



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

April 11, 2016 @ 8:45 a.m.  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jessica Brier  
Lynn Blanchette  
Diane Blier  
Wendy Chicone  
Joanne Matthew  
Maria Pezzillo  
Roberta Powell  
Maria Ross  
Betty Sadaniantz  
Delores Walters

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Maria Ducharme  
Kathleen Heren  
Karen Matook

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Kimberly McNulty, Chief Implementation Aide  
Margaret Clifton, Director of Nursing  
Colleen McCarthy, Senior Legal Counsel

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Dayle Joseph, NEIT  
Donna Policastro, ANA-RI  
Eleanor Clapprood, NPARI  
Mary Barlas, LTI  
Mary Sullivan, URI  
Darline Noret, NEIT  
Ellen Studley, CCRI Student  
Mindy Conway, CCRI Student  
Jamilyah Richardson, CCRI Student  
Taylor McDermott, CCRI Student  
Nick DiBenedetto, CCRI Student  
Elizabeth O'Connell, CCRI Student  
Gavline McCoven, Student  
Hayley Linabrey, Student  
Jeanne McColl, CCRI  
Patrick Monaghan, PC Student  
Daniel Canhey, Student  
Olivia Howard, Student  
Maddie LaRochelle, Student

1) Establishment of a quorum

*A meeting of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was held on Monday, April 11, 2016 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 8:45 am.*

2) Presentation of the March 7, 2016 Open Session Meeting Minutes

*The March 7, 2016, minutes were reviewed and an edit to section 7 (May instead of Mary) was noted. Motion was made by Betty Sadaniantz and seconded by Wendy Chicone to accept the minutes as amended. The Board voted unanimously to approve the amended Open Session minutes. Motion carried.*

3) NURSING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a) Nurse Practice Act: proposed changes related to the LEAN program

*Director Clifton outlined the changes for the Board: a photo will no longer be required, the application process must be completed within one year, the exam can be taken three times then the applicant must meet with the Board, the 90 temporary license will be removed for RN's and APRN's, a late fee will be applied to late renewals, and a question will be added related to whether or not privileges have been taken away at any health care facilities.*

b) CEU audit: draft letter

*Director Clifton asked the Board to review the proposed letter that will be sent to registered nurses regarding an audit of license renewal application related to the CEUs taken. The Board has requested that a date range be added and language added outlining the discipline if any information supplied is falsified.*

*Director Clifton asked the Board members to consider volunteering their time to help the Department review those applications being audited once they are submitted.*

c) On-Line applications: go "live" date: 4-15-16

*Director Clifton advised the Board that the Department of Health's on-line application program is schedule to "go live" on April 15<sup>th</sup> and that she will conduct a "test run" in an effort to resolve any issues that may arise before nurses are directed to use the new system.*

d) NCSBN Mid-year meeting

*Director Clifton informed the Board of the various discussions and workshops she participated in at the NCSBN meeting: talking to the media, percent of simulation allowed in place of clinical time, detecting fraud in licensing, protecting the public*

4) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) NEIT: New curriculum presented by Darlene Noret

*New England Institute presented its proposed curriculum changes to the Board (presentation attached hereto). The Board asked various questions and discussed several changes related to the number of credits, courses, etc.*

*A motion was made by Betty Sadaniantz and seconded by Maria Ross to approve the new curriculum. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

b) NURSING QUESTIONS:

i) Botox injections

*The question posed to the Board is whether or not a registered nurse is allowed to administer Botox. The Board discussed at length various factors related to the drug and a registered nurse's scope of practice. The Board concluded that only those who can prescribe the drug are allowed to administer Botox*

ii) HIPPA question related electronic signature

*The question before the Board is whether or not a physician should sign off electronically on orders for prescriptions to patients. Currently many electronic systems are set up where RNs appear to be the prescribers in certain instances in an effort to streamline workflows in fast paced environments. After discussions related to various situations where this is occurring, as well as the potential misconception that nurses are working out of their scope of practice, the Board stated that they support any nurse who requests an electronic system be reprogrammed that they are required to work on be revised so that the doctor signs off the order, not the nurse.*

iii) HIPPA question related to an iPhone app

*The Board was informed that a facility is requiring APRNs to download an application to their iPhone's that will submit real time information on procedures for data collection purposes. The nurse is concerned this may violate the HIPAA policy. However, the Board ruled provided none of the HIPAA identifiers were being entered into the application then no such policy breach is occurring.*

iv) Low dose Ketamine

*The Board was asked whether or not registered nurses can administer low doses of Ketamine. The Board stated since the Ketamine is considered an anesthetic only appropriately licensed professionals are authorized to administer Ketamine.*

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

a) Task Force on Education: Lead: Maria Pezzillo

*Nothing to report at this time.*

b) Task Force for Website improvement: Lead: Joanne Matthew

*The task force is scheduled to meet with the webmaster later today.*

6) New Business and Public Comment

a) ANA-RI Substance Use Training – Donna Policastro

*Ms. Policastro advised the Board that the ANA-RI with the Mental Health Leadership Council will be offering Substance Use Training beginning in June. Two sessions will be held per month from June until September. The sessions are 3 contact hours for \$45.00 Nurses only need to attend one session.*

*An all-day session on Substance Use will be held on Friday, October 28, 2016 at the Marriott.*

- b) NSCBN APRN Roundtable Conference – Donna Policastro  
*Ms. Policastro attended the conference and gave the Board an overview of the speeches and topics, such as Telehealth and Simulation in the Curriculum, that were discussed.*

7) Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

*Motion was made by Maria Pezzillo and seconded by Joanne Matthew to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:07 am. Motion carried. President Brier 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

*Motion was made at 1:44 p.m. by Roberta Powell and seconded by Maria Pezzillo 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 (11) cases.*

10) Adjournment

*The next Board of Nursing Registration and Nursing Education meeting will be held Monday, May 9, 2016 at 8:45 am at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. The Board adjourned at 1:45 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Kimberly McNulty  
Case Manager  
Board of Nursing