

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

NOVEMBER 14, 2007

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Advanced Practice Nurse Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:30pm on the above date in Room 201, Department of Health, Three 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.

Advisory Members in Attendance:

Ann Neuville, RNP

Kathleen Parker, RNP

Janet Spinelli, PCNS

Anne Tierney, CRNA

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Pam McCue, RN, MS, Director Nursing Registration and Nursing Education

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms. McCue called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm. A quorum was established.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF September 26, 2007 2007

Ms Spinelli made a motion to accept the minutes of September 26, 2007. Ms Parker seconded the motion.

BUSINESS

a. Clinical Privileges of APRNS in Hospitals.

The committee and Sylvia Weber and Donna Policastro from RISNA discussed the topic at hand. All agreed that “credentialing” and “clinical privileges” are very different and distinct topics. Credentialing is regulated by JCAHO and Health and should continue to be a universal process for all Health Care Facilities to ensure that medical professionals are authentic, properly educated, and working as directed by state’s rules and regulations. The committee agreed that Clinical Privileges should be more clearly defined in institutions with input from APRNS and national standards. The discussion resulted in the following recommendation the Board of Nursing;

If regulations were to be developed to address this topic the regulations should require health care facilities to have written and clearly defined criteria for APRN clinical privileges. The criteria must include input from APRNS and based on national standards. Regulations should also require that APRN and PA clinical privileges be defined separately due to their different scopes of practice. Ms

Parker agreed to prepare a document for the Board of Nursing articulating this recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Parker, seconded by Ms. Neuville, 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 for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 4:25pm.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. McCue called the Open Session back to Order at 5:00 pm.

VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms. Neuville, seconded by Ms. Parker, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms Parker, seconded by Ms Spinelli it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Pamela L. McCue