

NURSING ASSISTANT ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

July 13, 2010

The Open Session of the Nursing Assistant Advisory Board was called to order at 9:00 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

Kathleen A. Butterfield

Michele Carignan

Alice Frezza

David P. Jasinski

Lourdes V. Pichardo

Irene A. Qi

Laurie Salum

Beverly A. St. Onge

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Jamie A. Beauregard

Teresa Chopoorian

Donna M. Policastro

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Donna Valletta, Board Administrator

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Gregory Madoian, Deputy Chief of Legal Services

Michael Downey, Department Intern

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Donna Valletta called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was established at this time.

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF May 11, 2010

Donna Valletta presented the Minutes of the Open Session of May 11, 2010. On motion of Kathleen Butterfield, seconded by David Jasinski, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

3. BOARD ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Donna Valletta distributed a copy of the recently published 2009

Technical Report for the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP). The NNAAP is a nationally administered competency examination program currently owned by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and administered exclusively by Pearson VUE, whom the Department contracts with. The report provides an overview of the program and its effectiveness and reflects state data from examinations administered from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

Donna Valletta summarized the Rhode Island Nursing Assistant Training Program Evaluators review session, which occurred on June 7, 2010 at the Community College of Rhode Island's Lincoln campus. On behalf of Pearson VUE, Julia A. Bremer, RN, Associate Program Director, of NACES Plus Competency Evaluation conducted the training session. Three members of the Nursing Assistant Advisory Board attended. Michele Carignan and Irene Qi shared comments and the Board discussed various concerns regarding training programs, candidates, instruction materials and examinations. Such concerns will be taken under advisement when changes are proposed to the nursing assistant rules and regulations.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT

Gregory Madoian provided a brief overview of the purpose of the Department's meetings with Nursing Assistants, including those represented by legal counsel, to discuss the allegations against the

Nursing Assistant and the Board's proposed disciplinary action. Mr. Madoin reviewed the appeals process and reiterated his role as the Department's legal counsel.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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. On motion of Lourdes Pichardo, seconded by David Jasinski, the Open Session was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Donna Valletta

Board Administrator