

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING  
EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
OPEN SESSION  
JANUARY 24, 2011**

**The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:35 am on the above date in the auditorium of the 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**

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**Jeannine Borozny, RN**

**Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD**

**Michael Gerhardt**

**Kristen Young, RN**

## **ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS**

**Carol Cairns RN, MS**

**Michelle Cahill, LPN**

**Manuella Reposa**

**Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA, Secretary**

## **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 8:35 am. A quorum was established at this time.**

### **2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF December 13, 2010**

**On motion of Ms Rosa, and seconded by Ms Twardowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of December 13, 2011.**

**3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Ms Leasca notified the Board that her schedule did not permit her to attend the APRN Summit in early January, however Ms Rosa and Ms McCue did attend.. Ms Leasca also reminded the Board of the February 9th meeting in the Department's auditorium regarding an educational session on the**

## **APRN Consensus Model.**

### **4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT –**

**Ms McCue reported to the Board that Dr Gifford's last day is February 24th and that the Department is hosting a reception in his honor on February 18th at the Marriott and Board members are invited to attend. Ms McCue informed the Board that the APRN summit was an excellent seminar held January 12th and 13th. Ms Rosa agreed that it met her educational needs and expectations. Ms Rosa also mentioned that there is a video on the NCSBN's website that explains in a quick and easy format the APRN Consensus Model.**

**Ms McCue also notified the Board that Kathy Apple, NCSBN CEO will be attending the June 13th meeting of the Board and that the 2013 NCSBN Annual meeting has been booked for Providence, RI.**

### **6. Old Business**

#### **a. Proposed Regulations for the Licensing of Nurses and Standards for the Approval of Basic Nursing Education Programs**

**Section 16.5.2 The Education sub-committee met to discuss proposed language for this section earlier in the month. The sub-committee recommended the following language**

**16.5.2 Curriculum Content. Nursing education programs shall enable the student to develop the nursing knowledge, skills and**

**competencies necessary for the level, scope and standards of nursing practice consistent with the level of licensure. Professional courses should build on a foundation of general education so that the graduates are prepared to provide safe and effective nursing care to a diverse population.**

**(1) The general education shall include content in English communication and interpersonal relations; humanities; cross-cultural competence; mathematics and quantitative reasoning; natural sciences and their relationship to each other; and social sciences that emphasize the study of human behavior.**

**(2) The nursing specific content should be consistent with the current standards for national accreditation. This would include:**

- didactic content and supervised clinical experience in the prevention and treatment of illness and the promotion, restoration and maintenance of health in patients across the life span and in a variety of clinical settings,**
- experiences that promote the development of sound clinical judgment for optimal care, including the integration of research and evidence-based practice, the honoring of patient values, and the meeting ethical /legal standards,**
- opportunities to develop leadership and management skills, and professional socialization consistent with the level of licensure. This includes working in interdisciplinary teams, and delegation to/supervision of other health care providers,**

- using informatics to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision making;
- participating in quality improvement processes to measure client outcomes, identify hazards and errors, and develop changes in processes of client care.

Discussion ensued. Upon motion of Ms Matteson and seconded by Ms Megerdichian, the Board voted to approve this language.

Sect 7.10 (a) – UNAP submitted a letter to the Board regarding concerns of this section. A legal review was conducted by the Department and determined that it appropriate and in the Boards' authority to include this section.

A motion was made by Mr. Gerhardt and seconded by Ms Borozny to move the draft document of the rules and regulations governing nursing to a full public hearing. The Board voted unanimously in favor of this.

## **7. New Business**

No new business

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

Donna Policastro, Executive Director of RISNA, informed the Board ANA president Karen Daley will be the keynote speaker at a health policy conference to held in May at the State House.

**Some discussion of the IOM report took place and its recommendation for education redesign, life long learning and a 80% BSN workforce. Ms Leasca informed the Board that there is work in RI ongoing regarding the “gaps” between education and practice. A motion was made by Ms Borozny and seconded by Ms Damon to invite a spokesperson from the work group to inform the Board of the progress in this area.**

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

**On motion of Ms. Rose, seconded by Ms. Young, 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 9:35am.**

#### **9. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**Ms Leasca called the Open Session back to order at 12:30 pm.**

#### **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 Matteson, 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.**

## **11. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS**

**Leona Sorensen, RN -Reprimand with are requirement for continuing education**

**Helen Olandini, LPN –2 year probation of license**

**Judith Martin-Reinstate her RN license**

**Tara Bolduc, RN-release from probation**

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

**PN10-098**

**RN10-091**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Ms Rosa, seconded by Ms Twardowski, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:00 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted by**

**Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN**