

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING
MINUTES
REGULAR OPEN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2007**

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on February 20, 2007 in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Leo-Felix Jurado, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Noreen D'Angelo Patricia Ann Murphy
Marietta Cahill Mary Sibley
Ronald H. Carr Sara Torres
Leo-Felix Jurado Nelson Tuazon
Irma Lupia Constance Wilson
Virginia McKenney

ALSO PRESENT:

Barbara Byers, Administrative Analyst
Carol Onajide, Education Program Development Specialist II
Margaret Howard, Field Representative
Darlene Lapola, Deputy Attorney General
Kathryn Schwed, Deputy Attorney General
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst (limited purpose)

BOARD MEMBER(S) EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Karen Rodriguez

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 November 27, 2006. A schedule of all 2007 Regular Open Board Meetings to be held during 2007 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.

AGENDA:

Open Regular Board Meeting Agenda of January 16, 2007: Reading and Approval with amendments:

Add to committee reports:

#3 Legislation Committee

List under Correspondence:

#7 January 31, 2007, letter from Susan W. Salmond, Interim Dean, UMDNJ School of Nursing regarding the Board of Trustees approving the termination of the UMDNJ-Middlesex Community College (MCC) Joint ASN Program.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Constance Wilson and duly seconded Irma Lupia, voted to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda of February 20, 2007 with amendments. The motion carried.

MINUTES:

Open Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2007: Reading and Approval.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Ronald H. Carr and duly seconded by Constance Wilson, voted to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2007. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT – LEO-FELIX JURADO:

Leo-Felix Jurado reported that:

President Jurado participated in three conference calls with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN):

January 31, 2007 with the Policy Department.

February 9, 2007 with the Board of Directors.

February 13, 2007 with the Examination Department, effective April 1, 2007 test plans will be revised for the NCLEX exam. During the conference call a discussion ensued regarding students with disabilities and how they will accommodate the students.

Seeking Approval for:

February 26, 2007 - NCSBN APRN Summit in Chicago, IL. March 29, 2007 President Jurado has been invited by the LPN Forum to discuss continuing education for nurses in Atlantic City, NJ.

April 2-4, 2007 for President Jurado and Barbara Byers to attend the NCSBN Mid-Year Meeting in New Orleans, LA. NCSBN is also hosting a web conference for Board members who will not be attending the meeting in person.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Patricia Murphy, voted to approve the appearances of the Board President and Staff. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Barbara Byers reported that:

Statistics for the month of January 2007:

By license type there are:

17 advanced practice nurses

7 forensic nurses-CSA

430 Homemaker-HHA

95 licensed practical nurses

16 by endorsement

79 by examination, massage, 76 bodywork and somatic therapist,

215 registered professional nurses by endorsement

107 by examination.

Reinstatement of license: there are

122 applications and from previous applications that were received,

184 advanced practice nurses
46 Homemaker-HHA
36 licensed practical nurses
103 registered professional nurses
21 lived scan Homemaker-HHA.

There are a total of:

111,440 active registered professional nurses
5,574 inactive registered professional nurses

There are a total of:

35,592 active homemaker-HHAs
1,167 inactive homemaker-HHAs.

There are a total of:

21,698 active licensed practical nurses
995 inactive licensed practical nurses.

There are a total of:

541 active massage, bodywork and somatic therapists and 4 inactive massage, bodywork and somatic therapists.

NCSBN has selected Manila, Philippines as an International Testing Site for NCLEX Examinations. The Board of Directors made the decision to expand the number of sites at its February 8, 2007 meeting.

Seeking approval for:

February 21-22, 2007- The Board previously approved George J. Hebert to attend the Education for Nurse Delegation Forum. However Mr. Hebert will not able to attend and Mrs. Byers will be going in his place.

April 21, 2007 – George J. Hebert and Barbara Byers to attend the Philippine Nurses Association of New Jersey, Inc.

May 14, 2007 – a request for representatives of the Board to attend the Home Health Assembly meeting to present on continuing education regulation.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Patricia Murphy and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, voted to approve the appearances of the Executive Director and Staff. The motion carried.

Seeking approval for:

January 19, 2007 – Carol Onajide spoke at the Practical Nurse Educators Meeting at the Burlington County Technical Institute.

February 8, 2007 – Carol Onajide attended a meeting with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Department of Education and a variety of schools to discuss concerns regarding Harrison Career Institute in Deptford, NJ.

May 2, 2007 – Carol Onajide has been asked to speak at the Practical Nurse Student Day at the Faith Fellowship Ministries facility in Sayreville, NJ. Approximately three hundred students are expected.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Irma Lupia and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, voted to approve the appearances of Carol Onajide. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

November 8, 2006 and January 10, 2007 Board of Medical Examiners minutes.

January 2007 article in the Institute for Nursing Newsletter – “The Institute for Nursing to Endow a Scholarship Named After a New Jersey Nurse Pioneer, Educator and Leader”, Sylvia Edge was a former President and Member of the New Jersey Board of Nursing.

January 2007, article in the Health Tracking - “Trends; Better Late Than Never: Workforce Supply Implications of Later Entry Into Nursing”.

January 17, 2007, a Health Advisory from the Philadelphia Department of Public Health regarding “Clenbuterol Suspected Contamination of Heroin in Philadelphia”.

January 16, 2007, e-mail from the National Nurse Newsletter regarding the endorsement of National Nurse Act of 2006.

February 1, 2007, e-mail from Muriel Shore regarding concerns about NCLEX results. A student from several years ago took the NCLEX for the first time with the new BSN graduates lowering the NCLEX results.

January 31, 2007, letter from Susan W. Salmond, Interim Dean, UMDNJ School of Nursing regarding the Board of Trustees approving the termination of the UMDNJ-Middlesex Community College (MCC) Joint ASN Program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. EDUCATION COMMITTEE: - Sara Torres, Chairman

Sara Torres reported: Session I of the January 23, 2007 Meeting Report:

Correspondence:

January 4, 2007 – Letter from Janet Czermak, RN APN,C Acting Chairperson of Nursing, Essex County College (“ECC”)

Re: Agreement with Robert Ross International University of Nursing, St. Kitts (“Ross”). The Committee requests further information regarding the transition course for students from Ross and a comparison of the two curricula.

Staff will send a letter requesting information regarding the transition course noted in the response and for the school to compare and contrast the Ross and ECC nursing curricula.

November 21, 2005 – Letter from Felissa R. Lashley, RN, PhD, ACRN, FACMG, FAAN, Dean and Professor, Rutgers, The State University

Re: Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree at Rutgers

Staff will send a letter acknowledging the new program.

December 19, 2006 – Email from Jennifer Butlin

Re: FYI: The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, a panel of the US Department of Education, has voted to recommend that the Secretary of Education continue recognition of CCNE for a term of 5 years, as a national agency for accreditation of nursing programs at a BSN or graduate level.

d. NCSBN – News Release

Re: FYI: The NCLEX-RN Examination Passing Standard Revised for Public Safety. The passing standard was raised and will take effect 4/1/07

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November 9, 2006 – Email from Jo-Ann Rowe, Nurse Education

Re: FYI: Nursing-Patient Assessment Computer Based Learning Programs

NCSBN – Test Development and Item Writing & Assessment of Critical Thinking

Re: Online Courses available to nurse educators. This information will be disseminated to schools of nursing

December 1, 2006 Law Enforcement Sensitive Bulletin 261 Re: JCAHO imposters entering hospitals and a hospital as a “plausible target for a terrorist attack.”

NCLEX Questionnaire

Re: Request for completion of the Member Board Feedback Form after reviewing the Proposed 2008 NCLEX-PN Test Plan.

Staff will develop a draft of the response for Committee review.

NNSDO Update

Re: FYI: Online course information regarding running online courses. The National Certification Corporation

Re: FYI: Nurse Practitioner Certification for Women’s Health and Neonatal NP Certifications

NCLEX Item Writers.

Re: The following nurses represented New Jersey in NCLEX item development:

Mary Jane Genuino Valerie Idamay Leek

Barbara Doran Jane Siegel

Michelle A. Rutherford

Program Changes

a. Union County College

The Committee reviewed the proposed curriculum change for the Union County College Practical Nursing Program. The change would include revision and addition of nursing techniques and principles to Nursing Concepts and consolidation of other courses: Nursing Fundamentals with Adult Health I; Maternal/Child, and Pediatrics with Mental Health Nursing; and Role Transition with Adult Health II. There will be no change in the total number of credits.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Sara Torres and duly seconded by Irma Lupia, voted to approve the Union County College proposed curriculum change for the practical nursing program. The motion carried.

b. Brookdale Community College

The Committee reviewed the proposed curriculum change for the Brookdale Community College RN program. The proposal includes a change in credit allocation, development of a new course, and the total program credits will increase from 70 to 72.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Sara Torres and duly seconded by Constance Wilson, voted to approve Brookdale Community College proposed curriculum change for the nursing program. The motion carried.

c. The Center for Allied Health and Nursing Education

The Committee reviewed the proposed increase in hours from 1430 to 1459 for the Practical Nursing Program.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Sara Torres and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, voted to approve the Center for Allied Health and Nursing Education proposed increase in hours for the practical nursing program. The motion carried.

d. Middlesex County College

The Committee reviewed the submissions and met with representatives from Middlesex County College and Raritan Bay Medical Center. (Dr. Sara Torres was not present for this discussion.) Based on its review the Committee has requested the following additional materials pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.1 et seq., which were received except for those which, needed Board approval prior to completion.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Constance Wilson and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, voted to approve Middlesex Community College proposed curriculum change for the RN nursing program and the new agreement with Raritan Bay Medical Center to be officially named The Middlesex County College Associate in Science Degree in Nursing Program offered in Association with Raritan Bay Medical Center. With the following directives to be completed and submitted one month prior to the opening of the program:

Regulations Directive

N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.11 (a) 8 Submit copies of the student handbook, and school catalog, which provide information to be disseminated regarding the joint program. N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.10 (b) Submit a sample clinical agreement, which is in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.10 (b) for the clinical agencies

3. Discussion Items:

The Committee reviewed the 2006 NCLEX results and will present them to the Board for review at its next regular meeting in February. A power point presentation of the 2006 NCLEX results was presented to the Board by the Education Program Development Specialist II.

Non-Generic Masters and Doctoral Programs in Nursing. Since these are not entry level nursing programs they do not have to go through the application process to establish a nursing program.

Easier Re-accreditation Process. The Committee reviewed a draft of the plan to make re-accreditation less labor intensive and less costly for the schools as they go through this process. Staff will identify when schools will be renewing CCNE or NLNAC accreditation.

Preceptor Regulation Presently, The New Jersey Board of Nursing does not have regulations regarding using preceptors in nursing education. The Committee will explore this further.

Board of Nursing Annual Report

Geri L. Dickson, Ph.D., R.N. presented a draft for the annual report, which is to be completed by all nursing programs in New Jersey. This draft was reviewed with the Board and will be disseminated to the nursing programs for completion. Dr. Dickson will compile the results

Dr. Dickson also distributed the New Jersey's Educational Capacity: Impact on Nursing Supply 2005 Data Report and The Educational Capacity and Educational Trends in RN-Enhancing Education in New Jersey-2005 Data to the Committee. The Committee thanks Dr. Dickson for all the work that she has done on the annual report project.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Nelson Tuazon and duly seconded by Sara Torres, voted to approve the annual report format to be utilized this year with results to be compiled by Dr. Dickson. The motion

carried.

Passaic County College

The Committee reviewed the materials that were submitted and was concerned regarding license verification.

Staff is to send a letter to the school. Requesting further clarification regarding license verification for faculty. The school will also be notified that the other materials submitted for Section A of the November 28, 2006 letter were acceptable.

Sara Torres reported: Session II of the January 23, 2007 Meeting Report:

1. Correspondence:

December 27, 2006 – Letter from Steven Garfinkle, CEO, PRISM Education Group, Inc.

Re: PRISM PN Program reported that they have been contacted by former faculty of SNJTS seeking positions at PRISM. The school expresses its interest to help the students of SNJTS to complete their careers.

November 2, 2006 – Letter from Gary Altman, Director, Labor Workforce Development

Re: FYI: Closure of MicroTech Training Center practical nursing program.

December 12, 2006 – Letter from Tish Gallagher, DNSc, RN, CNE, Dean, Nursing & Allied Health, Wilmington College

Re: Petitioned NJ Commission on Higher Education to offer classes in southern New Jersey at Burlington County College, Cumberland County College, and Salem Community College.

Staff will contact Dr. Gallagher to obtain further information and determine if it is a generic entry into practice program and if there will be clinical affiliations in New Jersey.

New Community Workforce Development Center School of Practical Nursing.

The self-study submissions and the site visit report (Visit made by Connie Wilson, Board Member and Carol Onajide, Education Program Development Specialist) were reviewed.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Sara Torres and duly seconded by Constance Wilson, voted to grant New Community Workforce Development Center Practical Nursing Program Accreditation for eight (8) years. The motion carried.

Review of Self Study Reports for Initial Accreditation

Harrison Career Institute.

Based on review of the initial self-study submissions of Harrison Career Institute additional documentation/clarification is requested. Staff will send a letter requesting the additional clarification/documentation.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Nelson Tuazon, voted to approve Sessions I and II of the Education Committee Report of January 23, 2007. The motion carried.

REGULATION COMMITTEE: -

Irma Lupia reported:

1. Alternative to Discipline (MOU)

This issue will be discussed in closed session.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Nelson Tuazon, voted to accept the report of the Regulation Committee. The motion carried.

3. LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

Ronald H. Carr reported:

The Committee met on February 20, 2007 to discuss the following bills:

Senate Bill 2473: Position – Support with the following recommendation: Reasonable attempts to notify the obligor that he/she must comply with the child support obligations. Support methods such as Hearings for people with trouble meeting payments. Allowing a licensee to hold on to job will promote compliance with child support obligations. Assurance of payment through employer needs to be enforced. Obligor must provide support and healthcare for his/her children. Develop better method to assure obligor does not drive on suspended license. Agree with the sponsor that suspending a professional license will make it even harder for that person to make their child support payments.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Ronald H. Carr and duly seconded by Patricia Murphy, voted to approve the recommendations of the Legislation Committee for Senate Bill 2473. The motion carried.

Senate Bill 3848: Position – Support with the following recommendations: Allow for flexibility for the use of electronic birth certificates system- should have provision for standardization of reports from each system. Agree with sponsor that participants in the death process should be permitted, rather than required to use the NJ electronic death registration system.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Ronald H. Carr and duly seconded by Marietta Cahill, voted to approve the recommendations of the Legislation Committee for Senate Bill 3848. The motion carried.

Assembly Bill 3899: Position – Support with the following recommendations: Up to 30 days from date of minute's approval (except August and December), due to Board's calendar. Board's schedule needs to be taken into consideration for minutes postings.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Ronald H. Carr and duly seconded by Irma Lupia, voted to approve the recommendations of the Legislation Committee for Assembly Bill 3899. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CMS Regulations (revisions)

It is a medical screening examination that is performed by nurse midwives

This issue has been referred to the Practice Committee for further discussion. After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Sara Torres and duly seconded by Irma Lupia, voted to refer the discussion of the CMS Regulations to the Practice Committee for further discussion. The motion carried.

OPEN FORUM:

Leo-Felix Jurado asked the public to share with the Board of Nursing any concerns, issues or questions:

Carolyn Torre, Director of Practice, New Jersey State Nurses Association, commented about the BME proposed corporate practice regulation. A letter had been to the Board regarding these draft regulations, and she is waiting for a response. Also, a letter was sent to the Board regarding continuing education requirements for school nurses

regarding professional development. She is waiting for a response to this issue as well.

The Board directed that both issues be referred to the Regulation Committee. The BME regulations were also referred to the Practice Committee.

Linda DeLamar, President, New Jersey Association of Nurse Anesthetists commented about advance practice nurse regulations.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Nelson Tuazon and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, voted to go into closed session. The motion carried.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made Nelson Tuazon and duly seconded by Constance Wilson, voted to go into open session. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

On February 20, 2007 the Regular Open Business Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next Open Business Meeting will be held on March 20, 2007.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Constance Wilson and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, voted to adjourn the regular Board meeting February 20, 2007 at 12:30 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Noreen D'Angelo
Board Secretary/Treasurer