

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION

January 31, 2008

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 104, 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

Linda TetuMouradjian, RN, BSN

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 November 14, 2007

Ms Spinelli made a motion to accept the minutes of November 14, 2007. Ms Parker seconded the motion.

BUSINESS

a. Patient Safety Organization bill

Ms McCue informed the committee that the health department was submitting a bill to create a Patient Safety Organization (PSO). The PSO, certified by the Health Department, would receive reports of “near misses” from hospitals and nursing homes for the purpose of analyzing and to make recommendations for practice improvements. This would be a non punitive approach where “lessons learned” would be shared across facilities and providers. The individual reports of near misses would be protected from liability, discovery and discipline. Funding would come from the facilities themselves.

b. Board of Nursing bill

A bill is being submitted by the Health Department to put the CNA Advisory Board an under the umbrella of the Board of Nursing. The bill would also allow the contracting with an outside agency for the

processing of initial nursing licenses. The volume of nurse license applications has increased and the limited resources at the Board cannot keep up with the demand.

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 4:00pm.

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