

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

November 4, 2013

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education Board was held on Monday, November 4, 2013 at 8:45 am in Room 401 of the Rhode Island Department of Health.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anne Tierney

Diane Blier

Jessica Brier

Kristen Young

Linda Damon

Linda Twardowski

Manuela Raposo

Marie Jean

Michelle Cahill

Peggy Matteson

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Adele Pallazzo

Carol Cairns

Maria Pezzillo

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Donna Valletta, Board Administrator

Twila McInnis, Director of Nurse Registration & Education, Board of Nursing

Andelys Liranzo, Case Manger

David Heckman, Chief Program Development

Dan Ballirano, Legal Counsel

Donna Costantino, Chief Health Professions Regulation

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ruth Ricciarelli , CTR Health Professions/HARI

Donna Policastro, RISNA/ANP

Beth Bloom, St.Joseph SON

Eleanor Clapprod, RISNA NP Council

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8:57 am CALL TO ORDER

1.0 9:05 am MINUTES – October 07, 2013

Motion: Anne Tierney Second: Linda Damon

2.0 9:10 am ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Department of Attorney General Open Meetings Act Checklist
distributed**

**Defining Medical Assistants and their Scope of Practice - on-going
discussions with the Board of Medicine**

Pentek Infusion Company, concerns regarding business model

**President Matteson informed the board members of concerns in
delivering the MS04 Cartridges for intrathecal pumps to the homes
of the nurses rather than the patients and the risk involved because
of**

**the practice model of Pentec. She will testify at the November 5,
2013 hearing at the State House room 035 @ 4:00 pm. David
Heckman the Department of Health lobbyist liaison will also attend.
They are**

**trying to be licensed here for homecare services with intrathecal
pumps.**

**BOARD OF NURSING REGISTRATION AND NURSING
EDUCATION WORK GROUPS**

RULES AND REGULATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Board of Nursing Rules and Regulation are being updated based on

the Nurse Practice Act passed earlier this year. The work group is CRNA Anne Tierney, Linda Damon and APRN Jessica Brier. A draft may be ready for sharing at the January meeting of the before presenting to the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Maria Pezzillo, Michelle Cahill and Marie Jean made a site visit to Lincoln Technical Institute. A report has been written by the team and will be submitted to the Board. Ann-Marie Simard, Dean of the LPN Education program at Lincoln Technical Institute informed the Board that there are limited clinical placements available for the maternity and pediatric rotations and they are trying to address that segment of learning in other ways. Ruth explained that clinical placements will be getting more difficult for LPN programs and also for AD programs because some hospitals will now only accept BSN program clinical placements.

Ms. Simard also reported that currently 100% of the students in the first cohort who sat for the NCLEX-PN exam passed and approximately 50% have found jobs.

SKILLS REMEDIATION PROCESS

Linda Twardowski, and Diane Blier, asked members of the Board to provide insights regarding what skills have been identified when

looking at complaints filed against nurses. They will developing a needs assessment to determine: (1) specific skills most asked for and (2) refresher course before re-entering practice. There are currently no programs in Rhode Island, Massachusetts or Connecticut. They will check with NCSBN to learn what are other states doing for remediation. President Matteson requested that the Board of Nursing and the RI State Nurses Association track the calls coming in seeking a refresher course.

9:11 am NEW BUSINESS

Ruth Ricciarelli, Executive Director for Center for Health Professions at HARI shared that Board President Peggy Matteson and the Director of Nursing Twila McInnis will be meeting with a group of Human Resource personnel from a number of RI hospitals on November 14, 2013 to maintain ongoing collaboration with regard to licensing of employees and situations that the Board would like to be made aware of in an ongoing basis.

President Matteson asked Ruth Ricciarelli if clinical placements for individual students who are taking on-line programs and need clinical placements in Rhode Island facilities go through the Centralized Clinical Placement Center. She answered no. Linda Damon noted that this is a problem.

Donna Policastro, Director of the Rhode Island State Nurses

Association, explained that the RISNA Board was downsized from 13 to 7 members. They are dissolving the separate NP Council and PCNS Council and replacing it with the APRN Council. She also announced that RISNA filed a letter of opposition with regards to medical marijuana.

5.0 10:30 am ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees; investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in advance in writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT at 2:30pm