

Board of Nursing

January 15, 2002

Regular Open Board Meeting

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on January 15, 2002 in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, Maris A. Lown, President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Board Members: Noreen D'Angelo, Ronald H. Carr, Leo-Felix Jurado, Maris Lown, Virginia McKenney, Karen Rodriguez, Dr. Muriel M. Shore, Eileen Toughill, Nelson Tuazon, and Margaret M. Kirchhoff.

ALSO PRESENT

Patricia A. Polansky, Executive Director, New Jersey State Board of Nursing, Susan Kelly, Program Development Assistant, Joanne Cole, Director, Intervention Program, George Hebert, Deputy Executive Director, Deputy Attorney(s) General: Gus Lembo and Kathy Rohr.

NOT PRESENT

Board Member(s): Sylvia C. Edge, and Richard Freda.

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED PRESENT

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing on January 2, 2001. A schedule of all 2002 Regular Open Board Meetings to be held during 2002 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post, and The Philadelphia Inquirer. The schedule has also been posted on the Bulletin Board at the New Jersey State Board of Nursing Office.

Approval of the January 15, 2002 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY RONALD CARR AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 15, 2002 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Approval for the amendment to the January 15, 2002 Regular Board Meeting Agenda..

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY DR. MURIEL M. SHORE AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO AMEND THE JANUARY 15, 2002 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA TO DELETE HARRIET JOHNSON'S ANNUAL PRESENTATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

A reading and approval of the minutes for the Regular Open Business Meeting of November 20, 2001.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY DR. MURIEL M. SHORE AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2001 WITH CORRECTIONS.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

MARIS A. LOWN - REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

M. Lown reported. M. Lown continues to serve on the Colleague and Caring Steering Committee and is Co-Chairing the Articulation Subgroup.

PATRICIA A. POLANSKY - REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

P. Polansky reported.

- Board Members Yearly Attendance Percentage Rate.
- Agenda for The Quality Patient Care Advisory Committee, December 10, 2001 at The New Jersey Hospital Association in Princeton, NJ.
- Memo dated January 2, 2002 from Susan Kelly re: Criminal History Background Check Stats: as of December 31, 2001, the numbers were as follows:

A total of **28,530** Applications have been processed and are broken down as:

24,429 are CBC qualified, an increase of **754** from November

379 are CBC disqualified, an increase of **29** from November

3,722 are in various stages of process, and increase of **313** from November

- Study: 750,000+Nursing Aides will be needed by 2008
- Letter dated November 2001 from Mark Herr re: Extension of expiration date of all Homemaker-Home Health Aide Certificates. All certificates with an expiration date of November 30, 2001, will be valid until March 1, 2002.
- Barbara Byers on December 5, 2001 gave a Presentation on Pain Management and End-of-Life Care initiatives for the New Jersey Pain Management Policy Advisory Council.
- Information regarding the Nursing Shortage. (separate folder)
- "Medical Errors" - 1.) AHRQ Announces Biggest Federal Investment Yet to Reduce Deaths from Medical Errors. 2.) Patient Safety/Health Care Errors. 3.) Medstat Group Awarded HHS Contract for Patient Safety Improvement. 4.) Companies Offer \$2 million to Hospitals Implementing Safety Standard. 5.) ACP-ASIM Launches Project to Improve Patient Safety.
- "Handouts/Pass Arounds" - 1.) Happy New Year from The New Jersey League for Nursing. 2.) A pamphlet on the Nursing Shortage sponsored by the American Nurses Association. 3.) Summary of monies received for the month of October 2001. 4.) A message of gratitude for all the people who worked together during the September 11, 2001 Tragedy from Loving Hands Health Care Services. 5.) Agenda for The New Jersey State Nurses

Association Board of Directors Meeting at The NJSNA Headquarters on November 27, 2001. 6.) The Official Newsletter of The New Jersey State Nurses Association. 7.) The NCSBN 2002 Board & Committee Nomination Forums. 8.) 2002 Career Fitness.

- "Communication Packet" - 1.) House Passes Bioterrorism Bill. 2.) NY Hospital Recounts How it Treated Patients in Plane Crash Disaster. 3.) One-Third of NJ Hospitals Operating at Loss. 4.) Dole Makes Impromptu Va Visit. 5.) Stories.
- "Information Salad" - 1.) Feature Story: Biometrics. 2.) Unveiling The Nurse Reinvestment Act. 3.) Slowing Economy. 4.) Running On Schedule. 5.) Jogging Shorts.
- P. Polansky seeks approval for: 1.) Muriel Shore, Maris Lown and Patricia Polansky - January 9, 2002 - To attend a Nursing Luncheon at The Drumthwacket, in Princeton, NJ. 2.) Maris Lown - January 11, 2002 - To attend a Meeting Luncheon with Peg Bennet at Monmouth University. 3.) Joanne Cole - January 16, 2002 - Site visitation to treatment program to evaluate effectiveness for treating health care professionals, Turning Point, Secaucus, NJ. 4.) Joanne Cole - January 16, 2002 - Site visitation to treatment program, Integrity House, Secaucus, NJ. 5.) Joanne Cole - January 22, 2002 - Site visitation to treatment program - Salvation Army. 6.) Joanne Cole - February 8, 2002 - Site visitation to New Perspectives 24 Hour Program, Lebanon, Pa. 7.) Joanne Cole - February 11, 2002 - Site visitation to Harrison House Drug/Alcohol Treatment Program, Anndale, Va. 8.) Susan Kelly - February 13, 2002 - To attend The Forums Institute For Public Policy in Trenton, NJ. 9.) Patricia Polansky - February 14-15, 2002 - To attend The PR&E Committee Meeting at The National Council Office in Chicago, IL. 10.) Joanne Cole - February 20, 2002 - To attend The Caron Foundation in Pennsylvania. 11.) Maris Lown and Patricia Polansky - March 5-6, 2002 - To attend The NCSBN Mid-Year Meeting at The Wyndham in Chicago, IL. 12.) Patricia Polansky - March 20-22, 2002 - To attend The ONE/NJ Annual Conference and Exhibition at Bally's Park Place Casino Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ. 13.) Maris Lown and Gus Lembo - April 18, 2002 - For a speaking engagement at The Lawyer's Association. 14.) Patricia Polansky and Professional Staff - June 28 - July 2, 2002 - To attend The American Nurses Association Biennial Convention at The Philadelphia Convention Center, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY DR. MURIEL M. SHORE AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE APPEARANCES OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT, BOARD MEMBER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND STAFF.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPEARANCES:

1. Susan Kelly, Program Development Assistant and the following Home Health Aide Staff: Virginia White, Theresa Henderson, Keisha Clair, Maryann Esposito, Gladys Quarshie, Lashauna Williamson, Soledad Matos, Sylvia Davis, Tania Alfonso, Ivelisse Feliciano, Linda Adamkowski, and Beryl Hutchinson presented their Annual Presentation on the Criminal History Background Check procedures.
2. George Hebert, Deputy Executive Director and Gregoria Marerro presented a presentation on the Examination procedures.

Communication:

1. Letter dated December 12, 2001 from The New Jersey Juvenile Detention Association.
2. Proposed Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:35-4A.2, 4A.3, 4A.7, 4A.8, 4A.9, 4A10, 4A.11, and 4A.17, Proposed New Rule: N.J.A.C. 13:35-4A.12.
3. Executive Commission on Ethical Standards Rule, Readoption: N.J.A.C. 19:61 Adopted New Rules: N.J.A.C. 19:61-7.

4. Memo dated November 14, 2001 from Anthony Miragliotta, Deputy Director, Division of Consumer Affairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:

No report.

2. EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

L. Jurado reported. The Education Committee met on January 8, 2002 to discuss the following:

Issue: St. Francis Medical Center School of Nursing, Credit Allocation for LPN to RN Transitional Course (N.J.A.C. 13:37-1. (a)3.)

Informational: St. Francis Medical Center School of Nursing submitted documentation dated December 3, 2001 satisfying the Board's requirement that credit be granted for the LPN to RN Program Track. Eight (8) credits were allocated for the LPN to RN Transitional Course.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY LEO-FELIX JURADO AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO ACCEPTANCE THE ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER SCHOOL OF NURSING FALL REPORT INCLUDING THE CORRECT CREDIT ALLOCATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Issue: St Peter's College, Expands Program Options

Informational: St. Peter's College informed the committee that the college plans to implement in September, 2002 a BSN to MSN Program and an RN to MSN Bridge Program. These options do not require Board action.

Issue: Union County College Practical Nursing Program

Informational: Patricia Castaldi, Program Director, and Wallace Smith, Ed.D., Vice President of Academic Affairs, attended the meeting and provided the committee with a program progress report. An official report will be presented to the Board when the 2001 NCLEX-PN test results are available.

Issue: National League for Nursing

Informational: The NLN reached an out-of-court settlement with an organization in the practice setting which it charged with illegally copying NLN exams in violation of copyright laws. The NLN computerized and online exam formats cannot be copied. Tracking of test booklets has also been enhanced.

Issue: 2002 Committee Meeting Calendar

3. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW PANEL:

No report.

4. NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE:

N. Tuazon reported. The Nursing Practice Committee met on November 20, 2001 to discuss the following:

Issue: Guest Appearance, Emergency Nursing

Informational: Jesus Cepero, R.N, President of the New Jersey Emergency Nurses Association, discussed perspective of emergency nurses including concerns about the nursing shortage. The association is developing protocols for patient safety, working with the New Jersey Hospital Association of Guidelines for Patient Diversion to other Emergency Rooms, and would like to see at least one (1) Emergency Room Nurse per shift certified in Advanced Life Support. Emergency Room Nurses are required by law to report patient alcohol levels greater than 100; there is a \$1,000 fine for failure to report.

Issue: Guest Appearance, New Jersey School Nurses "Best Practices"

Informational: Carol McGotty, R.N., President of the New Jersey School Nurses Association, shared with the committee issues concerning school nursing services. The School Nursing Practice Committee is addressing "Best Nursing Practices." A meeting has been scheduled for January 30, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. with committee representatives, Carol McGotty and Gloria Hancock, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Division of Student Services, New Jersey Department of Education, to discuss implementation of the School Health Guidelines.

Issue: Medical Discharge Summaries

Informational: A meeting has been scheduled for January 23, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. with committee representatives, William Rhoeder, Executive Director of the Board of Medical Examiners, August Lembo and Sharon Joyce, Deputy Attorneys General, to discuss guidelines for completing medical discharge summaries including the role of the Registered Nurse.

Issue: Tele-conference of Complementary/Alternative Medicine (CAM)

Informational: James N. Dillard, M.D., D.C., CAC, University Pain Center of Columbia University, will be the keynote speaker on CAM on April 5, 2002, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m, at the New Jersey Hospital Association in Princeton, N.J.

Issue: Committee Meeting Schedule and Guest Appearance for 2002.

Informational: The 2002 calendar for regular and offsite committee meetings and guest appearances.

5. REGULATORY COMMITTEE:

M. Shore reported. The Regulatory Committee met on December 11, 2001 and on January 8, 2002 to discuss the following:

Issue: Committee Regulations Flow Sheet 2002

Regulatory Analyst Chuck Manning has designed a flow sheet for tracking regulations. Regulation review, publication and approval moves through various offices. The flow sheet will be continually updated so the Board will know exactly where any regulation is at a given point.

The workplan established by the committee is inclusive of the items referred to it by the Board and contained in the Board President's address. We are in the process of prioritizing that list.

The committee needs feedback from the Board to determine where on the priority list continuing education should be. The Board is being asked today to also give some direction on their thinking related to the following options:

1. Pursue. Tie continuing education to re-licensure.
2. Pursue. Specify general continuing education requirements such as New York State (Child Abuse, Infection Control, etc.)
3. No continuing education. Do not pursue.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY NOREEN D@ANGELO AND DULY SECONDED VOTED TO PURSUE. TIE CONTINUING EDUCATION TO RE-LICENSURE.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Issue: Medication Administration, Delegation to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel

The committee is nearing completion of its work on the Administration of Medications Regulations. Discussion with the Department of Health and Senior Services next week will assist the committee in addressing some workplace issue related to these regulations. As soon as this work is completed it will be presented to the Board.

The committee looks forward to receiving and reviewing the proposed regulations for the new Intervention Program this spring.

Issue: Committee Meeting Calendar 2002

OPEN FORUM:

M. Lown asked the public to share with the Board of Nursing any concerns, issues, or questions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

New Jersey Association of Nurse Anesthetists/N.J.A.C. 13:35-4A.1

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY DR. MURIEL M. SHORE AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO REAFFIRM IT'S SUPPORT OF CRNA'S AS OUTLINED IN A LETTER WRITTEN ON DECEMBER 10, 1998.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

SCHOOL AND AGENCY SURVEYS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

There is a posting of the minutes on our website:

www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/home.htm

ADJOURNMENT:

On January 15, 2002 the Regular Open Business Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next Regular Open Business Meeting will be on February 26, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Muriel M. Shore
Secretary/Treasurer



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