

NURSING ASSISTANT ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

20 June 2006

Open Session

The Open Session of the Nursing Assistant Advisory Board (Board) was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

Board members in attendance:

- Catherine Mainville, RN**
- Alice Frezza, NA**
- Jeanne Mason, RN**
- Caroline Naughton Rumonwicz**
- Marilyn O'Connor, RN**
- Maria Alysfield, NA**
- Pattie Petracca, LPN**
- Simone Lacroix, RN**

Board members not in attendance:

- Yvonne Freeman, RN (being replaced)
- Mary Ann Altrui, NHA
- Jennifer Blank, NA (being replaced)

Staff members in attendance:

Others in attendance:

The Minutes of the Open Session of the 9 May 2006 meeting of the Nursing Assistant Advisory Board were not presented for approval.

A letter was reviewed from Jean Borgellin requesting that the Board grant her permission to use her employment at EPOCH to renew her license. The Board reviewed renewal based on assisted living employment is affective this year.

Page 2

Minutes of Open Session

20 June 2006

Ms. Mainville informed the Board of her meeting with Promissor in Chicago. Several states were invited to participate in this forum. She

informed the Board that the attendee's challenge was to review current test questions and create new questions. The group managed to create one-thousand (1,000) new questions. Her conclusion was that the training programs were all over the place with their criteria the range was from 75-340 hours. Michigan requires 340 hours and it is given as a college course. DC requires Med Techs to take sixty (60) hour courses and they will now be placed on the registry. She was also told that programs would receive quarterly reports in relation to test results but to date have not received them. No other state had complaints regarding the testing program. Also NCLEX was there.

Mr. Alexandre informed the Board that the hearing for the rules and regulations took place on 15 June 2006. At this point, a question was raised as to whether or not adult day care and assisted living facilities can sign off on renewing a license. The answer is yes that they can sign off on license renewal.

Mr. Alexandre informed the Board that several attendees had many comments on the testing process as well at the proposed change that BCI's are valid only for 2 months. The comments on the testing process related to there not being enough dates for testing, once an applicant has failed their exam a retest date takes too long to receive, the skills portion of the examination is not organized enough and some of the tasks are not are viewed as not as necessary as others.

At the request of Cathy Mainville, the Board to discussed the two (2) month timeframe for the BCI checks being placed in the rules and regulations. After discussion, it was decided that the Board would continue to discuss their concerns at a future meeting. Mr. Alexandre explained to the Board that at the recent rules and regulations hearing there was a lot of discussion related to the BCIs and the Promissor testing process. He informed the Board that his plan was to have a meeting in the near future with the testing sites.

The Board discussed nursing assistants renewing their licenses late. The Board decided to issue letters of concern if the applicant has worked without a current license for six (6) months and over six (6) months a complaint will be opened.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 18 July 2006.

The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Arrighi

Board Administrator

Health Professions Regulation