



New Jersey State Board of Nursing

Regular Open Board Meeting Minutes, April 16, 2002

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on April 16, 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, Sylvia C. Edge, Ronald H. Carr, Leo-Felix Jurado, Maris Lown, Virginia McKenney, Karen Rodriguez, Dr. Muriel M. Shore, Eileen Toughill, Nelson Tuazon, Margaret M. Kirchhoff, and Cecilia West.

ALSO PRESENT

Patricia A. Polansky, Executive Director, New Jersey State Board of Nursing, Harriet Johnson, Assistant Executive Director, Barbara Byers, Administrative Analyst, Joanne Cole, Director, Intervention Program, George Hebert, Deputy Executive Director, Deputy Attorney(s): General: Gus Lembo and Kathy Rohr.

NOT PRESENT

Board Member: 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, 2002. A schedule of all 2002 Regular Open Board Meeting 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 Inquire. The schedule has also been posted on the Bulletin Board at the New Jersey State Board of Nursing Office.

Approval of the April 16, 2002 Regular Open Board Meeting Agenda.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY NELSON TUAZON AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 16, 2002 REGULAR OPEN BOARD MEETING AGENDA.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

A reading and approval of the minutes for the Regular Open Business Meeting of February 26, 2002.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY KAREN RODRIGUEZ AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2002.

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, Co-Chairing the Articulation Subgroup, a member of The Merit Award Committee and the Leadership Committee for National Council State Boards of Nursing.

PATRICIA A. POLANSKY - REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

P. Polansky reported.

- Update on Licensing 2000
- Email dated April 11, 2002 from Francine Widrich re: Internet - Online Licensee Directories.
- Letter from Anthony Miragliotta, Deputy Director re: Advanced Practice Nurses Renewals.
- A Publication of The Center For State Health Policy - (List of participating board members)
- A free Education Seminar on "Addiction is not what you think" - (Information distributed among the board members)
- Email dated February 7, 2002 from Kristin Hellquist re: Update on the Nurse Reinvestment Act and HHS Budget.
- Information re: NCSBN PR&E Committee Meeting Report
- "Handouts/Pass arounds" - 1.) Email dated March 28, 2002 from Geri Dickson re: Recruitment of Nurses. 2.) A Tribute to Dorothy Donovan Flemming. 3.) Press Release - The Chauncey Group International and National League for Nursing join forces. 4.) Comic Relief. 5.) Modern Healthcare Article regarding Anthrax - 20/20 Hindsight. 6.) Information regarding Breast Cancer and Deciphering Medical Credentials. 7.) An article on Focus - regarding The Foreign Nurses. 8.) Letter dated February 28, 2002 from NJHA Expressing it's appreciation to Johnson & Johnson for the creation of it's incredible Nursing Image Campaign. 9.) Email dated February 26, 2002 from Joanne Cole, ONE/NJ regarding Bush Administration Promotes Careers in Nursing. 10.) Updated Powerpoint Presentation from Barbara Tofani re: The Nursing Shortage. 11.) Memo from Josephine Sienkiewicz re: her manuscript, "Professional Boundaries in The Home Care Setting" written in the February 2002 Issue of Home Healthcare Nurse. 12.) Information re: The Registered Nurse Population. 13.) Annual Report 2001 - A New Model for Changing Times. 14.) CSHP News - Article re: Susan C. Reinhard. 15.) Smallpox Vaccine Information.
- "Communication Packet" - 1.) Letter dated March 13, 2002 from Cathryne A. Welch, Executive Director Nurses House, Inc - (along with a brochure). 2.) Press Release March 6, 2002 - McGreevey establishes team to enhance Medical and Health Education in NJ. 3.) Memo dated March 6, 2002 from Sharon M. Joyce, Acting Director re: Legislation Inquires. 4.) Stories. 5.) A thank you letter from Johnson & Johnson to Ms. Polansky re: Their Campaign for Nursing.
- "Information Salad" - 1.) Breast Cancer Drug Helpful. 2.) Assisted Living. 3.) School on Drugs. 4.) Research

based practice tips. 5.) Jogging Shorts.

- P. Polansky seeks approval for: 1.) Patricia Polansky - April 8, 2002 - To attend Rutgers Center for State Health Policy, New Brunswick, NJ. 2.) Maris Lown and Patricia Polansky - April 24, 2002 - To attend The Annual Advisory Council Meeting of The Practical Nursing Program at the Monmouth County Career Center, Freehold, NJ. 3.) Barbara Byers - April 25, 2002 - To attend The Colleagues in Caring Site visit presentation at the NJHA. 4.) Patricia Polansky - April 25, 2002 - To attend The Annual Sigma Theta Tau Induction Ceremony at the Bridgewater Manor. 5.) Barbara Byers April 30, 2002 - To attend a Collaboration Summit on Nursing Education and Service in the 21st Century at the Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, NJ. 6.) Maris Lown May 1, 2002 - To attend a Collaboration Summit on Nursing Education and Service in the 21st Century at the Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, NJ. 7.) Joanne Cole June 29, 2002 - To attend The ANA National Convention in Philadelphia, PA.
- 8.) George Hebert - June 29, 2002 - To attend the American Nurses Association Preconvention Legal Workshop in Philadelphia, PA. 9.) George Hebert - July 14 & 15, 2002 - To attend The NCSBN'S Nursys Advisory Panel in Tempe, Arizona. 10.) Maris Lown - August 13-17, 2002 - To attend The NCSBN 2002 Annual Meeting in Long Beach, CA. 11.) Patricia Polansky - August 17-20, 2002 - To make a speech at The Forum on Health Care Leadership Upcoming Conference - Cross Country University, Miami Beach, FL. 12.) George Hebert - June 6, 2002 - To make a speech at Christ Hospital School of Nursing, Jersey City, NJ.

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

THE MOTION CARRIED.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY SYLVIA C. EDGE AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY SYLVIA C. EDGE AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPEARANCES:

1. Official Hearing - Re: Appeal from Board of Nursing to place on Probation the Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Nursing and Allied Health was represented by Dr. Guttman, Director and Dr. John Schneider, Dean.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY NELSON TUAZON AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR DELIBERATIONS.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY NELSON TUAZON AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

The Issue of Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Nursing:

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY LEO-FELIX JURADO AND DULY SECONDED, HAS FOUND PERSUASIVE THE ARGUMENTS PROPOUNDED BY FDU IN REGARD TO THE CORRECTIVE

ACTIONS IT HAS TAKEN TO REMEDIATE THOSE DEFICIENCIES IN THE NURSING PROGRAM WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE NCLEX SCORES BELOW 80 PERCENT FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE BOARD ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES AND APPRECIATES THAT SUCH CORRECTIVE ACTION MAY TAKE A PERIOD OF TIME TO COME TO FRUITION IN TERMS OF BETTER EXAMINATION PERFORMANCE OF ITS GRADUATES. THE BOARD ALSO FINDS PERSUASIVE THAT THE PROGRAM HAS THE COMPLETE SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION AND THAT THE PROGRAM HAS UNDERGONE A POSITIVE ACCREDITATION VISIT FROM THE COMMISSION ON COLLEGIATE NURSING EDUCATION WITHIN THE LAST SIX MONTHS.

THE BOARD HAS CONDUCTED A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE RECORD IN THIS MATTER, INCLUDING THE DOCUMENTS THAT WERE SUBMITTED BY FDU, AS WELL AS THE SUPPORTIVE LETTERS, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE A PART OF THE RECORD IN TODAY'S DELIBERATIONS.

ACCORDINGLY, FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS, FDU WILL BE RESTORED TO CONDITIONAL ACCREDITATION STATUS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. FURTHER, THE BOARD DIRECTS FDU TO SUBMIT AN ACTION PLAN THAT ADDRESSES IDENTIFIED DEFICIENCIES AND INCLUDES OBJECTIVES, INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES, SPECIFIC TIMELINES, AND CLEARLY IDENTIFIED OUTCOMES.

THIS ACTION PLAN WILL BE DUE IN THE BOARD OFFICE NO LATER THAN JUNE 15, 2002, AND IS MADE A CONDITION OF THE BOARD'S DECISION TO RESTORE FDU TO CONDITIONAL ACCREDITATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

The Board made a separate motion for the following schools:

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY LEO-FELIX JURADO AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED ON A SEPARATE MOTION THAT IS INSTIGATED BY THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE BOARD CONDUCTED THIS DATE IS MADE ON ITS OWN MOTION. THE DECISIONS MADE BY THE BOARD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2002, CONCERNING THE ACCREDITATION STATUS OF NURSING PROGRAMS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION WERE BASED PRIMARILY ON REPORTED NCLEX SCORES

FOR THESE PROGRAMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOARD REGULATIONS.

SINCE THAT DECISION, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING HAS ISSUED A REPORT, DATED MARCH 14, 2002, CONCERNING THE USE OF NCLEX PASS RATES AS AN INDICATOR OF PROGRAM APPROVAL. THAT REPORT RAISES SOME CONCERNS ABOUT RELIANCE UPON NCLEX SCORES AS THE PRIMARY CRITERION OF PROGRAM PERFORMANCE.

THAT REPORT WAS PLACED ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA TODAY FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES. HOWEVER, ITS CONTENTS BECAME PART OF TODAY'S DELIBERATIONS; AND THE BOARD BELIEVES ITS FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS ARE RELATED TO THE ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED TODAY.

FURTHER, THE BOARD'S NEW EDUCATION REGULATIONS PROPOSAL CONCERNING NURSING PROGRAMS AND CRITERIA FOR ACCREDITATION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE NEW JERSEY REGISTER ON APRIL 1, 2002. THIS PROPOSAL ALSO ADDRESSES THE NCLEX PASS RATES AND RELATIONSHIP OF THOSE SCORES TO CONTINUING ACCREDITATION.

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ALL OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE CONVERGENCE OF THE ISSUES PRESENTED TO THE BOARD, IT HAS DETERMINED THAT THE TIME IS RIPE TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE ISSUE OF NCLEX PASS RATES AS A CRITERION FOR ACCREDITATION STATUS. THE BOARD IS COMMITTED TO UNDERTAKING THIS STUDY IN A

COMPREHENSIVE MANNER BUT AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE, AND THE BOARD FINDS THIS TO BE AN ISSUE OF HIGH PRIORITY.

THE BOARD NOTES THAT ITS REGULATION CONCERNING PROBATION AFTER TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF BELOW 80 PERCENT PASS RATES AT N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.6 IS NOT MANDATORY; IT IS PERMISSIVE. THEREFORE, THE BOARD CLEARLY HAS THE DISCRETION TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION ON ITS OWN MOTION.

FUNDAMENTAL FAIRNESS REQUIRES THAT ALL PROGRAMS BE TREATED IN A SIMILAR MANNER BY THE BOARD. THEREFORE, UNION COUNTY COLLEGE AND FELICIAN COLLEGE SHALL ALSO BE RETURNED TO CONDITIONAL ACCREDITATION STATUS, THEREBY PERMITTING THE ADMISSION OF NEW STUDENTS.

IN A SIMILAR MANNER, HOWEVER, BOTH FELICIAN COLLEGE AND UMDNJ COLLEGE OF NURSING AT RAMAPO, WHICH WAS PLACED FOR THE FIRST TIME ON CONDITIONAL ACCREDITATION ON FEBRUARY 26, 2002, ALSO SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE SAME ACTION PLAN THAT THE BOARD'S DECISION REQUIRES OF FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY. THEIR ACTION PLANS ALSO WILL BE DUE BY JUNE 15, 2002.

SINCE UNION COUNTY COLLEGE HAS BEEN ON PROBATION STATUS FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME AND HAS A RECORD DISCLOSING HISTORICAL DEFICIENCIES, UNION COUNTY COLLEGE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PROCEED, CONSISTENT WITH THE BOARD'S DECISION ON FEBRUARY 26, 2002, WITH THE SUBMISSION OF A TOTALLY REDESIGNED CURRICULUM.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY NOREEN D@ANGELO AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED FOR APPROVAL OF RULES TO MOVE FORWARD FOR INITIAL PUBLICATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. The Massage, Bodywork, and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Members along with Anthony Miragliotta, Deputy Director and Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst discussed with the Board the finalization of their draft rules.

Communication:

Letter dated March 20, 2002 to J. Michael Adams, President Fairleigh Dickinson University re: Appeal from Board of Nursing determination to place on probation the FDU School of Nursing and Allied Health.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:

No report.

2. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW PANEL:

J. Cole reported. The Legislative Review Panel reviewed the following bills:

- Assembly Bill 351 - Sponsors: Caraballo, Wilfredo/Chivukula, Upendra J. Introduced January 8, 2002. This bill provides for voluntary contributions by taxpayers on gross income tax returns for hospice and palliative care programs. **Position - Neutral.** Comment(s): 1.) This is a tax department issue. 2.) We support the concept but it is not our purview to determine the best way for an agency to receive contributions.

- Assembly Bill 1746 - Sponsor: DiGaetano, Paul. Introduced February 4, 2002. This bill is a "Public Health Preparedness Act"; appropriates \$3.8 million. **Position - Monitor for more information.** Comment(s): Collaboration needed throughout NJ; DHSS may be receiving a grant that will be able to do more.
- Assembly Bill 1620 - Sponsors: Reed, Gusciora/Weinbert, Loretta. Introduced January 31, 2002. This is bill establishes demonstration needle and syringe exchange program in DHSS. **Position - Oppose.** Comment(s): 1.) Prefer education re: HIV. 2.) No dollars allocated. 3.) Should attach treatment to the program and there is currently not enough treatment centers in NJ.
- Assembly Bill 1713 - Sponsors: Thompson, Samuel D./Chatzidakis, Larry. Introduced February 4, 2002. This bill upgraded tampering generally; upgrades tampering with prescribed medicine to second degree crime. **Position - Support.** Comment(s): 1.) It is the right thing to do for public protection.
- Assembly Bill 291 - Sponsors: Reed, Gusciora/Stanley, Craig A. Introduced January 8, 2002. This is a "Nursing Home Patient Protection Act". **Position - Oppose.** Comment(s): 1.) Public should have correct information to make accurate decisions; Numbers of staff does not give information on quality care. 2.) There is already a monthly electronic report to DHSS on the condition of each patient in every Nursing Home.
- Assembly Bill 1695 - Sponsor: Vandervalk, Charlotte. Introduced February 4, 2002. This is bill established New Jersey Medical Error Reduction Study Commission; appropriates \$95,000. **Position - Support.** Comment(s): 1.) End purpose is a good one. 2.) Recommend adding one (1) acute care nurse and one (1) long term care nurse and representation from DCA.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY RONALD CARR AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW PANEL.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

3. REGULATORY COMMITTEE:

M. Shore reported. The Regulatory Committee met on April 9, 2002 to discuss the following:

Issue: Retired Nurses and Out-of-State Nurses working in New Jersey during emergencies

Informational: C. Manning gave an update report

Issue: Committee Regulations Flowsheet 2002

Informational: On April 9, 2002 the committee discussed the following items from the Regulations Flowsheet:

1. Draft rules regarding continuing education for nurses in New Jersey. Additional committee work is required.
2. Proposed amendments to the Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) regulations, subchapter seven, which are currently being reviewed. The areas for APN clinical specialty certification will be further reviewed, considering the recommendations from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

4. EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

L. Jurado reported. The Education Committee met on April 12, 2002 to discuss the following:

Issue: Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing, LPN Bridge Course

Informational: Charles E. Gregory presented a Bridge Course for LPNs entering their LPN to RN Career Ladder Program. 120 Course hours will be provided for this course.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY LEO-FELIX JURADO AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CHARLES E. GREGORY SCHOOL OF NURSING TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSED BRIDGE COURSE.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Issue: College of New Jersey, eligibility of students to take NCLEX-RN as part of Entry Level Masters Degree in Nursing Program.

Informational: The College of New Jersey is exploring the feasibility of developing an Entry Level Masters Degree in Nursing Program. The program is intending to attract individuals who possess a baccalaureate degree in another discipline into the MSN degree program.

The proposed MSN program contains all of the nursing content included in the current BSN program.

Students would sit for NCLEX-RN upon completion of the BSN level course work (57credits) and would continue onto complete the MSN (advance practice) level course work.

Based on Board of Nursing regulations, the college is questioning whether students would be eligible to take NCLEX-RN upon completion of the BSN level course work, or would the school have to award a BSN degree or some alternate form of degree or certificate for students to be eligible to take NCLEX-RN?

N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.2(b), Eligibility for accreditation, provides for Board accreditation of Baccalaureate Degree Program, Associate Degree Program, Diploma Programs and Practical Nursing Programs. **The Board does not accredit graduate nursing programs.**

N.J.S.A. 45: 11-26, Professional Nurses, (a). Qualifications of applications, requires that an applicant for a license to practice professional nursing shall submit to the Board evidence that the applicant has completed a course of professional nursing study in an accredited school of professional nursing as defined by the Board and holds a diploma therefrom.

N.J.A.C. 13:37-2.3 Application requirements; professional and practical nurses, (a) 3. a written certification from the program administrator or registrar attesting that the applicant has successfully completed all requirements for graduation from a Board accredited professional/practical nursing program. The certification shall indicate the date of actual graduation or the date the degree/diploma was actually conferred.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY LEO-FELIX JURADO AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THAT THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY GRANT A BSN DEGREE TO STUDENTS UPON COMPLETION OF THE BACCALAUREATE COMPONENT OF THE ENTRY LEVEL MSN PROGRAM.

THAT THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY INFORM THE BOARD OF HOW THEY WILL DETERMINE WHEN THESE STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE BSN DEGREE BY DEMONSTRATING A COURSE BY COURSE EQUIVALENCE WITH IN THE ENTRY LEVEL MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence:

Issue: Felician College is requesting clarification of technical issues regarding the Board's February 26, 2002 action to place the college on probation. The Committee is not making recommendations on these questions. They are being referred for full Board discussion.

Questions:

1. That program specific performance rates for Felician College, beginning with the 2001 NCLEX Examination, be

established and utilized as basis for board actions in (determining) our compliance with 13:37-1.4 Conditional accreditation, (a) 2. Less than 80 percent of its graduates achieve passing grades in the licensing examination; and 13:37-1.6 Probation. A program may be placed on probation when its graduates fail to achieve 80 percent passing on the licensing examinations for two consecutive years. A program placed on probation shall not admit new or transfer students into the program. The institution shall be given the opportunity for a hearing to appeal this action.

2. That the Board of Nursing specifies which program (ADN or Generic BSN) their probation decision of February 28, 2002 affects.

3. That the Board of Nursing reconsiders its probation decision based on the College's submission of a phase out plan for the ADN Program submitted to the Board on January 30, 2002. Since the probation action produces the same result (cannot admit new or transfer students into the program) as our Board approved a phase out plan (will not be accepting new or transfers students effective February 1, 2002), we ask to have our conditional accreditation status carried with the requirement that all progress reports outlined in our February 28, 2002 remain in force.

Rationale: The request is supported by the February 2001 fully successful NLNAC site visit report and the February 2002 report of the Curriculum Consultant hired by Felician College to review the ADN Program. The consultant makes no recommendations regarding the ADN curriculum but suggests more emphasis be placed on test preparedness and exit exams in the senior year.

4. That the Board consider the small number of test takers in the first graduating class of the Generic BSN Program when reviewing NCLEX Examination performance for 2001.

5. That the Board advise Felician College on its ability to withdraw a Letter of Eligibility when graduates unduly delay in taking the NCLEX Examination as soon as possible following graduation.

Due to the complexity of these questions, the committee was not able to complete its study of these questions in order to make recommendations to the Board. The Board's decision today restoring Felician College to conditional accreditation makes some of these questions moot. However, the Committee will continue to review these questions at its next meeting and make complete recommendations at the next public Board meeting. Accordingly, this is presented for information only at this time.

5. NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE:

N. Tuazon reported. The Nursing Practice Committee met on February 26, 2002.

Issue: Guest Appearance, Perspectives on Public Health Nursing

Informational: Perspectives on Public Health Nursing were presented on February 26, 2002 by Peggy Dyer Weissman, M.S.N., R.N., A.P.N., C., President of the New Jersey Association of Public Health Nurse Administrators, and Miriam Cohen, M.S., R.N., A.P.N., C., Vice Chair, Public Health Council of New Jersey, Senior Consultant of Medical Inter-Insurance Exchange.

The three Core Public Health Functions were reviewed: 1) the assessment of information on the health of the community, 2) comprehensive public health policy development, and 3) the assurance that public health services are provided to the community. A handout was provided.

Ms. Weissman and Ms. Cohen also mentioned the Proposal of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, Public Health Council, on Public Health Practice Standards for Local Boards of Health in New Jersey, New Rules - N.J.A.C. 8:52. The proposal indicates that the amended rules will modernize the New Jersey public health system to better serve the goals of protecting public health, promoting health and preventing disease.

Issue: Nursing Delegation, Red Cross Nurses

Informational: Nelson Tuazon, Chair of the Nursing Practice Committee, Patricia A. Polansky, Executive Director,

Barbara Byers, Administrative Analyst, and August Lembo, Deputy Attorney General, met on April 10, 2002 with Brigid O'Neill-LaGier, Chief Operating Officer, Nancy Baker, R.N., Assistant Director of Compliance and Education, and Gregory B. Hook, Attorney, for the Penn-Jersey Region of the American Red Cross to discuss and review tasks required of the Donor Collection Assistants at blood drives in New Jersey. The meeting was very beneficial in clarifying issues embracing nursing delegation. These issues will be discussed at the April 16, 2002 Nursing Practice Committee Meeting.

Issue: Medical Discharge Summaries

Informational: This issue is still under BME & committee review.

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

Informational: The tele-conference is scheduled for September 27, 2002 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; the broadcasting location is the New Jersey Hospital Association, 760 Alexander Road, Princeton, NJ.

The Tele-conference speakers are James N. Dillard, M.D., D.C., C.A.C., University Pain Center, New York, NY, and Ooi-Thye Chong, R.N., M.P.H., Director of Program Development, Health LLC, New York, NY.

OPEN FORUM:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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 April 16, 2002 the Regular Open Business Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next Regular Open Business Meeting will be on June 18, 2002.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY EILEEN TOUGHILL AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AT 2:00 P.M.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Muriel M. Shore
Secretary/Treasurer

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