

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

February 13, 2012

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 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Linda Twardowski, RN, MS

Michelle Cahill, LPN, Secretary

Sandra Megerdichian, RN, MS

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD, President

Joslin Leasca, RN, MS, RNP

Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN

Carol Cairns RN, MS

Linda Damon, RN, MS, Vice President

Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA

Manuela Raposo

Jeannine Borozny, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kristin Young, RN

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Alexandre, PhD, RN

Sandra Clark, MA, RN

Linda TetuMouradjian, RN, MS

Jennifer Sternick, Esq.

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

President Matteson called the meeting to order at 8:45am. A quorum was established.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF January 9, 2012

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

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF FEBRUARY 6, 2012

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

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Matteson reported on her participation on the NCSBN Education Committee. The committee is currently reviewing the role of national

accrediting bodies in the approval process for nursing education programs.

Charles Alexandre has resigned his position with the Department of Health and that this will be his last meeting with the Board.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sandra Clark has been appointed as the interim Director, Nurse Registration and Nursing Education. She will continue to maintain some of her current duties as Chief, Office of Complaints.

New England Institute of Technology has announced that they have received NLNAC approval to offer a RN to BSN program.

The board was provided copies of the list of new licensees for the month of January 2012.

New graduates have been delaying registration for the NCLEX examination while apparently waiting for permission from the Board to do so. Education programs are encouraged to have students register for NCLEX at the time they submit their application for licensure with the Board.

A request for annual reports from the programs of nursing was sent to all approved programs. Reports are due back to the Board on March 1. Required paperwork will be reviewed to meet the needs of

all programs and to evaluate the use of preceptors.

Gates to all Capitol Hill parking lots will remain closed until 8:30 am restricting access by Board members. After discussion, on motion of Ms. Twardowski, seconded by Ms. Damon, future Board meetings will commence at 8:45 am.

5. BUSINESS

APRN Consensus Model –Presentation of proposed legislation with discussion and vote to support proposed legislation

Dr. Matteson reviewed the history of the discussion regarding the APRN Consensus Model and the current status of the draft bill. Ms. Twardowski moved that the RI Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education support the intent of the draft document of the proposed nurse practice act that incorporates the roles of advanced practice nurses. Ms. Borozny seconded the motion.

Ms. Leasca moved to revise the motion to push the consensus model language to the RI State Nurses Association. After brief discussion, Ms. Leasca then withdrew the motion.

The vote on the original motion was as follows: In the affirmative - Linda Twardowski, Michelle Cahill, Peggy Matteson, Joslin Leasca, Cristiana Rosa, Manuela Raposo, Carol Cairns, Linda Damon, Anne Tierney, Jeannine Borozny. In opposition – None. Abstaining - Sandra Megerdichian.

Report on site visit to Lincoln Technical Institute and Vote to grant Initial Approval to the Licensed Practical Nurse Program

Ms. Megerdichian and Ms. Leasca reported on a successful site visit to the school. Following a brief discussion on motion of Ms. Leasca, seconded by Ms. Megerdichian, it was unanimously voted to grant Initial Approval to the Lincoln Technical School Licensed Practical Nurse Program.

Request for advisory opinion from the Office of Facilities Regulation: Is it appropriate for unlicensed patient care technicians in kidney dialysis centers to inject heparin and saline into patient lines?

The Board reviewed the delegation language in the Rules and Regulation. Section 11.1 restricts delegation of nursing activities to unlicensed individuals that are consistent with the level of knowledge, skills, training, experience, and cultural awareness of the unlicensed assistive personnel when the client's health status is stable and predictable. In that dialysis patients are not likely to be "stable and predictable" as defined in regulation, on motion of Ms. Twardowski, seconded by Ms. Rosa, the Board voted unanimously that delegation of this activity to unlicensed patient care technicians is not authorized by the Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Nurses.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Borozny, seconded by Ms. Rosa, 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 9:30 am.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Dr. Matteson called the Open Session back to order at 3:00 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. Megerdichian, 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:

RN11-004, RN11-098, RN11-089 five additional RN cases not yet

assigned case numbers..

A motion for dismissal was entered by counsel in Case # RN09-079. Ms. Damon entered a motion to delegate the authority to rule on the legal matter of the motion for dismissal to Catherine Warren, Esq., Hearing Officer. Ms. Leasca seconded the motion.

In the affirmative: Linda Twardowski, Sandra Megerdichian, Peggy Matteson, Joslin Leasca, Cristiana Rosa, Manuela Raposo, Carol Cairns, Linda Damon, Anne Tierney, Jeannine Borozny.

In opposition: Michelle Cahill.

The motion passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Young, seconded by Ms. Rosa it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Michelle Cahill, LPN, Secretary