

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

October 1, 2012

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:45 am on the above date in the Conference 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:

Jessica Brier

Michelle Cahill, LPN, Secretary

Carol Cairns RN, MS

Linda Damon, RN

David Becker, MS, RN

Maria Pezzillo, MS, RN

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD, President

Cristina Rosa, MS, RN

Manuela Raposo

Linda Twardowski, RN, MS

Kristen Young, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Diane Blier, RNP

Maria Jean, LPN

Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lori Keough, PhD, M.Ed, RNP

Linda TetuMouradjian, RN, MS

Jennifer Sternick, Esq.

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

President Matteson, called the meeting to order at 8:52am. A quorum was established.

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

On motion of D. Becker, seconded by K. Young , it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented with minor changes (attendance).

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

• President Matteson will attend the meeting of the CNOs of area hospitals to be held on Tuesday October 16th @ 4 PM at the Hospital Association of Rhode Island. This the first step in connecting the

employers of nurses with the work of the Board and to explain and discuss the NCSBN Decision Tree we are piloting for six months

- A Conference call is scheduled for Monday, October 15th with Susan Richmond, Content Manager, Interactive Services of the NCSBN in order to proceed with the development of a Continuing Education module on the RI Nurse Practice Act and the RI Rules and Regulations.**

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Reviewed newly licensed nurses and state NCLEX reports (up until 6/2012).**
- In conjunction with the NCSBN recommendations and RI regulatory position the Board will send representatives to schools of nursing in the state during their accreditation visits. Guidelines for Joint visits were distributed to all members. The first visit will be Salve Regina University-School of Nursing: to evaluate program jointly with accreditation visit from CCNE. Dates for the visit are October 1-3 although the Board representatives (D.Becker and M. Pezzillo) will attend October 2 and Oct 3 for the summary evaluation. L. Keough has sent a letter to the CCNE visit team chair to inform them of our intent to visit with a carbon copy to Dr. Eileen Gray, Chair of the Nursing program. Report to follow at October board meeting.**

5. BUSINESS

- **RE: Request for Board opinion regarding LPN and G tube insertion for gastric decompression. Requestor did not come to the meeting**
- **Ruth E. Ricciarelli, Executive Director of The Center for Health Professions, located at the offices of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island obtained \$20,000 from the Governor's Workforce board to continue the development and support of the R.I. Central Clinical Placement Registry. She reported that there are 7500 clinical placements within the state for undergraduate nursing students. There is currently limited use of the Registry for clinical placements for graduate students.**

It is expected that by spring units within Long Term Care facilities and are added. the R.I. Veterans' Home will have been added into the Registry. The Registry provides information about units available on specific days and shifts for clinical experiences. The listing includes weekend and evening shifts.

In addition an \$18,000 grant was secured so that the online orientation for all students and faculty is able to be completed prior to first clinical day. A survey of nursing students is also conducted through this portal. Preliminary results indicate undergraduate student interest in continuing their education and advanced practice. It was also reported that 26% have a degree in another area than nursing. Ruth will present a full report of the data will be presented at

a future meeting.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Dean Jane Williams (Rhode Island College) shared that there is an urgent a need to have available a listing of advanced practice clinical placements for graduate students included in the registry. This would assist schools in locating quality clinical preceptorships**

7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **On motion by Ms. Rosa, seconded by M. Cahill, 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 9:50 AM**

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Dr. Matteson called the Open Session back to order at 2:10 pm.

9. VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS OF 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAW

On motion of M. Pezzillo seconded by D. Becker, 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:

C12-120, C12-363,C12-181, C12-293, C12-390, C12-516, C12-409, C12-066, C12-644, C12-645.

The Board, on unanimous vote, ratified the following Consent Orders: RN33744, C12-411.

11. HEARING:

Kelly Denomme - Case continued to January 2013. Licensee is requesting a new evaluation

Ronald Olsonc - Licensee remains suspended and will be for a period of 5 years.

Tracie Malone - Continued until November 5, 2012

12. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of M. Cahill, seconded by Ms. Rosa it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Michelle Cahill, LPN, Secretary