

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING
MINUTES
OPEN BUSINESS MEETING
MAY 6, 2011

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on May 6, 2011 in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Patricia A. Murphy, Board President called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Joni Jones
Patricia Murphy
Luz Ramos
Constance Wilson

ALSO PRESENT:

George J. Hebert, Executive Director
Joanne Leone, Deputy Attorney General
Diane Scott, Administrative Staff
Mary Peterson, Supervisor, Disciplinary Section
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst
Barbara Lopez, Deputy Attorney General

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Avery Hart
Karen Rodriguez

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, 2010. A schedule of all 2011 Regular Open Board Meetings to be held during 2011 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 May 6, 2011: Reading and Approval:

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Richard Hader and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, voted to approve the Regular Open Board Meeting Agenda of May 6, 2011. The motion carried.

MINUTES:

Open Business Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2011: Reading and Approval:

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Sandra Austin-Benn, voted to approve the Regular Open Board Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2011. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT – DR. PATRICIA A. MURPHY:

No report.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – GEORGE J. HEBERT:

George Hebert reported:

- 2011 Renewal Update – The renewal is coming along smoothly with most of the nurses going online to complete the renewal process. Each licensee is required to complete the criminal history background check before they are made eligible to renew.
- Call Center Update – the call center answers the high volume of calls received monthly. The staff manning the center provides basic information; more complex questions are referred to Board staff. The call center is currently handing approximately 80% of the 5000 calls received per month.
- May 5, 2011 memo from Alma Saravia, Legal counsel for the CRNAs regarding a filing an appeal challenging certain subsections in the Department of Health and Senior Services' Hospital Licensure Regulations.

INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

1. February 1, 2011 – memo from Melissa H. DiGregorio, Acting Supervisor, Administrative Rules Unit, Department of Corrections regarding Proposed Readoption with Amendments at N.J.A.C. 10A:6.
2. February 11, 2011 – memo from Melissa H. DiGregorio, Acting Supervisor, Administrative Rules Unit, Department of Corrections regarding Proposed Readoption with Amendments at N.J.A.C. 10A:4.

3. February 17, 2011 – memo from Melissa H. DiGregorio, Acting Supervisor, Administrative Rules Unit, Department of Corrections regarding Jointly Proposed Amendments at N.J.A.C. 10A:35-1.4 (10:36A-1.4). Jointly Proposed New Rules at N.J.A.C. 10A:35-10 (10:36A-10).
4. March 21, 2011 – New Jersey Register: Adopted New Rules: N.J.A.C. 13:45G Disposition of Consumer Complaints.
5. April 8, 2011 – The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education – One Minute Summary
6. April 12, 2011 – News Release; Partnership for Patients to Improve Care and Lower Costs for Americans.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Saundra Austin-Benn reported on the following:

March 25, 2011 Session II:

New Program Application (*Appearances*)

- a. AMG Medical Career Institute – PN Program, Phase I

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Saundra Austin-Benn and duly seconded by Connie Wilson voted not approve or support Phase I of the AMG Medical Career Institute’s application. The motion carried.

Self Study

- a. HoHoKus Hackensack School of Business & Medical Sciences. Curriculum update proposal & Bilingual Hispanic PN program Self Study.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Saundra Austin-Benn and duly seconded by Connie Wilson voted to approve and support the curriculum update and self-study report of HoHoKus Hackensack School of Business & Medical Sciences. The motion carried.

- b. Camden County College

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Saundra Austin-Benn and duly seconded by Connie Wilson voted to approve and support the self-study report of Camden County College pending the results of a site visit. The motion carried.

April 1, 2011 Session I:

Correspondence

a. February 17, 2011 – Letter from Patricia Castaldi, DNP, RN, ANEF, Director, Union County College. Re: The Practical Nursing Program is proposing a change in designation from a Diploma to a certificate.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Sandra Austin-Benn and duly seconded by Connie Wilson voted to approve and support the proposed change. The motion carried.

b. February 28, 2011 – Letter from Ngozi O. Nkongho, PhD, RN, CNE, Director, Mountainside Hospital. Re: A curriculum change regarding course N230 be modified to increase the classroom component of the course. The total course credits remain unchanged, the theory hours have been increased to 2 credits (30 hours) and the clinical is now 2 credits (90 hours).

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Sandra Austin-Benn and duly seconded by Connie Wilson voted to approve and support the curriculum change. The motion carried.

c. March 3, 2011 – Letter from Leo-Felix M. Jurado, MA, RN, NE-BC, APN, Professor and Chairperson Nursing Department, County College of Morris. Re: Curriculum Redesign.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Sandra Austin-Benn and duly seconded by Connie Wilson voted to approve and support the curriculum redesign. Note that curriculum changes requires Board approval prior to implementation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.16(b).The motion carried.

d. March 7, 2011 – Letter from Julie Kulak, MSN, RN, BC, CNE, Curriculum Coordinator, Capital Health School of Nursing. Re: To request permission to alter the curriculum pattern at Capital Health School of Nursing.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Sandra Austin-Benn and duly seconded by Connie Wilson voted to approve and support the curriculum change. The motion carried.

e. March 9, 2011 – Letter from Kathleen Burke, PhD, RN, Assistant Dean, Ramapo College of New Jersey. Re: Curriculum Change.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Sandra Austin-Benn and duly seconded by Connie Wilson voted to approve and support the curriculum change. The motion carried.

f. March 28, 2011 – Letter from Timothy Inverso, MSN, RN, CEN, Regional Director of Nursing, Lincoln Technical Institute. Re: Revised practical nursing curriculum.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Saundra Austin-Benn and duly seconded by Connie Wilson voted to approve and support the curriculum change. The motion carried.

April 1, 2011 Session II:

New Program Application (*Appearances*)

a. Grace Vocational Nursing School – PN Program, Phase I. Received email from Annie Davies (CEO) of Grace Vocational Nursing School which states she will not be able to attend this meeting and to reschedule her appearance with the Board.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Saundra Austin-Benn and duly seconded by Connie Wilson voted to defer this matter until a later date. The motion carried.

b. Medical Career Institute – PN Program, Phase II

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Saundra Austin-Benn and duly seconded by Connie Wilson voted not to approve Phase II of Medical Career Institute's application and to deny Provisional Accreditation. The motion carried.

Self Study

a. New Jersey City University

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Saundra Austin-Benn and duly seconded by Connie Wilson voted to approve and support the self-study report of New Jersey City University pending the results of a site visit. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst will discuss the following items:

1. N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.2, Educational Requirements for certification (Doctoral Degree)

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Saundra Austin-Benn voted to approve the language change in N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.2. The motion carried.

2. N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.3, Practice prior to passing the examination for certification (APN)

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Saundra Austin-Benn voted to approve the proposed regulations N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.3. The motion carried.

3. N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.7, Biennial certificate renewal; certificate suspension; reinstatement of suspended certificate; inactive status; return fro inactive status (APN)

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Luz Ramos voted to approve the proposed changes to N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.7. The motion carried.

4. N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.2, Biennial license renewal (Alternative to Discipline Surcharge)

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Luz Ramos voted to approve the proposed changes N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.2. The motion carried.

5. N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.2, Application for establishment of a new program in nursing

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Luz Ramos voted to approve the proposed changes N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.2. The motion carried.

6. N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.5, Fee Schedule (CHHA)

This matter has been deferred to the next available Board meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

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

- No comments from the public.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Saundra Austin-Benn, 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 Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Joni Jones, voted to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.

On May 6, 2011 the Regular Open Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on September 9, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Murphy
Board President