

# **NURSING ASSISTANT ADVISORY BOARD**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**12 June 2007**

### **Open Session**

**The Open Session of the Nursing Assistant Advisory Board (Board) was called to order at 9:10 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:**

- Jeanne Mason, RN**
- Michele Carignan, RN**
- Caroline Naughton Rumowicz**
- Marilyn O'Connor, RN**
- Pattie Petracca, LPN**
- Mary Ann Altrui, NHA**
- Catherine Mainville, RN**

### **Board members not in attendance:**

- Mary Ellen Grimes, NA (resigned)**

- Alice Frezza, NA**
- Simone Lacroix, RN, NHA**

**Staff members in attendance:**

**Charles Alexandre, Chief of Health Services Regulation**

**Others in attendance:**

**Audrey Pratt who is an intern working on a project for the Department related to Medication Technicians.**

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**The Minutes of the Open Session 10 April 2007, a quorum was unable to be established in May, meeting of the Nursing Assistant Advisory Board were presented for approval.**

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**Mr. Alexandre joined the meeting at this time to discuss the Promissor NNAAP Report on the 2006 Skills Pass Rate in Rhode**

**Island. This Report highlights four (4) of the skills that achieved the lowest passing rates. The Board felt that this was very helpful information and that it should be sent out to the Training Programs.**

**Ms. Mainville informed the Board of her meeting with Promissor which took place a few months ago. She stated that in 2008 a decision was made to replace mercury thermometers with digital ones and electronic blood pressure cuffs for the manual ones. Infection control issues were also addressed. It was suggested that one person be designated as the patient for the evening. Also address infection control issues related to gloves, gowns and masks and how they are utilized. It was felt that bedpan skills needed to be changed, specifically when gloves are put on in conjunction with use of the bedpan. There was also a suggestion of marking one of the bed pads with tea to make it look like it is soiled.**

**Mr. Alexandre discussed with the Board the fact that it is difficult to maintain Nursing Assistant (NA) Board members due to their schedule. A suggestion was made to change one of the NA members to an LPN. It will be discussed again at a future meeting.**

**The next meeting of the Board will be held on 10 July 2007.**

**The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Michelle A. Arrighi**

**Board Administrator**

**Health Professions Regulation**