

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING
MINUTES
OPEN BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 2, 2012

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on March 2, 2012 in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Patricia A. Murphy, Board President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Saundra Austin-Benn
Noreen D'Angelo
Theresa Beck
Jonathan Hress

Joni Jones
Patricia Murphy
Therese Steinhardt
Constance Wilson

ALSO PRESENT:

George J. Hebert, Executive Director
Olga Bradford, Deputy Attorney General
Joanne Leone, Deputy Executive Director
Diane Scott, Administrative Staff
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Avery Hart
Luz Ramos

Karen Rodriguez
Richard Thomas Hader

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 December 23, 2011. A schedule of all 2012 Regular Open Board Meetings to be held during 2012 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 March 2, 2012: Reading and Approval:

After discussion, the Board, upon a motion made by Saundra Austin-Benn and duly seconded by Joni Jones, voted to approve the Regular Open Board Meeting Agenda of March 2, 2012. The motion carried.

MINUTES:

Open Business Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2011: Reading and Approval:

After discussion, the Board, upon a motion made by Joni Jones and duly seconded by Therese Steinhardt, voted to approve the Regular Open Board Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2011. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT – PATRICIA A. MURPHY, Ph.D.:

Dr. Murphy reported:

Seeking approval for the following:

- March 12, 2012 – George J. Hebert and Saundra Austin-Benn to attend the NCSBN Mid-Year Meeting to be held in Chicago, IL.
- April 12, 2012 – Patricia Murphy and George J. Hebert to attend a meeting with NJSNA to present on recommendations made by the Board of Nursing.

After discussion, the Board, upon a motion made by Joni Jones and duly seconded by Therese Steinhardt, voted to approve the appearances of the George J. Hebert, Patricia Murphy and Saundra Austin-Benn. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – GEORGE J. HEBERT:

George Hebert reported:

- 2012 Nurse License Renewal – licensees who are required to renew this year will be required to renew online.
- The Division of Consumer Affairs is in the process of developing online applications for the Board of Nursing for applicants seeking licensure by examination and endorsement.
- 2011 NCLEX Results – G4 reports for RNs and LPNS for 2011 are available for review on the NCSBN website.
- Performance rates for nursing programs for the state and national levels will be available for review on the Board's website.
- NCLEX results for first time takers; RNs 82.77%, LPNs 83.53%, US applicants 46.20%, and Foreign applicants 30.76%.
- Former Board Member honored – The Institute for Nursing, the foundation of the New Jersey State Nurses Association, in collaboration with private business owners and

representative leaders from the various Black nursing organizations throughout the state, decided to answer the call by initiating an endowed scholarship in the name of a prominent New Jersey African American Nurse Educator and Leader, Sylvia C. Edge.

INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

1. December 12, 2011 – News Release “CGFNS International Listens to its Customers”.
2. January 17, 2012 – letter from Louise Lindenmeier, Director, NJ Government Affairs, Bayada Home Health Care, regarding a company name change.
3. January 30, 2012 – News Release regarding “New Air Force Policy Recognizes Full Scope of Nurse Anesthetist Practice.
4. January 31, 2012 – letter from Margaret S. Harrison, MS, RN, CPNP, Chief Executive Officer, Pediatric Nursing Certification Board providing details on its Primary Care Mental Health Specialist certification exam.
5. February 13, 2012 – Memo from Francis Gerbasi, CRNA, PhD, Executive Director, Council on Accreditation of Nurse Educational Programs (COA) regarding COA Reports of Actions

NEW BUSINESS:

Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst discussed the following items:

1. N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.9(A) - Electronically Prescribing for APNs – NJSNA presented a question to the Board regarding the use of telephonic prescribing. A discussion ensued regarding telephonic prescribing and it was determined that the regulations for the Board of Nursing do not address this issue. The Regulation Committee drafted changes to the rule that included the use of electronic prescribing by an APN.

After discussion, the Board, upon a motion made by Joni Jones and duly seconded by Therese Steinhardt, voted to approve the revisions to N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.9(A). The motion carried.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. Philippines LPN Schools – nursing programs in the Philippines are not approved by the Board in that country, but instead by the Dept of Education.

A discussion ensued regarding the acceptance of the applications from applicants who completed their education in the Philippines.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Connie Wilson and duly seconded by Theresa Beck voted that the Board does not recognize schools of nursing if they are not approved by Boards of Nursing or an entity that is equivalent. The motion carried.

2. Rotating Committee Meeting System – this system was implemented last year to ensure that Board members were available to attend each meeting to complete the work of the Board.

The Board discussed whether the system was working and if there were any changes needed to be made.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Therese Steinhardt reported on the following:

February 12, 2012 Session I:

Correspondence:

- a. May 9, 2011 – Letter from William Roeder, Executive Director, New Jersey Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee Re: The concerns regarding certification and continuing education for nurses who provide genetic counseling services. Board staff will send an acknowledgement letter.
- b. November 11, 2011 – Letter from Jovita Francis, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing, Pinelands School of Practical Nursing & Allied Health. Re: Change in location, the new address is 1333 Route 9 North, Toms River, NJ 08755. The new phone number is 732-228-7290/7294.
- c. November 15, 2011 – Letter from Dr. Rose Saunders, EdD, RN, CNE, Dean, Helene Fuld School of Nursing. Re: Proposal to permit students to repeat a course, if necessary.
- d. December 1, 2011 – Message from National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). Re: Dispelling NCLEX Myths.
- e. December 7, 2011 – Letter from Serena Juliano, RN, BSN. Re: Her interest in becoming a Medical Aesthetics Nurse Specialist; she had several questions. Board staff will send an acknowledgement letter.
- f. December 7, 2011 - Letter from Carol Fasano, MA, RN, NP, C, CNE, Dean, Christ Hospital School of Nursing. Re: To inform the Board that Christ Hospital is in negotiations with Prime Health Systems from Orlando, CA for the purchase of Christ Hospital.
- g. December 8, 2011 – News Release from National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). Re: NCSBN and Pearson Vue to bring NCLEX-RN Examination to Canada.
- h. December 9, 2011 – Letter from Dr. Jennifer Butlin, Executive Director, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Re: Adverse Action Notice.
- i. December 11, 2011 - Letter from Dr. Kathleen Burke, PhD, RN, Assistant Dean in Charge of Nursing, Ramapo College. Re: To inform the Board of a change that will be occurring at the Nursing Programs at Ramapo College. Since 1996, Ramapo College has had a clinical partnership with Englewood Hospital and Medical Center.
- j. December 13, 2011 – Message from National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). Re: December Council Connector, NCSBN's Data Integrity Project: Providing Financial Assistance to Member Boards to Resolve Data Issues.
- k. December 21, 2011 – Letter from Dr. Wendy Blume, Dean of Math, Science and Health Careers, Camden County College. Re: Effective December 1, 2011, Mrs. Robynn Anwar, MSN.Ed, has been appointed to the position of Nursing Director for the Practical Nursing Program.

- l. December 21, 2011 – Message from the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards. Re: GAO Report on Student Outcomes.
- m. December 21, 2011 – Message from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). Re: The release of survey data showing that enrollment in all types of professional registered nursing (RN) programs increased from 2010 to 2011.
- n. December 21, 2011 – Email from Maria Luisa de Roma-Ragaza, MSN, RN, BSN, Chairperson, Dover Business College. Re: Effective December 31, 2011, Ms. De Roma-Ragaza is no longer the Chairperson of the Nursing Department at Dover Business College. January 13, 2012 – Letter from Dr. Mary McDonough, Ph.D., Vice President Academic Affairs, Dover Business College. Re: Effective January 1, 2012 Ms. Elizabeth Fitzgerald, RN, BSN, CCRN, has been appointed to the position of Chairperson.
- o. January 10, 2012 – Letter from Benjamin Murray, MPA, Associate Director, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Re: The review of the following post-baccalaureate nurse residency program during the Spring 2012 term: Stony Brook University Medical Center, Post- Baccalaureate Nurse Residency Program, Stony Brook, New York.
- p. January 12, 2012 – Message from Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Re: Public Statement Regarding the Status of Mountain State University’s BSN Program.

Session II of the February 12, 2012 Report: (*Appearances*)

1. New Program Applications:
 - a. The Center for Allied Health & Nursing Education (Associate Degree in Nursing) Part 1
The Committee recommended approval of Phase 1 and to move onto Phase 2.
2. Self-Study Report:
 - a. Saint Peter’s College – The Committee recommended approval of the Self-Study pending the results of a site visit.
 - b. Prism Career Institute (Revised) – This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

After discussion, the Board, upon a motion made by Therese Steinhardt and duly seconded by Joni Jones, voted to approve the recommendations of the Education Committee. The motion carried.

REGULATION COMMITTEE:

Theresa Beck reported on the following:

January 16, 2012 Report:

1. Time Frame for license application

The Committee reviewed and discussed amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-2.1 and 7.2 which would require an applicant to complete an education and examination no more than two years prior to submitting an application for licensure or certification. The

Committee had three questions on the draft amendments: 1) Do any other states impose similar deadlines for application; 2) Whether the length of a refresher course required for those who apply after the deadline could be based on the number of years since graduation; and 3) Does every advanced practice nurse certifying agency require current clinical experience and continuing education for certification and, if so, should the two-year deadline be imposed on applicants for certification as advanced practice nurses. Chuck Manning will revise language, staff will answer the Committee's questions and this will be brought back to the Committee at its next meeting.

2. APN e-prescribing

The Committee reviewed and discussed amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.9A which would allow an advanced practice nurse to transmit an electronic prescription to a pharmacy. The Committee recommends Board approval of the proposed amendments.

3. Telehealth

The Committee decided to table this discussion until the next Committee meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

Patricia Murphy asked the public to share with the Board of Nursing any concerns, issues or questions:

- Lennette Goodman – commented on the applications for CHHA certification and if they will be online for initial certification.

After discussion, the Board, upon a motion made by Therese Steinhardt and duly seconded by Connie Wilson, voted to go into closed session to discuss disciplinary matters and nursing programs. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Connie Wilson and duly seconded by Joni Jones, voted to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.

On March 2, 2012, the Regular Open Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on June 1, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Murphy
Board President