

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

September 13, 2010

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:33 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

Catherine Rose, RN, MS,

Joslin Leasca, RN, MS, RNP, President

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Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD

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Linda Damon, RN,MS

Michelle Cahill, LPN

Manuella Reposa

Michael Gerhardt

Sandra Mergerdichian, RN, MS Vice President

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pamela McCue, RN, MS Director

Linda TetuMouradjian, RN

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Ms Leasca called the meeting to order at 8:33 am. A quorum was established at this time.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF July 12, 2010

On motion of Ms Borozny, and seconded by Ms Rose, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of July 12, 2010 as presented..

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Joslin Leasca reported on her upcoming meeting of NPs and will be discussing the APRN consensus model legislation/regulations.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ms McCue reported to the Board that Peggy Matteson and Sandra Megerdichian served as delegates

representing the Rhode Island Board of Nursing at the NCSBN Annual meeting held in Portland Oregon from August 9-13, 2010. An issue that arose during the meeting was what is the role of Boards of Nursing in setting standards, approving and regulating nursing education programs and how do these regulations complement or differ from national accreditors. The membership of NCSBN requested that the Board of Directors convene a committee to research this. Solicitation of members was done and a committee was appointed. Ms McCue informed the Board that Peggy Matteson was appointed to serve on this committee. Ms Megerdichian and Ms Matteson also provided comments on their experiences as the meeting.

Ms McCue informed the Board that on October 5th, the IOM would be releasing its recommendations for the Future of Nursing. Ms Matteson commented that she believes that there will be extensive recommendations for nursing education.

Ms McCue updated the Board on the progress of the data integrity project currently being conducted by her staff and funded through NCSBN. This project entails licensure data cleanup for accuracy and efficiency and she anticipates the project to be completed early next year.

5. BUSINESS

a. Proposed Nursing Regulations

Ms. Leasca deferred to Ms McCue to describe the process and the proposed language changes. Ms. Mergerdichian brought up that page 10 did not indicate that practical nurses needed to pass the NCLEX. This change will be made. Discussion began regarding articulation agreements and the need to add this to the existing programs in 15.4. There was also discussion of the central clinical placement registry. Discussion took place regarding curriculum content under 16.5.2 (b) (1). Ms. Matteson brought up the concern about regulating specific course content. Following discussion Ms. McCue will make changes.

Motion: To accept changes to the proposed regulatory language on page 10, 11, 28 (15.4), 33 (16.5.2 b, 1), 34, also RN to BSN or RN to MSN. Motion made by Mr. Gerhardt and seconded by Ms. Borozny. Proposed changes passed unanimously.

Ms Matteson made a motion to move the proposed regulations to a community review. This motion was seconded by Ms. Mergerdichian and passed unanimously. Ms. McCue announced that the meeting would probably be scheduled in four to six weeks.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Ms Leasca recognized Dean Williams of Rhode Island College who announced that RIC was given provisional approval for their acute care NP program.

7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Borozny, seconded by Ms. Cahill, 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.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR HEARING

Ms Leasca called the Open Session back to order at 2:25 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 , seconded by Ms , 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.

Hearing was conducted: Rhode Island Department of Health vs Deidre Couture, RNP

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11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms Leasca called the Open Session back to order at 3:55 pm.

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

On motion of Ms Twardowski, 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.

10. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

Ronaldo Perea, NP – Reprimand

Leona Sorensen RN- Reprimand w continuing education

The following cases were voted a finding of No Unprofessional

Conduct

RN10-083

RN10-086

RN10-084

RN10-060

RN10-047

RN10-070

RN10-074

RN10-075

RN10-019

RN10-064

11. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms Borozny, and seconded by Ms Cahill, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA, Secretary