

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

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

**Monday, September 8, 2014
8:45 AM**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

**Blanchette, Lynn
Bloom, Elizabeth
Brier, Jessica
Cahill, Michelle
Matthew, Joanne
Pezzillo, Maria
Tierney, Anne
Twardowski, Linda: Board President
Young, Kristen**

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

**Blier, Diane
Ducharme, Maria**

Jean, Marie

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

McInnis, Twila Director of the Board

Morgan, Jane Chief Legal Counsel

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Becker, David; NEIT

Casey, Bob

Clapprood, Eleanor; NPARI

DelPrato, Darlene; NEIT

Gadbois, Chris: RISNA

Leaska, Joslin; RISNA

McDonald, Linda; UNAP

McGarry, Maureen E.,: CCRI

Milas, Joan Panichas, CRNA

Policastro, Donna: RISNA/ANA

Sullivan, Mary; URI

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was held on Monday, September 8, 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 8:55 am on a motion by Anne Tierney and seconded by Michelle Cahill. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the July 14, 2014 and July 24, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Jessica Brier and seconded by Michelle Cahill to accept the Open Session minutes of July 14, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Director Report

- Rules & Regulations: Public Hearing September 17, 2014 at 1 PM in the downstairs auditorium at the Department of Health**
- Licensee Information for the months of July and August, 2014**
- NCLEX Results from Quarter 2, 2014**
- Maria Pezzillo, Task Force on Nursing Education: Review of Annual Reports from nursing programs.**
- Discussion on Task Force for Nursing Education Seats. This may be called a subcommittee to develop a policy. Jane Morgan advised that a task force is different from a subcommittee. This subcommittee will consider input from the public. The members are Michelle Cahill, Maria Pezzillo, Beth Bloom, and Lynn Blanchette. Motion to approve: 1st Jessica Brier, 2nd Michelle Cahill. All in favor.**
- NEIT Chief Academic Officer and Director, Darlene Del Prato and**

Assistant Director, David Becker presented an academic plan for improvement.

- Board of Nursing vote for approval of nursing programs. There are no new programs.**

- Anne Tierney: APRN Knowledge Network. Old titles stay in place. The title of psychiatric clinical nurse specialist will be retired. The mid-level provider term will be phased out.**

- APRN Advisory Committee: Donna Policastro suggested a need for reporting from the committee to the BON. She questioned if the APRN advisory should review the portfolios. Jessica Brier noted that licensing is done by the licensing office. If criteria are not met, then the APRN is not licensed. The Advanced Practice Nurse Advisory Committee is an investigative committee with recommendations to the BON. The APRN cases are on the BON closed session agenda.**

- Sally Johnson: Improving the Use of the Health Website for our State Nurses. A subcommittee will be formed with Linda Twardowski, Jessica Brier and Joanne Matthew.**

4. President Report

- NLC language alignment with APRN consensus model and compact states. More states should join the compact. There are 24 now.**

- NCLEX conference: September 29, 2014.**

- Ebola and the Nursing workforce: Dr. James McDonald and Twila McInnis are communicating with the stakeholders. We must do the same for those health care providers that are dedicating their lives to**

helping others.

- Reporting nurse/patient who admits to taking drugs from the workplace. Medscape article was discussed concerning the nurse as a patient. If the nurse is abusing drugs that the nurse may be taking from work, do we report him or her? No. This would be a HIPAA violation. We must encourage this nurse to self-report.
- NLN new accrediting division Commission for Nursing Education (CNEA) (CNEA) Nursing Education Accreditation
- Nursing workforce Population rises. Many nurses are retiring. We need more nurses with implementation of the Affordable Care Act.
- NCSBN Provides Nursys e-Notify free to employers. Institutions that subscribe will get licensing and disciplinary information sent to them for free.
- RIC's Nurse Anesthesia program: The article mentions Anne Tierney

5. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Jessica Brier and seconded by Anne Tierney to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:30 am. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections

42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

Pursuant to Section 42-46-5 (2) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Litigation for case: Linda Tetu-Mouradjian, Plaintiff vs. State of Rhode Island Department of Health et al., C.A. No.: 14-0629

6. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Jessica Brier and seconded by Michelle Cahill at 4:30 pm to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

7. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board reviewed and approved 0 and denied 0 applications; and proposed action on 34 cases.

8. Adjournment

The next Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education meeting

will be held Monday, October 6, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Jessica Brier and seconded by Maria Pezzillo to adjourn at 5:00 pm . Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Twila McInnis, MPA, MS, RN

Director of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education