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DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSING REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION
3 Capitol Hill, Conference Room 401, Providence, RI 02908

October 5, 2015 @ 8:47 a.m.
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Linda Twardowski, President
Lynn Blanchette
Diane Blier
Jessica Brier
Kathleen Heren
Maria Ducharme
Joanne Matthew
Kristen Young

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Maria Pezzillo
Anne Tierney
Delores Walters

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jane Morgan, Chief Legal Counsel
Kimberly McNulty, Chief Implementation Aide
Margaret Clifton, Director of Nursing

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Nancy Lancaster, ANA-RI
Darlene Noret, New England Tech
Dayle Joseph, New England Tech
Wendy Chicoine, Providence Community Health Centers
Mary Barlas, Lincoln Tech Institute
Patricia Delucia, Lincoln Tech Institute
Eleanor Clapprod, NPARI
Linda McDonald, UNAP
Rosemary Costigan, CCRI
Mary Sullivan, URI

1) **Establishment of a quorum**

A meeting of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was held on Monday, October 5, 2015 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 8:47 am on a motion by Kristin Young and seconded by Jessica Brier. Motion carried.

2) Presentation of the July 13, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Kristin Young and seconded by Jessica Brier to accept the minutes. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3) NURSING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

a) Changes in the application for Endorsement and Examination:

Director Clifton outlined the proposed changes to the nurse license application: removing the notary clause, eliminating the photo and eliminating the transcript requirement for the endorsement. Motion was made by Diane Blier and seconded by Kathy Heren to accept all changes. Motion carried

b) URI/RN-BSN Program:

Director Clifton provided a copy of an article from the Providence Journal (Thursday, September 3, 2015, Page A2) titled "URI offering online degree for nurses". The article states "The program is accredited by the ... Rhode Island State Board of Nurse Registration and Nurse Education". However, Clifton stated that the BON does not approve post-licensure programs.

c) Change in Leadership at St. Joseph's School of Nursing:

Elizabeth Bloom is no longer the Dean at the St. Joseph's School of Nursing. Effective August 26, 2015, Dr. Betty Sadaniantz is the Dean.

d) NCLEX reports for schools of nursing:

Director Clifton advised the BON that the NCLEX reports were distributed to all schools in September 2015.

e) Board of Nursing recruitment for members update:

Director Clifton advised the BON that as early as October's Board meeting, new members will be appointed by the Governor's office.

f) Board of Nursing Draft outline for opening a complaint:

Director Clifton distributed handouts outlining the process for which complaints are received and review within the Department of Health.

4) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) Nurse Compact Legislation status:

The Board discussed the configuration of the commission developed to continue the nurse compact legislation and future of the agreement in Rhode Island. The BON will continue to monitor the development of this legislation.

b) Query from School Nurse Teachers re: LPNs working in schools:

Chief Legal Counsel Jane Morgan submitted a legal opinion regarding this question to the BON. The opinion was accepted and will be added to the Board of Nursing's website as follows:

At last month's meeting you asked me to consider the scope of LPN practice in school settings with medically fragile students requiring one to one treatment. I am reviewing and considering this very broad question. Obviously, each situation is unique. In general LPNS can care for a medically stable child with predictable outcomes in the school setting. However, based upon my review of the Nurse Practices Act it is my opinion that a medically fragile and/or unstable child cannot be cared for on a one to one basis, including riding on a bus, by an LPN. This is because LPNs cannot assess the required level of care and care delivery. Any medically fragile child would need constant assessment and treatment that would require the LPN to work outside of the scope of practice of their license. The medical treatment plan for a child requiring medical supports in the school are general outlined in the child's IEP. This document would outline the level of care needed for the child. In that document there would be supporting clinical documentation that would support whether a child is medically stable with predictable outcomes or whether such child's medical needs fluctuate requiring constant assessment. I would suggest that the IEP should be the document where the level of professional care required would be agreed upon by the IEP team and documented accordingly.

c. Lincoln Technical Institute presentation:

Mary Barlas, Director of Nursing for Lincoln Technical Institute presented the Board its new proposed curriculum. They wish to begin in November 2015. The package provided contained the course descriptions and requirements (i.e. hours needed for lecture, lab and clinical work). Ms. Barlas outlined which courses were being eliminated, where hours had been increased and which classes were combined with others. While discussing the clinical requirements the Board advised that the facility currently being utilized by the school for the mental health experience is not a mental health facility. The Board has requested that the school find an alternate location to ensure the students receive proper training. Board member Kathleen Heren stated that she would assist the school in their search for a facility. A motion was made by Diane Blier and seconded by Kathy Heren to accept the Lincoln Technical Institute's curriculum changes based on their changes and working with a licensed mental health facility. Motion carried.

d. ACEN Status:

ACEN has resolved the differences and will continue to accredit the programs of schools.

e. ANA & AACN meeting for APRN stakeholders Dec. 1:

President Twardowski shared the invitation with the Board and advised that two members could attend and that expenses would be covered by the ANA. If attendance is not possible, a webinar is available.

f. NCSBN updates:

President Twardowski shared an e-mail from NCSBN outlining the new DNP program designed for nurse regulators consisting of eleven courses divided into six 15 week semesters focusing on nursing regulation, public protection healthcare innovations, professional communication, urban health, epidemiology & biostatistics to name a few

g. NCSBN annual meeting August 19-21 Chicago

Jessica Brier and President Twardowski attended the meeting.

5) Reports from the work groups of the Board of Nursing

a) Task Force on Education, Lead: Maria Pezzillo:

The task force will begin to review the annual reports from each school.

b) Task Force for Website improvement: Lead: Jessica Brier:

Ms. Brier advised the Board that the goal of the task force is make the Nursing website easier to navigate and more user friendly. The task force will be working with the Department's webmaster on redesigning headings and general information currently contained within the website.

6) New Business and Public Comment:

➤ *Nancy Lancaster, ANA-RI Representative reminded the Board that all are invited to its annual meeting where Kelly Hunt is the scheduled Keynote Speaker.*

7) Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Diane Blier and seconded by Joanne Matthew to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:03 am. Motion carried. President Twardowski read the following:

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.

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.

8) Return to Open Session Return to Open Session

Motion was made by Maria Ducharme and seconded by Kristen Young 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.

9) Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

The Board proposed action on eleven cases.

10) Adjournment

The next Board of Nursing Registration and Nursing Education meeting will be held Monday, November 9, 2015 at 8:45 am at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Diane Blier and seconded by Maria Ducharme to adjourn at 3:50 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly McNulty
Chief Implementation Aide
Board of Nursing