



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

October 17, 2016 @ 8:46 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lynn Blanchette
Diane Blier
Wendy Chicoine
Maria Ducharme
Maria Pezzillo
Jessica Brier
Joan Flynn
Gillian Grant
Kathleen Heren
Karen Matook
Joanne Matthew
Roberta Powell
Maria Ross
Betty Sadaniantz

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Julie Sacks, Senior Legal Counsel
Margaret Clifton, Director of Nursing
Kimberly McNulty, Case Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Donna Policastro, ANA-RI
Robert Desrosiers, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, NEIT
Darlene Noret, NEIT
Dayle Joseph, NEIT
Hilary Jansson, CCRI

1) **Establishment of a quorum**

A meeting of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was held on Monday, October 17, 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 8:49 am.

2) Presentation of the September 12, 2016 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Karen Matoon and seconded by Wendy Chicoine to accept the September 12, 2016, minutes once minor edits are made. The Board voted to approve Open Session minutes with these edits. Motion carried.

3) NURSING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a) Introduction of new Board members: Joan Flynn and Gillian Grant

b) Distribution of the Journal of Nursing Regulation Volume 7, Issue 3

c) Regulation 2030 meeting, Chicago, IL:

Director Clifton gave the Board an overview of the meeting. She noted the exercise in which each group was directed to create a concept map of what they felt the 2030 nursing regulations should reflect. Twenty-five maps in total were created with several concepts common to the most of the maps, particularly: competency, transparency and lack of borders in the future.

d) Opioid related resources and educational offerings:

Director Clifton advised the Board of an email she received from ANA of Rhode Island outlining several free on-line educational courses now available to nurses in which they may qualify for contact hours. The Board also approved editing the language on the RIDOH Board of Nursing web page to share links to several options for nurses to obtain contact hours related to the substance use issues.

Director Clifton also advised the Board that the 2016 CEU Audits are being submitted and she will ask Board members to participate in reviewing the submissions.

4) BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a) Propofol in Hospice care:

Dr. Martin of the Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island submitted the Palliative Sedation Policy to the Board for a decision as to whether or not a registered nurse could administer Propofol to a patient who is actively in the process of dying. The Board discussed this matter at length and concluded that use of Propofol is within the scope of practice for inpatient hospice care.

A Motion was made by Kathleen Heren and seconded by Maria Ducharme to approve the use of Propofol in the inpatient hospice setting. All were in favor, motion carried.

A second question related to the use of Propofol was submitted from the Pain Center asking if it is within the scope of practice for an RN to prepare the Propofol and attach it to the IV set for the physician. The Board discussed that it is always the best practice for whomever gives the medication should prepare the medication. Accordingly, if the nurse prepares the medication the process needs to include properly labeled syringe, a physician's order and any specific knowledge of procedures unique to the medication.

Once the medication has been administered the physician must remain in the room and the nurse's responsibility is to monitor the patient.

With regard to the procedure utilizing an x-ray for guidance, the nurse is not responsible for the radiation technician's scope of practice.

b) Scope of Practice for Nurse Management Protocols:

The Board received a request regarding scope of practice of nurses using Nurse Managed Protocols for non-complicated acute issues (i.e. sore throat, conjunctivitis, cold symptoms, dysuria, and yeast infections). The Board discussed whether or not the protocols were diagnostic or interventional. The Board requested copies of the protocol for its review at the next meeting.

Director Clifton will reach out to the requestor for the protocols.

5) New Business and Public Comment

- Donna Policastro of ANA-RI announced that the OPIOID conference on October 28th is sold out: 240 nurses are registered for the conference. ANA-RI is now planning a two hour session to be held in January regarding the Opioid crisis.
- Donna Policastro of ANA-RI attended a meeting with the Executive Office of Health and Human Services entitled "Transforming Health Care". There were several stake holders in attendance who then divided into specific work groups.

6) Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Maria Ross and seconded by Karen Matook to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:10 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.

7) Return to Open Session

Motion was made Kathleen Heren and seconded by Maria Ross to re-open the Open Session at 3:15 p.m. 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.

8) Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

The Board proposed action on nine (9) cases.

9) Adjournment

The next Board of Nursing Registration and Nursing Education meeting will be held Monday, November 14, 2016 at 8:45 am at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Gillian Grant and seconded by Betty Sadaniantz to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Case Manager*

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