

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**OPEN SESSION**

**March 12, 2012**

**The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:55 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**

**Michelle Cahill, LPN, Secretary**

**Sandra Megerdichian, RN, MS**

**Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD, President**

**Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN**

**Linda Damon, RN, MS, Vice President**

**Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA**

**Jeannine Borozny, RN**

**Kristen Young**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Carol Cairns, RN, MS**

**Manuel Raposa**

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

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Sandra Clark, MA, RN**

**Linda TetuMouradjian, RN, MS**

**Jennifer Sternick, Esq.**

**1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

**President Matteson called the meeting to order at 8:55am. A quorum was established.**

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

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

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**3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Dr. Matteson reported the material that had been forwarded to Board Members from the National Council regarding the Model Rules and Regulations is a Draft. The Draft is being discussed by the Education Committee at the mid-year meeting taking place this week. However, any final changes going forth would need to be approved by the Board of Directors.**

#### **4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

#### **5. BUSINESS**

**Request from Arnold & Porter, LLP for an advisory opinion in regard to "...whether a client's Electronic Medical Record and patient follow-up and case management service, which is currently developing would be considered the practice of nursing in Rhode Island?**

**The Board reviewed the Rules and Regulation and advised the activity of case management is defined as being part of the practice of nursing in the State of Rhode Island. Further, the Board requests Arnold & Porter, LLP provide additional, detailed information in regard to the program. Questions developed by the Board will be sent to Arnold and Porter, LLP**

**Request for an advisory opinion from "Liane" in regard to specific information that "...either allows or prohibits an RN from administering Botox & other facial fillers under the direct care of a Medical Doctor." The Board requires additional information from the inquirer before it can respond to this request.**

**Request for an advisory opinion from the Rhode Island Certified School Nurse-Teachers regarding current revisions to the School Health Regulations. The specific regulation involves over the counter medication (OTC) being administered by the school nurse with parental authorization. Currently School nurses administer all medications in accordance with written order from the licensed healthcare provider. The proposed language in the revised regulations states “All OTC medications shall be administered only with written parent authorization. All medications shall be administered in keeping with safe standards of health care practice and in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations and in accordance with age appropriate instructions on the OTC medication labels.” It is the position of the Board that all medication, over-the counter and prescription, administered by a nurse-teacher must be prescribed by a licensed healthcare provider with prescriptive privileges. Motion was made by Ms. Borozny to accept this position and seconded by Ms. Rosa.**

**Ms. Clark will provide information to the Board in advance of any future Board Meetings of requests for advisory opinions from the Board.**

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Annual Gala sponsored by RISNA will be held on April 13th at the Marriott on Orms Street in Providence.**

## **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 10:00 am.**

## **8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**Dr. Matteson called the Open Session back to order at 3:15 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:**

**C11-719; C11-488; C11-489; C11-980; C10-751; RN11-102; RN11-082;**

**RN11-107; RN10-125; NPP10-113; C11-980; PN010-015.**

**The Board voted for a finding of no unprofessional conduct for RN11-033 as follows: Affirmative: Rosa, Twardowski; Young, Mergerdichian, Damon, Tierney, Borozny. Opposed: Cahill.**

**The Board, on unanimous vote, voted for a finding of administrative closure for the following:**

**PN010-015; NPP10-017; RN09-079.**

**The Board, on unanimous vote, ratified the following Consent Orders:**

**RN10-092            Voluntary Surrender of License**

**PN-116            Reprimand**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Ms. Young, seconded by Ms. Rosa it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 3:45pm.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Michelle Cahill, LPN, Secretary**