

**BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION
OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

December 10, 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

Diane Blier

Michelle Cahill-Secretary

Carol Cairns

Linda Damon

David Becker

Peggy Matteson-President

Manuela Raposo

Anne Tierney

Linda Twardowski

Kristen Young

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Maria Pezzillo

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lori Keough

Linda TetuMouradjian

Jennifer Sternick

Ana Tack

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

President Matteson, called the meeting to order at 8:50 am. A quorum was established

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF November 5, 2012

Motion to accept the meeting minutes as written with the following changes: Anne Tierney was not present at the meeting and will change the licensing card information to show that there is discussion regarding this legislation, but it is not passed. Licensing cards are in statute and require legislative change. Will be posted after changes.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ه RI Action Coalition sub-committee on data collection

There are various sub committees. P. Matteson is on the subcommittee for data collection and L. Dunphy, Center for Nursing Excellence, contacted NCSBN regarding the workforce in RI. We are

trying to get some data collection consensus so national data is consistent. NCSBN would like to work with us and will send the program for data collection. The goal for implementation is with March 2014 renewals.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

 Process of developing on-line CE re: RI Rules and Regulations update

An initial version was submitted to Sue Richmond at NCSBN. Revisions were made on the initial version based on feedback from NCSBN. A draft has been submitted to the Board. There is still a need for evaluation questions. It is helpful to log on and do a CE module to see the format. NCSBN has advised she will be able to develop this module the second or third week of December and put the template online. At that point the board can review in the format in which it will be delivered. Goal to be complete by February.

Discussion: Are there other utilities for this document aside from the CE module?

Would be a good useful tool for graduating nurses regarding licensure and a proactive approach to educating nurses about the rules and regulations that govern their practice.

Although the CE module will not be used, the information developed by L. Keough will be adapted for this audience.

 NCLEX Update

The RI schools have stellar NCLEX outcomes. For the AY 11-12, we were 11th in the Nation and for Calendar year 2012 we were # 7. These results have been updated and placed on the web.

Discussion: How can we best highlight these accomplishments moving forward?

The group acknowledged the work put forth from the academic community and agreed

Showcasing this on school and DOH-NURSING website were good ideas. Will consider others and put them forth as they come.

 Nursing Regulations: Discussion Graduate/Temporary Licensure

There is some preliminary discussion regarding removal of these provisions from the Rules and Regulations for initial licensure. A review by the regulations writers at the DOH show this may be changed by amending the Regulations.

Discussion: Are there comments or oppositions to this? Are there consequences not being considered.

All stakeholders present agreed that temporary licensing should be removed. No opposition. L.Keough will move forward with this.

 CNA Regulations

Major revisions are being considered and developed. Goal for first draft is January.

 Update: Suite 105 Office Hours

A proposal has been set to the Director to limit the hours in which we service the public in the Nursing Suite. Rationale is to allow for uninterrupted work time. Proposal is for office hours to mirror that of

Vital Records, 12:30-4:00 Mon-Fri. L. McDonald (UNAP) voiced concerns over service, specifically with the final day of license renewals and licensees facing expired licenses and therefore would be unable to work. L. Keough stated that renewals are solely online and could be processed in 105A where there are 2 computers for public use. Also, license renewals are sent out in January giving licensees 2 months to complete this task and waiting until the last minute is not advisable. Further, licensees could still come into the office for assistance, but would limit the hours with which that could happen to afternoons. This will increase service as we would be able to work uninterrupted and process more license applications, complaints and other administrative tasks of the office.

 Advisory Board Vacancies

We continue to have vacancies on the various boards. If anyone knows anyone who is interested please have them contact L. Keough. D. Costantino provides department leadership for Board development and may also be contacted.

 Advisory Board Meetings

CNM and Advanced Practice Councils have met and have plans for upcoming meetings in 2013. CNM are revising their regulations and APRN is interested in learning more about the consensus model.

 Dec 19th- NCSBN Visit

NCSBN will be visiting to discuss the August annual meeting, held in Providence. If anyone is available and would like to meet with them please let L. Keough know.

 January 15- NCSBN Visit

NCSBN representative J. Puente and mentor, S. Tedford from Arkansas, are coming to orient the new director to some of the responsibilities associated with NCSBN specific to licensure compact.

 Performance Measures: Past and Present & Annual Report
L.Keough is going to develop performance measures for the office and the Board aligned with 2013 Goals. If anyone has feedback on this, please see me. Similarly, if anyone has any items they would like to see on the annual report for 2012 please advise L.Keough ASAP.

5. BUSINESS

- Ruth Ricatelli- HARI: Nursing Survey Results**

R. Ricatelli discussed some of the highlights from the centralized clinical placement registry. We are the only state in the US that is on the central clinical placement 100% of our schools and students. Also reviewed the RI student nurse's survey results.

- Request for opinion: Tavares Center- Chronic Tracheostomy and LPN nursing care**

- Request for opinion: Intravenous initiation and administration of medications**

L. Keough discussed request for opinions re: scope and practice regarding the role of the LPN with trach care, IV initiation and medication administration. Global discussion surrounding how the Board would like these requests handled in the future. Recall in

Jessica Petrin- Voted to suspend indefinitely

Motion: Suspension indefinitely by M. Cahill second by J. Brier

Vote: Unanimously in favor Abstention: Matteson/Cairns

Paulette Bell- Voted to suspend indefinitely

Motion: Suspension indefinitely by M. Cahil, second by A. Tierney

Vote: Unanimously in favor

Abstention: Twardowski/Becker

Gerald Doornhecker-Voted to suspend Nurse Practitioner license for a period of 6 months

Motion: Suspend for 6 months by L.Damon, second by J. Brier

Vote: Unanimously in favor

Abstention: None

8. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General laws for 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. Said individuals have been notified in writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURUANT TO SECTIONS 42-46-4, 42-46-5 AND 42-46-7 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS.

9. ADJOURNMENT 5:05 PM