

Board of Nursing

June 19, 2001

Regular Open Board Meeting

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on June 19, 2001 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: Sylvia C. Edge, Richard Freda, Ronald H. Carr, Denise Link, Leo-Felix Jurado, Maris Lown, Virginia McKenney, Karen Rodriguez, Dr. Muriel M. Shore, Eileen Helbig Toughill, Nelson Tuazon, and Margaret Kirchhoff.

ALSO PRESENT

Deputy Attorney(s) General: Gus Lembo, Kathryn Schwed, Patricia A. Polansky, Executive Director, New Jersey State Board of Nursing, Barbara Byers, Administrative Analyst, Susan Kelly, Paralegal Nurse Specialist, Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs.

NOT PRESENT

Board Member: Noreen DAngelo

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, 2001. A schedule of all 2001 Regular Open Board Meetings to be held during 2001 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.

Approval of the June 19, 2001 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY RONALD H. CARR, AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 19, 2001 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

A reading and approval of the minutes for the Regular Open Meeting of May 15, 2001.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY VIRGINIA MCKENNEY AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 15, 2001.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

MARIS A. LOWN - REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

M. Lown reported. M. Lown continues to serve on: 1.) The Colleagues In Caring Steering Committee, and 2.) Articulation Committee.

PATRICIA A. POLANSKY - REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

P. Polansky reported. As of May 31, 2001 the total number of licensed Certified Home Health Aides in New Jersey is 34,500. Pending approval for criminal background checks are 4,582 and to date 12,730 are qualified. There are approximately 20,000 home health aides that have not sent their application over to the Board of Nursing for certification. Three letters have gone out to notify all home health organizations to send out applications before the upcoming renewal.

E-mailed Dated May 25, 2001 from Kristin Hellquist, re: JCAHO Statement on the Nurse Shortage.

Memo Dated June 7, 2001 from June Levy, Assistant Director, Division of Consumer Affairs re: Year end guidelines/cutoff date for processing travel reimbursement requests and payment vouchers.

Memo Dated May 18, 2001 from Anthony Miragliotta, Deputy Director re: Per Diem Board Increase.

Letter Dated May 10, 2001 from Josephine Sienkiewicz, RN, MSN, Director of Education and Clinical Practice, NJ Home Health Assembly, regarding thank you letter.

Information Packet re: The Nursing Shortage was distributed among the Board Members.

Communication Packet includes: 1.) E-mail dated May 25, 2001 from Kristin Hellquist - FYI: JACHO Statement on Nurse Shortage. 2.) The Council Connector; A Newsletter for the Members of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) - Dated May 2001 vol. 1, issue 10. 3.) Hospital CEOs concerned about Nursing Workforce. 4.) Nurse Reinvestment Act Senate 706.

Handouts/Pass around includes: 1.) State Initiatives in End-Of-Life Care. 2.) Summary of Monies. 3.) Preliminary Program Brochures Harmonizing Care, Cost and Quality. 4.) Maine First State To Place Restrictions On Mandatory Overtime.

Information Salad - 1.) Feature Story; Right Job Fit Makes For Healthier Workers. 2.) Pittsburgh Health Initiative May Serve As U.S. Model. 3.) Ways To Turn Off Stress. 4.) Aide and Comfort. 5.) ANA Calls U.S. Supreme Court Ruling Unfair To Nurses And Harmful To Patients. 6.) DHSS Reports On Trends IN Place Of Death. 7.) Escaping Death. 8.) Ten Distinguished Nurses To Receive Governors Nursing Merit Awards. 9.) Jogging Shorts.

P. Polansky seeks approval for: 1.) M. Lown, P. Polansky, R. Carr, and G. Hebert - August 6, 2001 to August 11, 2001 - To attend the NCSBN 23rd Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA on Transforming Regulation in Extraordinary. 2.) G. Hebert - September 28, 2001 - To attend the NCLEX Invitational 2001 Preparing for the Future Innovations in Testing, Las Vegas, NV. 3.) J. Cole - June 16, 2001 to June 22, 2001 - To attend the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies, Salt Lake City, UT.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY DENISE LINK AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE APPEARANCES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND STAFF.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

P. Polansky recognized the following staff members for all their hard work and dedication to the work of the Board: Sylvia Jackson, Devita Brown, Ethel Evans, Joanne Cole, Director of Intervention Program, Valerie Herring, Office Supervisor, Kario Wiltshire, Mary Wilson, Gregoria Marerro, Sylvia Bishop, Virginia White, Gladys Quarshie, Leslie Burgos, Wazir Hussain, Merlin Cora, Barbara Byers, Administrative Analyst. She introduced two summer interns Diane Oliveira, and Stace Morris.

COMMUNICATION:

1. Letter date May 18, 2001 from Mark S. Herr, Director, Division of Consumer Affairs, Newark, N.J.

To notify Board Members regarding increasing the per diem.

2. Letter dated May 1, 2001 from Joan M. Quigley, Vice President External Affairs, Bon Secours & Canterbury Partnership for Care, Jersey City, N.J.

To notify the Board that the Christ Hospital Health system has changed their name to Bon Secours & Canterbury Partnership for Care.

APPEARANCE:

Psychiatric Nursing Raritan Valley Community College - Janice Buttler, RN, APN, C.

S. Kelly welcomed and introduced J. Buttler, RN, APN, C.. J. Buttler gave an extensive presentation on Drug Treatment and Assessment for Nurses. J. Buttler passed out handouts regarding Assessment for Safety to Practice.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

1. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:

No report.

2. EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

L. Jurado reported. The Education Committee met on June 19, 2001.

I. Passaic County Community College

Recommendation: To grant permission for the curriculum revision in the nursing program.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY LEO-FELIX JURADO APPROVED THE PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CURRICULUM REVISION, WHEREIN PHARMACOLOGY IS INTEGRATED THROUGHOUT THE NURSING CURRICULUM, THE ONE CREDIT PHARMACOLOGY COURSE (NUR 200), IS DELETED, AND THE ONE CREDIT IS ADDED TO NURSING I (NUR 101) INCREASING NURSING I FROM SIX (6) TO SEVEN (7) CREDITS.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

II. Claremont Center/Genesis ElderCare

Recommendation: As a long-term care facility, in Point Pleasant, N.J. wants permission to be a clinical affiliate for nursing students to obtain their geriatric clinical practice experience.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY LEO-FELIX JURADO FOR APPROVAL OF CLAREMONT CENTER IN POINT PLEASANT, N.J. AS A CLINICAL AFFILIATE FOR STUDENT NURSE CLINICAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCES.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Informational:

National Council of State Boards of Nursing - NCLEX Beta Site Transition Plan

A conference call on the NCLEX Beta Site Transition Plan was held on May 5, 2001. The transition Plan will be available in July 2001 for all Beta sites. This will be followed up by a bulletin (s) in October/November 2001.

3. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW PANEL:

S. Kelly reported. The Legislative Review Panel reviewed the following Bills:

Assembly Bill 1039 - Sponsor: Weinberg. Introduced January 11, 2000. This bill requires certificate of approval for home infusion therapy providers. **Position - Monitor for more information.** Comment(s): 1.) Not enough information and will confer with DHSS and Noreen DAngelo at the State Department of Health & Senior Services. 2.) Thought to be a good concept but needs clarification of entry standards and regulations. 3.) How does this effect home care agencies and is the exemption for certain self employed people appropriate? 4.) Language needs to be tightened up to more clearly define who the providers of service would be. 5.) Fines are not amounts which would have any impact. 6.) Standards of Practice are not established by the Bill and it is not clear that the Commissioner of Health can establish such standards.

Assembly Bill 915 - Sponsor: John. Introduced January 11, 2000. This bill requires long-term care facilities and hospitals to accept do not resuscitate orders under certain circumstances. **Position - Oppose.** Comment(s): 1.) Needs to be clarified and reconciled with other already existing legislation. 2.) Needs review by the Board of Medical Examiners, we will weigh in after their reviews. 3.) This may take away from the family decision making process.

Assembly Bill 3302 - Sponsor: Thompson, Samuel/ **Senate Bill 2208** - Sponsor: Quigley, Joan. Introduced March 22, 2001. This bill enters New Jersey in Nurse Multistate Licensure Compact. **Position - Monitor for more information.** Comment(s): 1.) We are waiting to hear from legislative liaison people as to the status of the Bill.

Senate Bill 2443 - Sponsor: Littell. Introduced May 31, 2001. This bill creates Nurse Retention Stipend Program Act; appropriates \$1 million. **Position - Oppose.** Comment(s): 1.) As matter of public policy, this is not equitable to nurses or the general population. 2.) The question was raised as to how far 1 million dollars would go. Would it only fund 200 nurses for one year?

Senate Bill 2356 - Sponsor: Allen & Cafiero. Introduced May 14, 2001. This bill establishes ovarian cancer public awareness campaign in DHSS; appropriates \$75,000. **Position - Support.** Comment(s): 1.) Good for public at large. 2.) To suit a diverse population, will have to consider a more multi-language approach. 3.) We will communicate with staff person at DHSS who is developing the committee on cancer research, prevention, detection.

Senate Bill 2357 - Sponsor: Allen & Cafiero. Introduced May 14, 200. This bill establishes public awareness campaign to reduce tobacco use among young women; appropriates \$75,000. **Position - Neutral.** Comment(s): 1.) Thought this was included in the Tobacco Settlement. 2.) While we are aware of increased risks of smoking, why was this the only group targeted?

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

THE MOTION CARRIED.

4. NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE:

D. Link reported. The first issue was regarding Advanced Practice Nursing Certification. There is was a request from Susan Grimes who applied to the Board for certification as a Womens Health/ Nurse Practitioner.

THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY DENISE LINK AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO ACCEPT SUSAN GRIMES PHARMACOLOGY EDUCATION FOR NEW JERSEY BOARD OF NURSING CERTIFICATION AS A WOMENS HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Also included was a evaluation report of the Board of Nursing Teleconference on Pain Management & End-of-Life Care. The evaluation results were highly complimentary. There were 14 sites turned in, 4 sites mailed program

evaluations to the Board of Nursing, 23 onsite attendees at the New Jersey Hospital Association, and 61 total individual responses.

REGULATORY REVIEW TASK FORCE:

C. Manning reported. Subchapter 13:37 - 14.1 Purpose and Scope

The Board reviewed a draft of amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37, Homemaker-Home Aides. Several issues were raised by the Board regarding applications for training program approval and qualifications for instructors. Board staff will review these issues and present possible solutions to the Board at its July meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

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

Bernard Gerard, First Vice President of Health Professionals and Allied Employees several nurses came forth requesting the Board of Nursing to comment on Patient Abandonment. They brought a petition which was signed by a 1000 nurses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No report.

SCHOOL AND AGENCY SURVEYS:

No report.

ADJOURNMENT:

On June 19, 2001 the Regular Open Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. The next Regular Open Business Meeting will be on July 17, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Muriel M. Shore
Secretary / Treasurer



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