

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING
MINUTES
OPEN BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 6, 2015

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on March 6, 2015 in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Patricia Murphy, Board President, called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Theresa Beck
Barbara Blozen
Noreen D' Angelo
Yolanda Delgado
James Doran

Lucille Joel
Irene Mantell
Gina Miranda-Diaz
Patricia Murphy

ALSO PRESENT:

Joanne Leone, Deputy Executive Director
Patricia Barnett, Legal Specialist
Olga Bradford, Deputy Attorney General
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst
Margaret Howard, Nursing Education Consultant
Diane Scott, Administrative Staff

A QUORUM WAS 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 15, 2014. A schedule of all 2015 Regular Open Board Meetings to be held during 2015 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 6, 2015: Reading and Approval:

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by James Doran and duly seconded by Yolanda Delgado voted to approve the March 6, 2015 Regular Board meeting agenda as amended. The motion carried.

MINUTES:

Open Business Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2014: Reading and Approval:

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Lucille Joel and duly seconded by Theresa Beck voted to approve the December 5, 2014 Regular Board meeting minutes. The motion carried.

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

Dr. Patricia Murphy spoke to nursing students in the audience regarding the work of the Board and the many cases that are reviewed on a monthly basis.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – GEORGE J. HEBERT:

Joanne Leone reported:

- 2014 NCLEX 4th Quarter Results – Schools that fell below 75%
- Assembly Bill 4011 – Authorizes recitation of Pledge of Allegiance by public body at public meeting; permits discretionary court award of certain fees and costs to public body.
- Approved into Law – February 5, 2015:
- Assembly Bill 3720 – Extends “Overdose Prevention Act” immunity provisions to certain professionals and professional entities, and permits needle exchange programs to obtain standing order for opioid antidote dispensation.
- Senate Bill 2373 - An act concerning substance use treatment facility performances, and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.
- Senate Bill 2380 – An act concerning prison-based mental health and substance use disorder treatment programs, and amending P.L. 1986, c.71.

COMMUNICATION:

- a) December 15, 2014 – For Immediate Release regarding New Health Professions Accreditors Collaborative Forms to Stimulate Interprofessional Engagement.
- b) January 13, 2015 – For Immediate Release from the NJ Dept. of Law & Public Safety regarding Former Home Health Aide Admits to Falsely Billing Medicaid 178 times.

- c) January 22, 2015 – Letter from NCSBN regarding the results of the practice analysis study entitled Report of Findings from the 2014 RN Practice Analysis: Linking the NCLEX-RN Examination to Practice.
- d) January 30, 2015 – Letter from Pradep Nair, Homewell Senior Care regarding comments on the Institute for Professional Care Education (IPCED) blended CHHA curriculum.
- e) February 3, 2015 – Letter from Barbara Cording, RN, BSN, Executive Director, Commission on Accreditation for Home Care (CAHC) regarding a request to review issues discussed in the letter.
- f) February 13, 2015 – Memo from Francis Gerbasi, CRNA, PhD, Council on Accreditation (COA) regarding COA Report of Actions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. REGULATION COMMITTEE:

Discussion Items:

- 1. Adoption of the deletion of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.6, Responsibility of Licensure.

The Committee reviewed and discussed comments received on the amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-13:37-5.6. One comment was in support of the amendments and one comment was opposed to the amendments.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Gina Miranda-Diaz and duly seconded by James Doran voted to approve the adoption of the proposed deletion. The motion carried.

- 2. Proposed amendments to FN-CSA N.J.A.C. 13:37-9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.10 Education Requirements.
- 3. Proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.3, APN Temporary Work Letter.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Barbara Bozen and duly seconded by Gia Miranda-Diaz voted to approve the deletion of the language regarding temporary work letter. The motion carried.

2. EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Dr. Lucille Joel reported on the following:

Session I – February 6, 2015

- 1. Correspondence:

- a. October 23, 2014 – Letter from Ngezi O. Nkongho, PhD, RN, CNE, Hackensack School of Nursing. Re: Effective Jan 2015, the school of nursing will be relocated to the Campus of Montclair State University.
- b. October 31, 2014 – Letter from Diane Smith-Levine, MHA, MSN, BSN, RN, CNE, Sr. Manager, State Licensing and Regulation, Chamberlain College of Nursing. Re: The school has hired Robin Goodrich, EdD, MSN, APRN as program director and campus dean.
- c. November 7, 2014 – Letter from Laurie Pringle, Campus President, Lincoln Technical Institute, Paramus Campus. Re: Effective November 7, 2014 Mrs. Linda Malek-Jones has resigned from her position as Practical Nursing Program Director and effective immediately Gary Guldin, RN, MSN, Ed.M. is serving as Interim Director.
- d. November 10, 2014 – Letter from Richard Grimmie, Director, Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Re: Renewal Certificate of Approval of the Private Career School, Best Care Training Institute.
- e. November 10, 2014 – Letter from Richard Grimmie, Director, Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Re: Renewal Certificate of Approval of the Private Career School, Com-Tec Institute.
- f. November 11, 2014 – Memo: From Francis Gerbasi, CRNA, PhD, Executive Director, Council on Accreditation of Nurse Educational Programs. Re: COA Report of Actions.
- g. November 25, 2014 – Memo from Dr. Jennifer Butlin, Executive Director, CCNE. Re: Adverse Action Nurse.
- h. December 4, 2014 – Letter from Eric Friedman, PhD, Vice President, Academic Affairs, Hudson County Community College. Re: The Nursing courses will be transferred from the hospital to the Journal Square campus. Information regarding the transition is also attached.
- i. December 7, 2014 – Letter from Carol A. Mohrfeld, MSN, RN, Atlantic Cape Community College. Re: Resignation of her position as Chairperson of the Nursing & Allied Health Programs. Effective Jan 1, 2015 Myrna Morales-Keklak, RN, MSN will be assuming the role.
- j. December 10, 2014 – CCNE Public Statement regarding the status of Bellevue University (Nebraska) Baccalaureate Degree Program in Nursing.
- k. December 29, 2014 – Memo from Dr. Richard Braver, DPM, Managing Partner, Hackensack Surgery Center, LLC. Re: Kelly Fay is no longer the Director of Nursing. Effective December 20, 2014 Mary Beth Hopkins, RN will assume the responsibility of interim Director of Nursing.
- l. December 30, 2014 – Appellate Division; I/MO revocation or suspension of the provisional accreditation of and/or the imposition of probation on Caribbean Education Training Center and/or Center for Advanced Training and Studies.
- m. December 30, 2014 - Letter from Richard Grimmie, Director, Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Re: Renewal Certificate of Approval of the Private Career School, Prism Career Institute.
- n. January 7, 2015 – Letter from John A. Fromhold, FACHE, President and CEO, Hackensack UMC Mountainside. Re: Due the unplanned retirement of Ngozi O. Nkongho, PhD, RN, CNE as, Hackensack UMC Mountainside School of Nursing has appointed Janet Russ Ogunbote, PhD(c), MA, RN, APN-BC/ACNS an interim program director.
- o. January 15, 2015 – Letter from Dr. William Austin, President, Warren County Community College. Re: Effective February 6, 2015 Therese Steinhardt will be resigning as acting

director. Mrs. Patricia Stypolkowski, RN, MSN, CEN will be assuming the role of Director of Nursing Education.

Session II

1. Self-Study

a. St. Francis Medical Center School of Nursing– RN program

Recommendation: to approve St. Francis Medical Center School of - RN program full accreditation for eight (8) years with the following directive:

Clearly define in course outlines where pain management and End of Life issues are taught.

Administration to revise the contract with VNA of Mercer County to provide for a 120 day termination clause for both parties.

b. Best Care – PN program

A site visit was made to Best Care on January 29, 2015 by Dr. Lucille Joel, Board member, Margaret Howard, Education Consultant, Susan Sugalski and Winnie Quizon, Investigators, Enforcement Bureau.

A review of school documents, inspection of the physical facilities and a visit to a clinical site revealed that the program had made significant improvements since the January 2013 site visit,

Recommendation: Remove Best Care practical Nurse Education Program from conditional approval and remove enrollment caps.

2. New Program

a. Institute for Professional Care Education – seeking approval for a new CHHA training course. – Part I to develop an associate degree program in nursing - Submitted additional information. Accept this program as an option for CHHA training.

b. Berkeley College – application for a LPN to BSN program.

Submitted Phase I of a proposal to develop a LPN to RN BSN program.

Recommendation: To accept Phase I and allow program to submit Phase II.

3. Curriculum Change:

- a. Rowan College at Gloucester County - **The Committee recommends approval of curriculum change for Rowan College at Gloucester County.**
- b. Mercer County Community College - **The Committee recommends approval of a curriculum change for Mercer County Community College.**

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Dr. Lucille Joel and duly seconded by James Duran voted to approve the report and recommendations of the Education Committee. The motion carried.

4. NCLEX Results:

a. 2014 NCLEX Yearly Results

11 RN programs fell below 75% passing
9 PN programs fell below 75% passing

b. Accreditation Status:

1. Seton Hall University-

Below 75% passing three consecutive years. Recommendation: Place program on conditional accreditation and require the submission of an 18 month action plan with a time-line and measurable outcomes to correct any deficiencies.

2. Fairleigh Dickinson University

Below 75% passing three consecutive years. Recommendation: Place program on conditional accreditation and require the submission of an 18 month action plan with a time-line and measurable outcomes to correct any deficiencies.

5. Site Visit:

Chamberlain College of Nursing – Entry level RN Program
Site visited was conducted on March 4, 2015. The site is ready to accept students.

Recommendation: approve to accept nursing students on May 1, 2015.

OPEN FORUM:

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

- Commenter – spoke on the nursing regulations regarding nurse to patient ratios and the nursing programs that fell below 75%.
- Commenter – spoke on the Chamberlain College of Nursing and the process that was completed to seek to approval.
- Commenter – spoke on nursing programs graduates rates.
- Commenter – wanted to know the status of a new program application for Best Care Training Institute.
- Commenter – wanted to know if the Chamberlain College of Nursing went through the same application approval process as all new nursing programs.
- Commenter – commented on the RAMP program.
- Commenter – commented on providing students with assistance with passing the NCLEX.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Gina Miranda-Diaz and duly seconded by Barbara Blozen voted to go into closed session to discuss complaints against nursing programs. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

On March 6, 2015 the Regular Open Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on June 5, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Patricia Murphy
Board President