

NURSING ASSISTANT ADVISORY BOARD

AMENDED MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

November 18, 2008

The Open Session of the Nursing Assistant Advisory Board was called to order at 9:20 a.m. on the above date in Room 104, Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Ann Altrui

Catherine Mainville

M. Jeanne Mason

Marilyn O'Connor

Caroline Naughton Rumonwicz

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Michele Carignan

Alice Frezza

Pattie Petracca

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pamela McCue, RN, MS

Director, Nurse Registration & Nursing Education

Donna Valletta, Board Administrator

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Pamela McCue called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. A quorum was established at this time.

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

Pamela McCue presented the minutes of the Open Session of September 9, 2008. On motion of Caroline Naughton Rumonwicz, seconded by Jeanne Mason, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

3. OLD BUSINESS

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

Donna Valletta distributed copies of the statute, Title 23, Health and Safety, Chapter 23-17.9 Registration of Nursing Assistants, and the corresponding Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Rhode Island Certificates of Registration For Nursing Assistants, Medication Aides, and the Approval of Nursing Assistant and Medication Aide Training Programs, dated March 2008. The Board was advised to be cognizant of Section 23-17.9-8, Disciplinary proceedings. The Board commented on proposed legislation in the 2008 General Assembly session regarding increasing training hours and establishing minimum pass standards (i.e. 75%), both of which were not passed.

Donna Valletta distributed the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) quarterly reports for the period of April 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008 and July 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008. Donna Valletta will inquire on the availability of NNAAP to provide trended annualized data from calendar year 2006 and comparison regional and national data on training hours and pass scores.

The Schedule for 2009 Meetings was distributed and discussed. The Board expressed concern regarding the dates which following a holiday. Donna Valletta will reschedule accordingly.

The Nursing Assistant application review process is being evaluated. A checklist and the application form are currently being revised. Upon completion, the website will include the updated application form. A recommendation was made to reference the Nursing Assistant Candidate Handbook on the application as a resource for nursing student applicants.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Advisory Board requirements were discussed. It was determined that 1 NA, 1 LPN, 1 RN, and 1 Administrator are needed to fulfill the requirements of the Board and recommendations will be accepted.

A formal hearing for a Nursing Assistant has been scheduled for December 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Finally, Pam McCue informed the Board that we are working diligently on complaints and advised the Board that Orders will be blast faxed to ensure that disciplinary actions are communicated in a timely manner.

6. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Caroline Naughton Rumonwicz, seconded by Marilyn O'Connor, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws

for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

The Open Session adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Donna Valletta

Board Administrator