

# Board of Nursing

October 16, 2001

## Regular Open Board Meeting

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on October 16, 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, Margaret M. Kirchhoff, Denise Link, Leo-Felix Jurado, Maris A. Lown, Virginia McKenney, Karen Rodriguez, Eileen Helbig Toughill, and Nelson Tuazon.

#### ALSO PRESENT

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

#### NOT PRESENT

Board Member(s): Noreen D@Angelo, Ronald H. Carr, Richard C. Freda, and Dr. Muriel M. Shore.

#### 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 October 16, 2001 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

**THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY EILEEN TOUGHILL, AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2001 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

A reading and approval of the minutes for the Regular Open Business Meeting of September 11, 2001.

**THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY EILEEN TOUGHILL, AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.**

**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 and Co-Chairing the

Articulation Subgroup. M. Lown has been appointed to the Member Leadership Committee for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and will be serving as Co-Chair.

## **PATRICIA A. POLANSKY - REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

P. Polansky reported. CHHA Update: For month of September 3,584 applications were in process. The cumulative total for CHHA's cleared through the Criminal History Background Check on September 30, 2001 was 20,477. This is an increase of 1,237 CHHA's from August 30, 2001.

- Criminal History Review Monthly Report
- Memo dated September 19, 2001 from Anthony Miragliotta, Deputy Director re: per diem compensation.
- Memo dated August 13, 2001 from Debra DeFrancesco, Chief Centralized Licensing re: Completion of Renewal for - Nursing (NO/NP/NW/NE/NN/NC).
- Email dated September 18, 2001 from Anthony Miragliotta, Deputy Director re: telephone calls regarding internet posting of names and addresses of nurse
- National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc., Study of Nurse Competency for Safe Practice Planned by NCSBN.
- NJSNA Face Sheet on Advanced Practice Nurses.
- Email dated September 11, 2001 from Craig Webb re: Updated AHA News Now Special Report.
- Information regarding the Nursing Shortage. (separate folder)
- Handouts/Pass arounds - 1.) Summary of monies received for August and September 2001. 2.) For immediate release - Afaf I. Meleis, Ph. D. FAAN, named Dean of Penn's School of Nursing. 3.) Email dated September 24, 2001 from Craig Webb re: AHA News.
- Communication Packet - 1.) Memo dated September 25, 2001 from Laurie M. Hodian, SDAG re: The National Tragedy. 2.) State Health Policy re: Susan C. Reinhard, RN, Ph.D. 3.) Biological Chemical Defense Bill includes \$200 million for hospitals. 4.) HHS sends CDC Epidemic-Monitoring Team to NYC. 5.) Stories.
- Information Salad - 1.) Challenges of coping with Trauma. 2.) A killer lurking in the room. 3.) Care & Breathing. 4.) Jogging Shorts. 5.) Patients want e-mail to communicate with their doctors. 6.) Monthly Tidbits.
- P. Polansky seeks approval for: 1.) G. Hebert - October 9-11, 2001 - To attend an accreditation site visit at Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida. 2.) J. Cole October 12, 2001 - To attend The 4th Annual Fall Conference at the Little Hill - Alina Lodge, Blairstown, NJ. 3.) J. Cole - October 22, 2001 - To visit a treatment program at South Jersey Hospital in Bridgeton, NJ. 4.) J. Cole - October 23, 2001 - To visit a treatment program at Family and Community Services in Burlington, NJ. 5.) J. Cole - October 24, 2001 - To give a speech at Capital Health Systems re: Impaired Practice in Trenton, NJ. 6.) J. Cole - October 30, 2001 - Site visit to Faith Farm Detox Program, Bridgeton, NJ. 7.) G. Hebert - October 30-November 1, 2001 - To attend an accreditation site visit at Lorain County Community College in Elyria, Ohio. 8.) J. Cole - October 31, 2001 - Site visit to Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, NJ. 9.) J. Cole - November 1, 2001 - Site visit to Seabrook House Treatment Program, Seabrook, NJ. 10.) P. Polansky November 2, 2001 - To attend a reception at the Princeton Marriott given by the New Jersey Department of Education and New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. 11.) L. Gladstein and J. Cole - November 7, 2001 - To attend an Educational Program re: Addiction at Seabrook House Treatment Facility, Seabrook, NJ. 12.) B. Byers and G. Hebert - November 9, 2001 - To attend A One-Day Work Session on Articulation at the Woodbridge Hilton. 13.) S. Kelly - November 14,

2001 - To attend the Home Health Recognition Day at the Garden State Arts Center in Homdel, NJ. 14.) B. Byers November 16, 2001 - To attend the ONE/NJ; Strangers in a Strange Land, Somerville Medical Center, Somerville, NJ. 15.) P. Polansky - November 19, 2001 - To attend the NCSBN PR&E Committee Meeting in Chicago, ILL. 16.) P. Polansky - April 16, 2002 and May 29, 2002- To teach the Principles and Practice of Interdisciplinary Health Care Delivery at UMDNJ in Stratford, NJ.

**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.**

**Acknowledgement**

B. Byers made a announcement regarding Boss' Day. S. Bishop, G. Quarshire, L. Marks, and E. Evans on behalf of the entire Board of Nursing Staff presented to P. Polansky, Executive Director, Board of Nursing a plaque in recognition of National Boss Day.

**Communication:**

1. Letter dated September 10, 2001 from Robert A. Saporito, D.D.S., Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, New Jersey.
2. Letter dated September 13, 2001 from Kathy Apple, MS, Executive Director, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.
3. Letter dated September 24, 2001 from Debra L. Stone, Chief of Staff, Deputy Director, Operations, Division of Criminal Justice, Trenton, NJ.

**APPEARANCES:**

1. Anthony Miragliotta, Deputy Director, Division of Consumer Affairs. A. Miragliotta discussed with the Board, The Division's New Intervention Program that will be headed by J. Cole and the reassignment of L. Gladstein from the Board of Pharmacy to the newly proposed unit.
2. Darlene Kane, Budget Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs. D. Kane discussed with the Board, Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Report.
3. Michela M. Perrone, Ph.D., MMP Associates, Washington, D.C. M. Perrone did a follow up presentation from the Annual Workshop Retreat in April regarding resources for effective leadership.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

No report.

**2. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW PANEL:**

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

- **Senate Bill 1811** - Sponsor: Sinagra, Jack. Introduced June 21, 2001. This is a Anesthesiologist Assistant Act. **Position - Neutral.** Comment(s): 1.) Education prepares them for their scope of practice. 2.) Public should be notified about who will administer their anesthesia.
- **Assembly Bill 3318** - Sponsor: DiGaetano, Paul. Introduced March 22, 2001. This bill will establish a School

Asthma Protocol Task Force; appropriates \$15,000. **Position - Support.** Comment(s): 1.) Assure sufficient funds are available to complete their task. 2.) Asthma could have significant impact on NY/NJ area since 9/11/01.

- **Assembly Bill 3469** - Sponsor(s): Bateman, Christopher/Biondi, Peter J Introduced May 3, 2001. This bill mandates universal screening of newborns for treatable causes of blindness. **Position - Support.** Comment(s): 1.) Prevention is least expensive and most effective cure. 2.) Diagnostic tools are available. 3.) Infants deserve screening for preventable conditions.
- **Senate Bill 2413** - Sponsor(s): Vitale, Joseph F./Furnari, Garry J. Introduced May 24, 2001. This bill requires health insurers to cover Hepatitis B vaccination costs. **Position - Support.** Comment(s): 1.) Needed by health care workers and others at risk.
- **Senate Bill 2564** - Sponsor: Zane, Raymond J. Introduced October 3, 2001. This bill prohibits public release of professional licensees' home address. **Position - Neutral.** Comment(s): 1.) To: Deputy Director for Administration-June Levy, MIS-Fred Gmitter, Director of DCA-Mark Herr. 2.) Licensing 2000 should address this issue. Will forward to DCA Administration.
- Assembly Bill 2169 - Sponsor(s): Chatzidakis, Larry/Asselta. **Senate Bill 1033** - Sponsor(s): Bark, Martha W./DiFrancesco, Donald T. Introduced March 2, 2000. This bill allows physicians and dentists to jointly negotiate with carriers over contractual terms and conditions. **Position - Monitor for more information.** Comment(s): 1.) Need to know how this helps the consumer? 2.) How would it affect the hospital@s ability to negotiate with 3rd party providers?

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

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **3. NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE:**

N. Tuazon reported on the committee objectives for 2002:

- Expand dialogue between the Nursing Practice Committee and New Jersey stakeholders for nursing/healthcare by conducting two (2) offsite meetings and inviting stakeholders to make 15-20 minute presentations at Nursing Practice Committee meetings.
- Protect the health, welfare and safety of New Jersey citizens by reducing barriers to licensure and certification through current, clear Board regulations.
- Monitor developments in alternative therapies, pain management and end-of-life care, consumer self-directed care, the nursing shortage and concomitant regulatory implications.
- Evaluate the implementation of the Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP) Curriculum, Home Care/Hospice Module, and the Long Term Care Module.

**THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY DENISE LINK AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **4. EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

L. Jurado reported. The Education Committee met on Tuesday, October 9, 2001 to discuss the Report of the Education Committee to present to the Board:

- Patricia Castaldi, MSN, RN, is the new Director of the Practical Nursing Program, Union County College.
- Three Private Vocational Schools presented their request for permission to pursue the development of a Practical Nurse Program.

(a) Recommendation that each be granted permission to pursue the development of a Practical Nurse Education Curriculum for review and disposition by the Board.

- Informational with the caveat that all types of schools of nursing that are graduating students in December/January encourage their graduates to participate in the Beta Test. More information will be made available throughout the fall and spring.
- The data presents a profile of the Schools of Nursing in New Jersey. Several recommendations for tool improvements for next year include:
  - (a) Delete Program Name Changes and substitute with Program Mergers.
  - (b) Delete Total # of Nursing Doctoral Programs.
  - (c) Insert Total # of LPN to Diploma Articulation Programs.

- NJ RN scores for the 2nd Quarter of 2001 indicate that as of 6/30/01 they were performing at a 91.28% rate in contrast to the national 88.16%. LPNs were performing at an 88.57% rate vs the national 85.29% rate.
- The new regulations will be available shortly. Meanwhile, G. Hebert is observing site visits with NLNAC and other Boards. States that will be visited include: Florida, New York and Ohio. A plan will be formalized once the new regulations are in place.
- Days for the committee meetings will continue to be the second Tuesday of each month.

**BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY NELSON TUAZON AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

The Education Committee also discussed three private schools who requested permission to<sup>3</sup> pursue the development of a Practical Nurse Program.

(1.) Eastwick College, Inc./The HoHoKus School of Medical Science

**THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY LEO-FELIX JURADO AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE EASTWICK COLLEGE, INC./THE HOHOKUS SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCE TO INITIATE DEVELOPMENT OF A PRACTICAL NURSING EDUCATION CURRICULUM**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

(2.) Southern New Jersey Technical School

**THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY LEO-FELIX JURADO AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY TECHNICAL SCHOOL TO INITIATE DEVELOPMENT OF A PRACTICAL NURSING EDUCATION CURRICULUM.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

(3.) Micro Tech Training Center

**THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY LEO-FELIX JURADO AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE MICRO TECH TRAINING CENTER TO INITIATE DEVELOPMENT OF A PRACTICAL NURSING EDUCATION CURRICULUM.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

## **5. REGULATORY COMMITTEE:**

C. Manning reported.

(1) 13:37-4.1 Eligibility requirements for licensure by endorsements.

**THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY DENISE LINK AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO PROMULGATE FOR PROPOSAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ENDORSEMENT RULES.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

(2) Homemaker-Home Health Aide Training Program Adoption Notice. The Board reviewed the comments received regarding the proposed changes.

**THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY NELSON TUAZON AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE TRAINING PROGRAM ADOPTION NOTICE.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **OPEN FORUM:**

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training Requirements; Proposed Amendment: N.J.A.C. 13:37-2.4 - C. Manning and J. Gilson discussed with the Board the new subchapter nine, which sets forth certification standards for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners.

**THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY DENISE LINK AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, PROPOSED AMENDMENT: N.J.A.C. 13:37-2.4.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

2. School Health Guidelines - G. Lembo and P. Polansky discussed with the Board a memo to Gloria Hancock, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Division of Student Services regarding the School Health Guidelines. There is a need for clarification as to what is intended at certain points in the Guidelines which address the "role of the school nurse." The Board will further review and discuss these issues.

3. Medical Discharge Summaries - P. Polansky and G. Lembo discussed with the Board a letter written to New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners regarding the parameters of medical judgment used to review documented patient information and prepare a draft medical discharge summary.

## **SCHOOL AND AGENCY SURVEYS:**

No report.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Reinstatement of Austin Murray.

**THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY LEO-FELIX JURADO AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED TO APPROVE THE REINSTATEMENT OF AUSTIN MURRAY.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED.**

There is a posting of the minutes on our website:

[www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/home.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/home.htm)

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

On October 16, 2001 the Regular Open Business Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next Regular Open Business Meeting will be on November 20, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maris A. Lown  
Board President



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