

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION**

**3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 401
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014
10:00 am**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

**Bloom, Elizabeth
Brier, Jessica
Cahill, Michelle
Ducharme, Maria
Pezzillo, Maria
Tierney, Anne
Twardowski, Linda Board President**

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

**Blanchette, Lynn
Blier, Diane**

Cairns, Carol

Jean, Marie

Young, Kristen

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Coleman, Amy Legal Counsel

**McInnis, Twila Director of the Board of Nurse Registration and
Nursing Education**

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Carnevale, Robert Coastal Medical

Clapprod, Eleanor NPARI

Curtis, Alicia RISNA/URI/NP

Gadbois, Chris RISNA

Macksoud, Keith RIANA

Policastro, Donna RISNA

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was held on Thursday, July 24, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908.

A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called

to order at 10:00 am on a motion by Jessica Brier and seconded by Anne Tierney. Motion carried.

2. Director Report

Presentation of public comments for Rules and Regulations

3. Old Business

Review and approval of public comments to the draft of the proposed Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Nurses and Standards for the Approval of Basic Nursing Education Programs

Letter from Dr. Fine, Director of Health presented and referred to by

Jessica Brier: The purpose of the meeting is to review public comments.

1. The opinion of the legal department is to be consistent with the law. The public asked to add the word mental health. We cannot because it changes the statutory definition.

2. Accept the legal opinion. This further clarification is not technically in the law. Donna Policastro clarified that NP's originally were certified when the statute changed to the master's as the minimum level of education. They grandfathered everyone and kept the language broad.

3. Take it out if not in the law. Certification takes care of it.

4. Continued compliance if someone not licensed recently or applying

from endorsement from another state. Leave the language as in the statute. Certification requires the person to be practicing and competent through continuous certification. To maintain certification they have to fulfill requirements so that is the competency piece. Certification is the standard. If certification lapses, then they would have to re-test, practice, get additional courses and satisfy the requirements of the certifying body. No comments from the public.

5. Trying to be consistent by adding Registered.

6. Recommend Advanced Practice Nurse Advisory Committee report to the Board of Nursing. They make a recommendation to discuss as an Investigative Committee. The Board sits on a hearing board to hear the facts and recommend sanctions if they are appropriate. If the APRN doesn't agree and can't sign a consent order, then it comes before the Board of Nursing. This will stand as this draft has it stated "they" is the exact working in the law. All of these things were stated in the last open meeting. Anne Tierney: We tried to integrate any comments and feedback to reflect the law in the regulations. Donna Policastro: Representing RISNA, I thank the Board of Nursing for due diligence. Should there be a meeting of the APRN council? There may be a policy requirement that licenses state population foci. Jessica Brier: We spoke with the licensing person (Beth O'Connor). This is not a good thing. They have to maintain the old system with NP with non-prescriptive privileges so they will dwindle. As we migrate the new roles will be NP, CNS, CRNA with the person's name, APRN role. All will have prescriptive authority. We do not need to add more designations. The Law is to practice within competency training.

That is the credentialing piece. It will be documented in the licensing system, as a box to develop. We want to collect this data with a drop down. Beth O'Connor is with IT at the DOH and attended the NCSBN Conference. No comments from the community. The bill processes in 45 calendar days, in the best case scenario. The public hearing may be October 1st. Then these can be in effect 20 days after the public hearing. Donna Policastro: Denise Coppa has concerns about the Psychiatric NP. We have to stay within the strict language of the law. Psychiatric mental health population foci. Jessica: All are being educated to take the exam available to the Psychiatric NP.

Motion to approve the draft of the rules and regulations with stipulated changes numbered 1 through 6 with #5 assumption as written in the draft was made by Jessica Brier at 11:10 am and seconded by Michelle Cahill. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

4. Adjournment

The next Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education meeting will be held Monday, September 8, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Michelle Cahill and seconded by Maria Pezzillo to adjourn at 11:15 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Twila McInnis, MPA, MS, RN

Director of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education