

The May 13th 2013 Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:50 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:

David Becker, MS, RN

Jessica Brier,

Michelle Cahill, LPN, Secretary

Carol Cairns, MS, RN

Linda Damon, MS, RN Vice-president

Maria Jean, LPN

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD, President

Manuela Raposo, Community Representative

Anne Tierney, MS, CRNA

Linda Twardowski, MS, RN

Kristen Young, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Diane Blier, MS, RNP

Maria Pezzillo, MS, RN

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Donna Constantino

Emily Costello

Benjamin Copple, Esq. For Jennifer Sternick, Esq.

Donna Valletta

Linda Tetu Mouradjian, MS, RN

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 April 8, 2013

- **Motion to accept the meeting minutes as written with the following changes:**

Attendance - Anne Tierney was not present at the meeting

Section 5 - Correct spelling of anesthesiologist

Correct typos

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

i. Initiating a new procedure of having an attendance sheet passed around for Board members as well as other attendees in the room to sign in.

ii. For this meeting only, due to the change in staffing of the Office the agenda for this meeting was posted on the web-site but not e-mailed to the Board members for review ahead of time.

iii. The RI Coalition' state-wide nurse internship program is slated to start in September. Application will be accepted from unemployed new and under-employed RN graduates in June.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Materials gathered and left by L. Keough

i. From the former Director Lori Keough's notes/handouts to the

Board

§ Announcement that the Federation of State Medical Boards that they are exploring the use of interstate compact for physician licensure.

§ Announcement from U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services that based on Section 6403 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) will be merged as of May 6, 2013 and the HIPDB will cease operations.

§ Conference offering - SCOPE of Pain (Safe and Competent Opiate Prescribing Education) offered at Brown University, June 8th. CNE contact hours available. More information at www.scopeofpain.com.

§ The NCSBN Interactive CE site now has the Nurse Practice Act - Rhode Island posted.

iii. NCLEX pass rates for the first quarter of 2013 were distributed for review. All schools in RI are above the minimum of 80% first time pass rate of graduates. It was noted that the state of RI is at the high end of the spectrum for first time pass rates.

5. BUSINESS

i. For the past six months the Board of Nursing has been following a Regulatory Decision Tree as a trial practice. D. Becker made a motion that the Board continue to trial that Decision Tree for another six months. A. Tierney seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

ii. Due to the resignation of the prior director, Elizabeth Bloom, of St. Joseph School of Nursing is acting as Interim Director for the school until a permanent director is appointed. She requested a meeting with

the Board as she does not currently meet the requirements for Director because her doctoral studies will not be officially complete until late December of 2013 or possibly May of 2014. After seeking an opinion from Counselor Benjamin Copple a motion was made by Linda Damon and seconded by Manuela Raposo that for the continuity of the program, Elizabeth Bloom may remain in the position of Interim Director as needed but no longer than May 31, 2014. Passed unanimously.

iii. An update on the activities of SNARI (Student Nurse Association of RI) was provided by M. Riley, president.

- They are seeking a URI faculty member and student for the SNARI Board.**
- Their convention next year (2014) will be on the last Wednesday in March. P. Matteson and other members of the Board of Nursing offered to speak to the students at the conference. Two possible topics were mentioned: licensing of a RN in a compact state and the role and resources provided by the Board of Nursing.**

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

i. J. Brier reported that the APRN Consensus bill had been passed by the Senate and was under consideration by the House.

ii. M. Cahill announced that she had been selected to participate in the NCLEX-LPN item writing conference.

iii. Introduction of staff assisting Board for this meeting

a. Donna Costantino, MBA - Chief , Health Professionals Regulation

b. Donna Valletta

c. Emily Costello

iv. Recruitment for new Director for Board of Nursing - Donna Constantino hand out the job posting for this position. Ask Board members to spread the word to potential applicants. Since interviewing may start as early as June Carol Cairns volunteered to represent the Board at these sessions.

v. A. Tierney asked when the Compliance Officer is out of the office who will be responsible for sending all correspondence re: quarterly evaluations, employee evaluations. etc. Donna Valletta will receive calls, e-mails and faxes that are received in the office and triage them.

vi. NCSBN Annual meeting will be here in Providence August 13 - 16, 2013. Mrs. Chafee will be asked to welcome the attendees to the State of RI.

7. HEARINGS:

none scheduled

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.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session made by M. Cahill. Seconded

by A. Tierney. Voted unanimously.

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.

Motion made by J. Brier and seconded by L. Twardowski. Vote unanimous

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:20 pm motion to adjourn by A. Tierney, seconded by C. Cairns. Voted unanimously.