A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on December 4, 2015 in the Monmouth Conference Room, 7th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Patricia Murphy, Board President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Theresa Beck
Barbara Blozen
Noreen D’Angelo
James Doran
Lucille Joel
Irene Mantell
Patricia Murphy

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Yolanda Delgado
Gina Miranda-Diaz

ALSO PRESENT:

Joanne Leone, Acting Executive Director
Olga Bradford, Deputy Attorney General
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst (to discuss regulation amendments)
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 December 4, 2015: Reading and Approval with amendments:

- Ethics Training will be tabled until the next Regular Board meeting.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Dr. Barbara Blozen and duly seconded by James Doran voted to approve the December 4, 2015 Regular Board meeting agenda as amended. The motion carried.

MINUTES:

Open Business Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2015: Reading and Approval:

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Dr. Barbara Blozen and duly seconded by James Doran voted to approve the October 2, 2015 Regular Board meeting minutes. The motion carried.

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

On December 1, 2015 - Dr. Patricia Murphy and James Doran attended the APRN Stakeholders Meeting, sponsored by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the American Nurses Association (ANA). Discussion ensued regarding the implementation of the Consensus Model, the impact of the model and the continued progress of the model.

REPORT OF THE ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – JOANNE LEONE:

Joanne Leone reported:

- Budget Report – Darlene Kane, Budget Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs met with the Board to discuss the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Report. Ms. Kane provided a detailed overview of the cost associated with running the daily operations of the Board of Nursing.

- CHHA Training Programs - Gina Galloni, Investigator, discussed the current state of CHHA training programs. Investigations into several CHHA training programs revealed various issues that needs to be addressed such as language barriers and caregivers who are not properly trained but are employed to care for the vulnerable.

A discussion ensued regarding placing a moratorium on any new applications for CHHA training programs so that the Board may continue to address the many issues surrounding the current CHHA training programs.
After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D’Angelo and duly seconded by James Doran voted to approve placing a moratorium on any new applications for CHHA training programs. The motion carried.

- Endorsement Statute – Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst discussed issues raised regarding P.L. 2013, c. 182 and the Board’s ability to require endorsement applicants to undergo a CGFNS transcript review are still under review. For the time being, the Board will continue to process endorsement applications pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:11-26 and 27, which permits the Board to require CGFNS transcript reviews.

COMMUNICATION:

a) September 21, 2015 – Montana State University “Shortage of nurses not as dire as predicted, but challenges remain to meet nation’s needs.”

b) October 2015 – Letter from Shirley A. Brekken, President, NCSBN, regarding post-board meeting update.

c) October 8, 2015 – Pro Publica; “Bill would add nurses, physician assistants to pharma payments database.”

d) October 30, 2015 – CMS.gov; CMS Finalizes 2016 Medicare Payment Rules for physicians, hospitals, and other providers.


f) November 16, 2015 - proposed new rules (regs) for the PMP that were published in the NJ register.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Dr. Lucille Joel reported on the following:

Session I – November 6, 2015

1. Correspondence:

a. August 31, 2015 – Letter from Monica Maraska, MSN, RN, CNE, Dean, Health & Natural Science, County College of Morris. Re: Effective July 16, 2015 Change in leadership in the Nursing Program at County College of Morris.

b. September 24, 2015 – Letter from Laurie Pringle, Regional Campus President, Lincoln Technical Institute, Paramus and Edison Campuses. Re: effective Oct 1, 2015 Mr. William Gottshall, MA, RN, NEA-BC, has been appointed Director of Nursing, Paramus Campus.

c. September 25, 2015 – Letter from Elizabeth Fitzgerald, RN, CCRN, MSN, Interim Dean, School of Health Studies, Berkeley College. Re: Converting its academic calendar from a quarter based system to a semester based system.
d. October 4, 2015 – Letter from Evadine A. Harrison-Madu, PhD, MSN, RRT, RN, Chairperson/Assistant Professor, Essex County College. Re: Dr. Evadine A. Harrison-Madu is the Nursing Administrator of the Practical Nursing program and Mr. Reynaldo Zamudio is the Coordinator of the Practical Nursing program.

e. October 13, 2015 – Letter from Judith F. Karshmer, PhD, PMHCNS-BC Chair, CCNE Board of Commissioners. Re: CCNE Board of Commissioners approved the revised Standards for Accreditation of Entry-to-Practice Nurse Residency Programs 2015.

f. October 19, 2015 – Letter from Elizabeth A. Fitzgerald, MSN, RN, CCRN, Interim Dean, School of Health Studies, Berkeley College. Re: effective October 19, 2015, Josiane Hickson, EdD, RN-BC, NE-BC, has been appointed Chair of the Nursing Department at Berkeley College.

g. October 29, 2015 – Letter from Myrna Morales, Keklak, RN, MSN, APN, CNE, Associate Professor of Nursing, Division Chairperson Nursing & Allied Health Programs, Atlantic Cape Community College. Re: MSN Degree Requirement for RN Nursing Education. The Committee recommended that a letter be sent to the school concerning an individual with a master’s degree in School Nursing. This degree does not meet the requirements of the regulations because it a degree in education and has not been granted from a college with a program in nursing.

Session II

1. Appearance

Representatives from Jersey College (Ewing and Teterboro) appeared before the Committee to answer questions regarding student complaints and the method used for the exit exam.

2. Self-Study

a. Felician College

Recommendation: To approve Felician College for full accreditation for the next eight (8) years.

3. Curriculum Change:

a. Georgian Court University

The Committee recommends approval of curriculum change for Georgian Court University.

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.
2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Noreen D’Angelo reported on the following:

The Committee met to discuss the electing of officers for the 2016 calendar year. The Committee recommends the following: the re-election of Dr. Patricia Murphy as Board President and Dr. Lucille Joel as Secretary/Treasurer.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D’Angelo and duly seconded by Theresa Beck voted to approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. The motion carried.

OPEN FORUM:

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

- Commenter – asked questions about Berkeley College and the accreditation process.
- Commenter – inquired about Prism Practical Nursing Program’s Annual Report and if it was received at the Board office.
- Commenter – expressed concerns regarding about healthcare service firms and training in the agencies.
- Commenter – asked for clarification on the qualifications of Directors of nursing programs and if they must have a MSN.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D’ and duly seconded by Theresa Beck voted to go into closed session to discuss complaints against nursing programs. The motion carried.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D’Angelo and duly seconded by Barbara Blozen voted to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of December 4, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

On December 4, 2015 the Regular Open Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on March 4, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Patricia Murphy
Board President