

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**OPEN SESSION**

**June 13, 2011**

**The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:30 am on the above date in room 401 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**

**Catherine Rose, RN, MS,**

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

**Linda Twardowski, RN,MS**

**Jeannine Borozny, RN**

**Kristen Young, RN**

**Carol Cairns RN, MS**

**Manuela Raposo**

**Linda Damon, RN,MS**

**Michelle Cahill, LPN**

**Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD**

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

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

**ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS**

**Michael Gerhardt**

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

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Pamela McCue, RN, MS Director**

**Linda TetuMouradjian, RN, MS Compliance Officer**

**1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

**President Leasca, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. A quorum was established at this time.**

**2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF April 11, 2011**

**On motion of Ms Borozny, and seconded by Ms Twardowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of May 9, 2011 with the following amendments:**

**The minutes approved at that meeting were from April 11, 2011**

**3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT –**

**President Leasca welcomed Kathy Apple, CEO of NCSBN. Board members introduced themselves as well as those community partners in attendance.**

#### **4. NCSBN CEO REPORT-**

**Ms Apple provided an overview of the history of NCSBN since its initiation in 1978. Ms Apple also provided an overview of the services and products offered by NCSBN including the NCLEX exam, NURSYS, and leadership development opportunities for members. Ms Rosa asked a question regarding the number of states participating in NURSYS. Ms Apple stated that about 24 states participate in submitting their licensure information to NURSYS but that 100% of states submit their discipline data. President Leasca asked about the “core licensure requirements” that will be proposed at the annual meeting. Ms Apple responded that the education requirements across the country are pretty much uniform however, for example, conducting criminal background checks are not. Ms Matteson asked about fraudulent nursing education programs and Ms Apple stated there is a list on the NUSYSY website indentifying them and their location. Jane Williams, Dean of College of Nursing at RIC commended the RI Board for their innovative work in education and also recognized NCSBN for their research done in this area and inquired as to what the future role of Boards of Nursing will be in nursing education? Ms Apple deferred this question to Ms Matteson who sits on the NCSBN committee looking in to this. Ms Matteson said that the committee has been researching this for the past year**

and will be holding a conference in December for external stakeholders to gather their perspective. A final report will be forthcoming.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS-**

### **a. Hearing on the proposed Nursing Regulations**

On April 26, a public hearing was conducting on the proposed regulatory language. Ms McCue reminded the Board that the transcript of the meeting and additional letters that were submitted were emailed to the Board at least two weeks in advance of this meeting for their review. There were specific areas in which the Board received testimony on.

**Adjunct clinical faculty definition and required qualifications.**

Much discussion occurred which included that the proposed regulations could be lowering the qualifications. Others offered that it was progressive and would allow a diverse nursing faculty and/or allow in a “pinch” the hiring of a very qualified person at the last minute that may not have met the MS in nursing education requirements (hold a MS in a related field). After much deliberation it was agreed that a “school/program” could apply to the Board for an exemption of the MS in nursing prepared faculty member and that the Board could delegate this “exemption process” to Board staff through policy and specific criteria. It was agreed that the adjunct clinical faculty (except for an exemption granted in specific circumstances according to policy) would remain at the MS in

**nursing requirement. Motion made by Ms Matteson and seconded by Ms Cairns. Motion passed.**

### **Preceptor definition and intent of role**

**Several community members in attendance expressed great concern regarding the use of preceptors in nursing education. Several Board members expressed that they themselves have served as preceptors and that it was an accepted model of education for many many years. A community partner expressed her concern that preceptors should not be used in medical/surgical clinical sites. She also expressed fear that programs would use only preceptors and not hire the appropriate faculty. After much discussion there was a consensus in the room that the role of a preceptor was to facilitate and enhance a clinical experience and not substitute for a nursing faculty directed clinical experience. Ms McCue offered that a subcommittee of the Board could be convened to rework the language to express this intent more clearly. It was agreed.**

### **Regional Accreditation through NEASC**

**Discussion centered that this proposed language was inserted to ensure a seamless transition of education from a LPN to RN program.**

**Discussion centered that the US Department of Education recognizes other accreditors than the regional university/college accreditors. A motion was made by Ms Damon, seconded by Ms Cairns that the language be amended to read that a accreditor recognized by the US Department of Education is acceptable by the Board for the**

**controlling institution of a nursing program.**

**Ms McCue informed the Board that the new language that was decided on at this meeting will be presented to the Board at the July 11 meeting for final review. The goal is to reschedule a public hearing since the edits/ amendments to the proposed regulations are much more than technical edits. The goal is to hold this public hearing the end of August/early September.**

### **Clinical Registry**

**Ms Matteson made a motion to change the word “a” to “the” in section 16.1 (e). Ms Damon seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **6. Elections**

**An election was conducted by secret ballot to elect the following officers of the Board.**

**President; Peggy Matteson**

**Vice President- Linda Damon**

**Secretary – Michele Cahill**

### **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ms McCue announced to the community and reminded the Board that NCSBN will be holding its annual meeting in Providence in August of 2013.**

## **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 11:00am**

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

**President Leasca called the Open Session back to order at 2pm.**

## **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 Borozny, 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**

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

**Albert Jacavone-reinstate RN license on a 2 year probation**

**Ina Moriggi-reinstate LPN license on a 1 year probation**

**The following cases were voted a finding of no unprofessional conduct**

**PN11-022**

**PN11-034**

**RN11-026**

**RN11-012**

**PN10-097**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Ms Borozny, seconded by Ms Twardowski, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:15pm**

**Respectfully submitted by**

**Anne Tierney, CRNA**