

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
MINUTES  
OPEN BUSINESS MEETING  
DECEMBER 6, 2013

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on December 6, 2013 in the Monmouth Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Saundra Austin-Benn  
Theresa Beck  
Noreen D'Angelo  
Avery Hart  
Joni Jones

Patricia Murphy  
Luz Ramos  
Therese Steinhardt  
Constance Wilson

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Sharon Joyce, Assistant Attorney General  
Howard Pine, Board Liaison  
George J. Hebert, Executive Director  
Joanne Leone, Deputy Executive Director  
Olga Bradford, Deputy Attorney General  
Barbara Lopez, Deputy Attorney General  
Susan Carboni, Deputy Attorney General  
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst (to discuss regulation amendments)  
Margaret Howard, Nursing Education Consultant  
Mary Johansen, Nursing 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 12, 2013. A schedule of all 2014 Regular Open Board Meetings to be held during 2014 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 6, 2013: Reading and Approval:

**After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Connie Wilson and duly seconded by Joni Jones voted to approve the December 6, 2013 Regular Board meeting agenda. The motion carried.**

## **MINUTES:**

Open Business Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2013: Reading and Approval:

**After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Therese Steinhardt and duly seconded by Connie Wilson voted to approve the October 4, 2013 Regular Board meeting minutes. The motion carried.**

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

Patricia Murphy reported:

No report.

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – GEORGE J. HEBERT:**

George Hebert reported:

- 2014 Board Meeting Calendar – the Board reviewed and discussed the meeting calendar for the year 2014. For the month of Sept, the Education Committee will meet on the 12<sup>th</sup>. **After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D’Angelo and duly seconded by Connie Wilson voted to approve the 2014 Board meeting calendar. The motion carried.**
- Update - CHHA Renewal – renewals are in the late period until December 31, 2013. CHHAs are required to be registered with an agency in order to renew. An error was detected which allowed some CHHAs to renew without being registered with an agency. Letters will be going out to the CHHAs to address this issue.
- NCSBN Meetings - George Hebert attended several meetings with NCSBN to discuss the concept of compact licensing. Some issues were addressed regarding the requirement of criminal history background checks for nursing. Some states do not require nurses to submit to a criminal history background check as NJ does. NCSBN is looking at alternative methods to address issues.
- Assembly Bill 3277 – establishes process for county colleges to offer baccalaureate degree nursing programs. **This matter has been tabled for further information.**

## **INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:**

1. November 7, 2013 – Memo from Francis Gerbasi, CRNA, PhD, Executive Director, Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) regarding COA report of Actions.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **1. EVALUATION COMMITTEE:**

The Evaluation Committee met in November 2013 to discuss the Alternative to Discipline, request for proposal. The Committee received two proposals to bid for the contract to offer services for impaired nurses.

**After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Connie Wilson and duly seconded by Therese Steinhardt, voted to go into closed session to seek advice from counsel regarding this matter.**

### **OPEN SESSION RESUMED:**

**After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Joni Jones and duly seconded by Theresa Beck voted to approve the proposal from the Institute for Nursing as the only approved program for the Board of Nursing. The motion carried.**

### **2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

Noreen D'Angelo reported on the following:

The Committee met to discuss the electing of officers for the 2014 calendar year. The Committee recommends the following: the re-election of Dr. Patricia Murphy as Board President and Sandra Austin-Benn as Secretary/Treasurer.

**After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Connie Wilson voted to approve the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. The motion carried.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst reported on the following:

Provisional accreditation

The Board reviewed and discussed several amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-1; Revisions to N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.3 provisional accreditation, which would define "calendar year" and clarify that, in order to be granted accreditation, a program on provisional accreditation must, during the first or second calendar year after the first graduates complete the program,

have seventy-five percent of graduates who take the licensing examination pass it the first time they take it;

Revisions to N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.8, Maintaining accreditation: curriculum organization and content, which would require licensed practical nursing education programs to include content on medical-surgical nursing, pediatric nursing, obstetric nursing, and psychiatric and mental health nursing;

Deletion of N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.17, Conditional accreditation: licensing examination pass rates, and revisions to N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.19, Probation, that would end the practice of placing nursing education programs on conditional accreditation when programs, for three consecutive years, have less than 75 percent of their graduates pass the licensing examination the first time the examination is taken. Under the revised rules, such programs would be placed on probation.

**After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Therese Steinhardt and duly seconded by Joni Jones voted to approve the proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.3, 1.8, and 1.19, and the proposed deletion of N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.17. The motion carried. The motion carried.**

#### **OPEN FORUM:**

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

- Kathy Paralki, RN, MSN, CNE, Independent Consultant, PNCC Member – commented on the ability to locate clinical sites for nursing students.
- Kathleen Gialanella, RN, Esq. KMG, PC – commented on APN joint protocol and collaborating agreements. What is the order of business?
- Marycarol Rossignol, PhD, RN, Caldwell College – commented on A3277 and when will the rule changes go into effect?

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

On December 6, 2013, the Regular Open Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on March 7, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Patricia A. Murphy  
Board President