

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

November 14, 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Linda Twardowski, RN, MS

Jeannine Borozny, RN

Kristen Young, RN

Michelle Cahill, LPN, Secretary

Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA

Sandra Mergerdichian, RN, MS

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD, President

Joslin Leasca, RN, MS, RNP

Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Manuela Raposo

Carol Cairns RN, MS

Linda Damon, RN, MS, Vice President

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Alexandre, PhD, RN, Director

Linda TetuMouradjian, RN, MS Compliance Officer

Jennifer Sternick, Legal Counsel

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

President Matteson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. A quorum was established.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF October 17, 2011

On motion of Ms. Tierney, seconded by Ms. Borozny, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT –

Dr. Matteson noted that members of the Board attended the retirement party for Genevieve Rodrigues and that she presented a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Rodrigues for her service on the Board.

Dr. Matteson informed the Board and guests:

- about the NCSBN resource Leader-to-Leader electronic newsletter.**
- that American Nurses Association now has an online continuing**

education offering about the role of the preceptor.

- informed the Board that NCSBN has added to the APRN Consensus working resources an interactive map that enables comparisons in the progress of the APRN Consensus Model nationwide.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT-

The public hearing for the Rules and Regulations has scheduled for December 2, 2011 at 1:00 pm in the HEALTH Auditorium.

The list of licensees for October 2011 was distributed. 163 licensed were issued.

Quarterly/Year End nursing program NCLEX reports were distributed. St. Joseph School of Nursing was acknowledged for a 100% pass rate of first time test takers for the year ending September 2011.

7/1/11 – 9/30/11 10/1/10 – 9/30/11

Registered Nurse Programs

Community College of Rhode Island 91.97 92.12

New England Institute of Technology 85.71 85.71

Rhode Island College 85.48 88.18

Salve Regina University 94.12 93.10

St. Joseph School of Nursing 100.00 100.00

University of Rhode Island 94.57 91.21

Licensed Practical Nurse Program

Community College of Rhode Island 100.00 92.11

The NCSBN website has been revised and members were reminded that if they have access to the member only site with a password.

The Nurse Licensure Compact group will be visiting Rhode Island in January to orient staff to the Compact.

Members were encouraged to consider volunteering for new workgroups: discipline/complaint process; substance abuse/diversion; APRN Consensus Model, 100th Anniversary Planning.

5. BUSINESS

APRN Consensus Model – Presentation and discussion

Ms. Leasca presented an overview of the APRN Consensus Model. She described the components of the model. Ms. Leasca is working with a taskforce established by the RI State Nurses Association to evaluate the model, work with community stakeholders, and propose legislative amendments to the nurse practice act to enact the model in RI. There was discussion among the Board members and guests. The APRN Consensus Model will remain on the open meeting agenda for the foreseeable future. Ms. Leasca will follow this presentation with subsequent presentations as the process moves forward.

Discussion of the Administrative Hearing process

At the request of Dr. Matteson, Catherine Warren, Esq., Hearing

Officer for the Department of Health provided an overview of the Administrative Hearing process and the components of the written decision.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Anderson of Lincoln Technical Institute introduced Suzanne Kronsberg as the chief academic officer of the licensed practical nurse program. He anticipates being prepared for a site visit in early 2012.

7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Tierney, seconded by Ms. Borozny, 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 10:00 am.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

In President Matteson's absence, Dr. Alexandre called the Open Session back to order at 1:20 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 Tierney, seconded by Ms Twardowski, 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

The Board, on unanimous vote, found no unprofessional conduct for the following:

RN10-116; RN10-117; RN11-075; NP11-024; NP11-069

The Board, on unanimous vote, agreed to modify the following Consent Orders:

RN05-013 Kevin Gwozdz

RN10-021 Iryna Chekurova

11. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Young, seconded by Ms. Rosa it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Michelle Cahill, LPN, Secretary