

NURSING ASSISTANT ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

May 12, 2009

The Open Session of the Nursing Assistant Advisory Board was called to order at 9:15 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

Michele Carignan

Alice Frezza

Catherine Mainville

M. Jeanne Mason

Caroline Naughton Rumowicz

Marilyn O'Connor

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Pattie Petracca

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Donna Valletta, Board Administrator

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Donna Valletta called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was established at this time.

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF MARCH 10, 2009

Donna Valletta presented the Minutes of the Open Session of March 10, 2009. Caroline Naughton Rumowicz expressed concern regarding Nursing Assistants who perform private duty nursing. Donna Valletta reiterated that our current rules and regulations do not extend jurisdiction to individuals performing private duty nursing. Donna

Valletta advised the Board that this matter would be taken under advisement when the regulations are revised. Donna Valletta advised members that the agendas and meeting minutes are posted on the Office of the Secretary of State website for review. On motion of Jeanne Mason, seconded by Mary Ann Altrui, it was voted to accept the minutes as presented.

3. BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Donna Valletta distributed a copy of the Quarterly Training Program Reports from the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAP) for the period of January 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009. She advised the members that she has contacted Pearson VUE to determine if trended data for the NNAP, for calendar years 2006, 2007 and 2008, are available; she is awaiting a response.

Donna Valletta discussed suggested guidelines for reviewing complaints against Nursing Assistants in determining appropriate disciplinary actions and timeframes to ensure consistency.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marilyn O'Connor informed the Board that she is moving out of state and will resign as a Board member. Her last Board meeting will be

June's monthly meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Jeanne Mason, seconded by Mary Ann Altrui, 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 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Donna Valletta

Board Administrator