

# **NURSING ASSISTANT ADVISORY BOARD**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

### **OPEN SESSION**

**November 8, 2011**

**The Open Session of the Nursing Assistant Advisory Board was called to order at 9:05 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 Butterfield**

**Michele Carignan**

**Teresa Chopoorian**

**David Jasinski**

**Lourdes Pichardo**

**Donna Policastro**

**Irene Qi**

**Laurie Salum**

**Beverly St. Onge**

### **BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**None**

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Donna Valletta, Board Administrator**

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**None**

**NURSING ASSISTANT ADVISORY BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**OPEN SESSION**

**November 8, 2011**

**1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

**Donna Valletta called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was established at this time.**

**2. REVIEW OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF October 18, 2011**

**Donna Valletta presented the Minutes of the Open Session of October 18, 2011. On motion of Donna Policastro, seconded by Teresa Chopoorian, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.**

**Donna Policastro provided an overview of RISNA's Substance Abuse Prevention Program presentation, which was recently presented to interested parties, and distributed a copy of the curriculum along with two accompanying textbooks.**

**Donna Valletta distributed an article entitled, The First National Survey of Medication Aides, recently published in the Journal of Nursing Regulation.**

**The Nursing Assistant Advisory Board discussed its advocacy for legislation of national criminal investigations for Nursing Assistants and Medication Aides.**

### **3. 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 Beverly St. Onge, seconded by Teresa Chopoorian, the Open Session was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.**

**Sincerely,**

**Donna Valletta**

**Board Administrator**

**Health Professions Regulation**