not been contacted prior. Ms. McCue clarified that at last month's meeting she raised the topic that the Board has a need for remediation of nurses with practice errors/clinical incompetence and that access to a simulation center would be**

beneficial. Ms McCue informed the Board that the Commissioner stated there were discussions and ideas on the table on how the wider health care and educational community might benefit from the use of this new nursing building. Ms. Leasca added that the focus was primarily on the three state schools. Ms. Leasca brought up her experience with a simulation lab. Ms. Policastro brought up that this article is imbedded in the bond issue for higher education. Ms. Leasca asked about the money attached to the bond issue and that it would be used for that purpose. Ms Leasca asked if anyone from the community would like to address the Board on this issue. Anne Cartey, a member of the nursing faculty at RIC addressed the Board and stated that faculty has not been involved. Helen Drew arrived to address a question regarding bond issues in the general election. She stated that it depends on the language approved by the General Assembly to be placed on the ballot. Ms. Matteson brought up the multiple activities that students are involved in and that students are multidimensional. Ms. Leasca brought up that students currently do not have a multi-disciplinary education that this new building could possibly provide that. Ms Leasca asked the Board what their pleasure was regarding an action or motion on the proposal. After more discussion the Board voted to send a letter to the Commissioner with recommendations to be considered.

## **2. Proposed Nursing Regulation Language**

Ms. Leasca opened discussion for Board comment. Ms McCue informed the Board that she had received a few written comments

regarding the proposed regulation changes. Ms McCue proposed to the Board that a sub committee be convened to review these comments and make additional changes to the working draft if needed. The goal of the sub committee would be to bring an updated draft to the board for possible vote in July to move the regulations to a community review. Ms Reposo supported the idea to move the process along. Motion to form a small work group was made by Ms Reposo, seconded by Ms Mattesson. Ms Matteson, Ms Reposo, Ms Rose, and Ms Megerdichian volunteered to serve on the committee and were duly appointed.

**4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT- No report.**

**5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ms McCue notified the Board they would be participating in the CORE study (Commitment to Ongoing Regulatory Excellence) being done by NCSBN. This study collects data on the performance of the RI Board of Nursing through surveys of educational programs, licensed nurses and those nurses that have had direct contact with the Board. These surveys should be going out very shortly. She announced that results of the CORE study should be available in the fall.**

**Ms McCue also informed the Board that RI is participating in a national data integrity project. The board has received funding for this through NCSBN. The goal of the project is to “clean up”**

**inaccurate licensing data in six months and create a system moving forward to prevent such data errors.**

**The Board was informed that the bill introduced this session to expand the scope of practice of nursing assistants has not moved and by all indications will not pass this session. The BSB in 10 bill stimulated a lot of discussion but will not pass as well.**

**Ms McCue reported other national/international information:**

- AONE is predicting a huge nurse leadership crisis.**
- AARP is focusing on advanced practice.**
- # of foreign nurses coming to the US and/or taking the NCLEX has decreased significantly due to decrease in the # of visas issued**
- UK, and Ireland have moved their regulatory activities to involve only consumers and not members of the profession (nurses)**

## **6. NEW BUSINESS-None**

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

**Ms Rose announced that she would be going to NCSBN in Chicago to participate in a NCLEX item writing group. Ms McCue informed the Board that Ms Reposo and a member of the Nursing Assistant Advisory committee participated in work group at NCSBN regarding the development of an English language proficiency test in medical/nursing terminology**

## **8. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**On motion of Ms Borozny, seconded by Ms Megerdichian, 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 10:30am.**

## **9. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS**

**Ms Megerdichian called the Open Session back to order at 1:30pm due to the Ms Leasca having to leave earlier. Motion made by Ms Tierney, seconded by Ms. Borozny to adjourn back to executive session.**

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

**On motion of Ms Tierney, seconded by Ms Borozny 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**

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

**PN10-031**

**PN10-032**

**RN09-092**

**NP10-041**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Ms Borozny and seconded by Ms Megerdichian, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:45pm. .**

**Respectfully submitted by**

**Anne Tierney, RN, MS, Secretary**