

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING
MINUTES
REGULAR OPEN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2006**

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on February 21, 2006 in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Nelson Tuazon, Board Member, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Noreen D'Angelo
Karen Rodriguez
Marietta Cahill
Mary Sibley
Ronald H. Carr
Sara Torres
Leo-Felix Jurado
Nelson Tuazon
Irma Lupia
Constance Wilson
Virginia McKenney

ALSO PRESENT:

George J. Hebert, Executive Director
Karen Moosvi, Deputy Executive Director
Carol Onajide, Education Program Development Specialist
Barbara Byers, Administrative Analyst Darlene Lapola, Deputy Attorney General
Paula Alvarez, Deputy Attorney General

BOARD MEMBER(S) EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Patricia Ann Murphy

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 November 21, 2005. A schedule of all 2006 Regular Open Board Meetings to be held during 2006 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 February 21, 2006: Reading and Approval After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Karen Rodriguez, voted to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda of February 21, 2006.

MINUTES:

Open Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2005: Reading and Approval with amendments:

Typographical errors

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Leo-Felix Jurado and duly seconded by Marietta Cahill, voted to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2006 as amended. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT ? NELSON TUAZON:

Follow-up on a letter sent to the Board of Medical Examiners regarding propofol. The Board is waiting for a response from Board of Medical Examiners regarding its request to have a Board Member and a CRNA to be included on the Propofol Ad Hoc Committee. The Board has finalized the list of Board members to be assigned to the committees. Mr. Tuazon congratulated the new committee chairs. The Board is working to finalize the plans for the Annual Workshop in April 2006. George Hebert will be attending the NCSBN Mid-year meeting in Chicago, IL. NCSBN Annual Meeting will be held in August 2006, Board President and Executive Director of the Board of Nursing will be attending the event. Nelson Tuazon, Board President will be a Keynote Speaker at a meeting for the Philippine Nurses Association on April 22, 2006.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ? GEORGE HEBERT:

George Hebert reported that:

Update on application for licensure in the State of New Jersey. 2006 Renewal ? notices will be sent out in March 2006. The Board wants to encourage the licensees to utilize the online renewal process. Annual April Workshop ? The Board is in the process of finalizing the plans for the format of the meeting. Update on prescription blanks ? A notice went out informing pharmacists that they are allowed to accept the old prescription blanks. Review Educational Programs Seeking approval to attend the following events: George Hebert to address the BSN nursing class at UMDNJ to attend the NCSBN Mid-Year meeting on March 13-15, 2006 in Chicago, IL May 17, 2006 to attend a meeting with the Nurse Recruiters and April 22, 2006 to attend a meeting at Raritan Valley Community College on May 24, 2006. Nelson Tuazon to be a Keynote Speaker for the Philippine Nurses Association of New Jersey. The Board upon a motion made by Virginia McKenney and duly seconded by Constance Wilson, voted to approve the appearances of the Board President and Executive Director. The motion carried.

Introduction of New Board Member:

Nelson Tuazon, Board President introduced the last of the six new Board members:

Mary Sibley, MBA, RN

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. February 1, 2006 ? memo from Robert A. Elker, Deputy Chief, Enforcement Bureau regarding ?Advance Practice Nurses? CDS Prescribing? January 11, 2006 ? Minutes from the Board of Medical Examiners Board meeting. Letter from the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) Board of Trustees regarding ?New Members and Officers Elected?

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. BUDGET & FINANCE: -

There was no report.

2. EDUCATION COMMITTEE: - Leo-Felix Jurado, Chairman

Leo-Felix Jurado reported: Session I of the January 31, 2006 Report

Correspondence:

November 8, 2005 ? Letter from Lenore Harris, MSN, RN, AOCN, NCLEX Content Associate, NCSBN Re: NCSBN staff and test service staff, the Examination Committee is recommending minimal revisions for the

proposed 2007 NCLEX-RN Test Plan. The committee reviewed the survey and comments will be submitted to NCSBN

b. Update on University of Delaware

Re: Refresher course.

This course will be included on the list of available refresher courses. Clinical will be done in New Jersey via a preceptor. The person taking this refresher course would have had a New Jersey license and will obtain a clinical letter from the Board to do clinical.

December 23, 2005 ? Letter from Kelly Miller-Martin, RN, MSN, MA, President & CEO, Consolidated Learning Services Online Healthcare and Professional Education

Re: Medication Administration Review Course

The Committee reviewed the Medication Administration Review Course, which is a three (3) contact hour online course. The Committee is concerned that if a person is having problems with medication administration they may also require a clinical experience to assist them.

Educational Resources Incorporated

Re: FYI, Additional information regarding the PN Review Course was obtained

Excelsior College School of Nursing ? Announcement

Re: FYI, The Excelsior College School of Nursing proudly announces its designation as an NLN Center of Excellence CGFNS - NEWS from Kathleen Rohrbaugh Re: CGFNS will process English scores from TOEFL iBT for its Certification and Visascreen Programs

CUNY ? Elizabeth Wheeler RN, DNS Assistant Professor

Re: If licensure is needed to evaluate the APN student who is with a preceptor. Pursuant to N.J.A.C.13:37-1.7, Dr. Wheeler will need licensure in New Jersey.

Renewal of accreditation:

a. Mercer County Community College

A follow-up letter was sent requesting additional accreditation renewal materials by February 15, 2006. The additional materials were submitted and will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

Trinitas School of Nursing

The Committee reviewed the submissions for renewal of accreditation from Trinitas School of Nursing (?Trinitas?). The Committee requests additional materials to be submitted by September 2006.

Curriculum Revision

Trinitas School of Nursing requests revision of the LPN to RN Curriculum. The rationale for the change is because of decreased satisfaction with the present program, not enough time for learning, increased attrition, lower performance on NCLEX-RN than the generic tract students, and math deficiencies. The proposed revision would lengthen the program from 12 months to 15 months and change the advanced standing for the LPN curriculum from 20 to 12 credits. The 8 credits will be allocated to 3 new courses, which include a Bridge to Professional Nursing, Health and Physical Assessment, Leadership and Management Seminar. In addition the course objectives in NURE 250 will be changed.

The Board upon a motion made by Leo-Felix Jurado and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, voted to approve the request by Trinitas School of Nursing to revise the LPN to RN Curriculum. The motion carried.

Leo-Felix Jurado reported: Session II of the January 31, 2006 Report

1. Correspondence:

January 6, 2006 ? Letter from Therese ?Terry? Steinhardt, MSN, RN, CHES, Warren County Community College

Re: Requesting permission for a day program rather than alternating day and evening programs.

The Board upon a motion made by Leo-Felix Jurado and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, voted that Warren County Community College be allowed to have a day program for its associate degree RN program rather than alternating day and evening programs as per the original application submitted to the Board. The motion carried.

NCLEX Results for 2005

The Committee reviewed the 2005 NCLEX results for first time test takers who graduated from schools in New Jersey.

There were 2,110 first time Registered Nurse Candidates educated in New Jersey who took NCLEX-RN. Of these, 89.95% passed. There were a total of 99,186 first time Registered Nurse Candidates from the various jurisdictions of licensure. Of this total 87.29% passed the NCLEX-RN.

There were 1,042 first time Practical Nurse Candidates educated in New Jersey who took NCLEX-PN. Of these, 85.89% passed. There were a total of 53,213 first time Practical Nurse Candidates from the various jurisdictions of licensure. Of this total, 89.06% passed the NCLEX-PN.

Bloomfield College and Seton Hall University who had less than 75% last year are above 75% this year.

Summary of First Time Candidates Educated in New Jersey 2005

Program Code	School	Total Candidates	Passed	Failed	% Passed
18-503	Bloomfield College BS	8	7	1	87.5 %
18-563	Seton Hall University BS	131	101	30	77.1%

MicroTech, presently on probation has achieved less than 75% for 2003, 2004, and 2005. New Community Workforce Development has achieved less than 75% for 2004 and 2005.

Summary of First Time Candidates Educated in New Jersey 2005

Program Code	School	Total Candidates	Passed	Failed	% Passed
18-240	MicroTech	143	86	57	60.14%
18-255	New Community Workforce Development Center	3	2	1	66.67%

Caribbean Training Education Center

A joint site visit was made on January 18, 2006 by the Carol Onajide, MS, RN, APN, C, Education Program Development Specialist II, Kathleen Alexander, MSQSM, Education Program Development Specialist I, New Jersey Department of Education and Leighton Harper, Representative, Division of One-Stop Coordination and Support, The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The Department of Labor and Workforce plans to approve the site after they are notified that the school has received provisional accreditation from the New Jersey Board of Nursing. The school has evolved and presently, has adequate resources. In addition, Caribbean Training Education Center has contacted Dr. Gloria Boseman as consultant and advisory committee member to assist them.

The Board upon a motion made by Leo-Felix Jurado and duly seconded by Irma Lupia, voted that the preliminary application of Caribbean Training Education Center to develop a Practical Nursing Program be granted provisional accreditation. The motion carried.

The Center for Allied Health & Nursing Education

At the January 24, 2006 Board Meeting the Board voted to approve the use of the adjacent space located at 389 Main Street Hackensack pending approval by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (with directives). The Department of Labor and Workforce Development conducted a site visit and did not feel that the space represented an additional school location. The space was approved as part of the original site.

5. New Program Applications (Appearances)

Richard Stockton College of NJ

The Board upon a motion made by Leo-Felix Jurado and duly seconded by Constance Wilson, voted that the preliminary application of Richard Stockton College of New Jersey for the establishment of a new entry-level baccalaureate degree program (BSN) be granted preliminary permission to pursue development of part II of their BSN nursing program application. The motion carried.

Omega Institute

The Board upon a motion made by Leo-Felix Jurado and duly seconded by Irma Lupia, voted that the preliminary application of Omega Institute for the establishment of a new Practical Nursing Program be granted preliminary permission to pursue development of part II of their Practical Nursing program application. The motion carried.

Com-Tec Institute

The Board upon a motion made by Leo-Felix Jurado and duly seconded by Virginia McKenney, voted that the preliminary application of Com-Tec Institute for the establishment of a new Practical Nursing Program be granted preliminary permission to pursue development of part II of their Practical Nursing program application. The motion carried.

Update - Distance Learning Advertising

iStudySmart and Distance Learning Systems are tutoring companies which advertised in the Institute for Nursing Newsletter. Neither provides a BSN degree. Students receive their BSN degrees via Excelsior. Neither is affiliated with Excelsior. In addition, an advertisement said that Distance Learning Systems was NLNAC accredited. When Carol Gilbert of NLNAC was contacted she reported Distance Learning Systems is not NLNAC accredited. The Institute for Nursing was notified regarding the above.

AllCare Health Institute Inc.

The Board upon a motion made by Leo-Felix Jurado and duly seconded by Ronald H. Carr, voted that AllCare

Health Institute, Inc is to submit a new Part I application. The motion carried.

The Board upon a motion made by Sara Torres and duly seconded by Ronald H. Carr, voted to approve Sessions I and II of the Education Committee Report. The motion carried.

3. LEGISLATION COMMITTEE:

There was no report.

4. PRACTICE COMMITTEE:

There was no report.

5. REGULATION COMMITTEE:

Sara Torres Reported on: The Committee met on January 31, 2006

1. Appearance:

Linda Rinaldi, Esq., Deputy Attorney General
New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice
Re: FN-CSA (SANE) Pediatric Examinations and Education

Linda Rinaldi, Deputy Attorney General, provided to the Committee an update on the operations of the program in New Jersey for consumers who have been sexually assaulted.

Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst, reviewed the proposed amendments to Subchapter 9 concerning Pediatric Examinations and Education. The amendments include N.J.A.C. 13:37-9.2, which delete the definition of "adult and child"; the deletion of N.J.A.C. 13:37-9.4, which prohibited Forensic Nurses from performing sexual assault forensic examinations on a child; and amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-9.5 which revise the curriculum for FN-CSA education programs. The Committee agreed that the amendments and deletions in Subchapter 9 be forwarded to the Board for review and approval at the next available Board Meeting.

The Board upon a motion made by Sara Torres and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, voted to approve the following amendments to Subchapter 9:

1. N.J.A.C. 13:37-9.2, deletion of the definition of "adult" and "child";
2. N.J.A.C. 13:37-9.4, deletion of this regulation which prohibited Forensic Nurses from performing a sexual assault forensic examinations on a child; and
3. N.J.A.C. 13:37-9.5, amendments to this regulation which revise the curriculum for FN-CSA education programs.

The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Alternative to Discipline:

Kathryn Schwed reviewed the history of the Board of Nursing regarding followup with nurses experiencing chemical dependency. The Alternative to Discipline Statute P.L. 2005, Chapter 82, which was approved on May 3, 2005 was distributed and requires that Board regulations be developed.

Karen Moosvi distributed a format for discussion of the Alternative to Discipline law for regulation development, and five (5) proposed objectives for the Regulation Committee's consideration relevant to this issue.

Charles Manning reviewed P.L. 2005, Chapter 82, with the Committee including definitions for chemical dependency, chemical substances, impairment, and licensee.

Daniel Demba, law intern, completed research on the work of other State Boards of Nursing regarding Alternative to Discipline Programs. The Committee agreed to review this research prior to the next available Committee Meeting.

Karen Moosvi reported on a program, which she attended at Carrier Clinic in Belle Meade, New Jersey regarding Alternative to Discipline Programs. Ms. Moosvi reported that she could arrange for the appearance of an expert before the Committee for discussion of issues regarding identification, treatment and evaluation of impaired nurses using evidence based research findings.

Noreen D'Angelo requested that the Board staff develop an outline and time line with tasks for the Regulation Committee to use in formulating proposed regulations for P.L. 2005, Chapter 82. The Board staff will also provide the Regulation Committee with a copy of the prior draft of proposed regulations for the Alternative to Discipline Program.

3. Criminal History Background Checks for Nursing Students in New Jersey:

The Committee reviewed the issue of clinical agencies requiring student nurses to complete a criminal history background check prior to clinical practice experiences within clinical facilities. George Hebert shared feedback that he received on this issue from the nursing community. The Committee noted that this is a contractual issue between schools of nursing and clinical facilities. The Committee discussed the concept of amending Subchapter 1, Programs in Nursing Education, to include content in nursing education programs to make students aware of the legal requirement for all health care practitioners to complete a criminal history background check for both initial licensure and licensure renewal in New Jersey.

The Board upon a motion made by Sara Torres and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo voted that N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.8 (f) be reviewed by Board staff and Charles Manning to determine whether this regulation needs to be amended in order to require that content be included in nursing program curricula regarding P.L. 2005, Chapter 83 (N.J.S.A. 45:1-30 et seq) which mandates criminal history background checks for all health care practitioners in New Jersey for initial licensure and licensure renewal. The motion carried.

4. Correspondence:

a. October 7, 2005 - Letter from Alma L. Saravia, Esq., Flaster/Greenberg, Attorneys at Law, a Professional Corporation. Re: Proposed regulations of the Board of Nursing dated March 15, 2005 that recognizes all Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (?CRNAs?) as Advanced Practice Nurses.

b. September 14, 2005 - Letter from Alma L. Saravia, Esq., Flaster/Greenberg, Attorney at Law, a Professional Corporation. Re: Proposed regulations of the Board of Nursing dated March 15, 2005 that recognizes all Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (?CRNAs?) as Advanced Practice Nurses.

This issue was reviewed and discussion will be resumed at the next available Committee Meeting.

The Board upon a motion made by Noreen Angelo and duly seconded by Constance Wilson, voted to approve the Regulation Committee Report. The motion carried.

OPEN FORUM:

Nelson Tuazon asked the public to share with the Board of Nursing any concerns, issues or questions: Josephine Sienkiewicz, Director of Education and Clinical Practice, The Home Care Association of New Jersey, inquired about the decrease in the number of certified home health aide certificants and how costly it is for the certified home health aides to go to the criminal history check process. Ms. Sienkiewicz commented on the sharing of

information between state agencies regarding criminal history background checks.

Linda DeLamar, newly elected president of the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, welcome the new Board Members and expressed concerns about joint protocol and the requirement for CRNAs to have a Masters Degree in order to be grandfathered in to New Jersey as an APN.

Carolyn Torre, Director of Practice, New Jersey State Nurses Association wanted clarification on the SANE regulations allowing nurses to do pediatrics examinations. Ms. Torre inquired about the criminal history background checks for nurses and how often is it required. Ms. Torre also inquired about the average pass for RNs in New Jersey and the National average.

The Board, upon a motion made by Ronald H. Carr and duly seconded by Irma Lupia, voted to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing complaints against nursing programs. The motion carried.

The Board, upon a motion made by Irma Lupia and duly seconded by Constance Wilson, voted to go into open session. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

On February 21, 2006, the Regular Open Business Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next Regular Open Business Meeting will be held on March 21, 2006.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Constance Wilson and duly seconded by Ronald H. Carr, voted to adjourn the regular Board meeting of February 21, 2006 at 12:10 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Noreen D'Angelo
Board Secretary/Treasurer

2005 NCLEX Results:

RN Programs

Hospital Based Programs

Program Code	School	Total Candidates	Passed	Failed	% Passed
18-354	Trinitas School of Nursing ? DPL	52	49	3	94.23
18-356	Helene Fuld School ? Camden - DPL	120	115	5	95.83
18-358	Bayonne Hospital and Dispensary ? DPL	29	27	2	93.1
18-361	Our Lady of Lourdes School ? DPL	42	36	6	85.71
18-368	Capital Health System School of Nursing ? DPL	43	40	3	93.02
18-369	St. Francis Hospital ? Trenton ? DPL	40	40	0	100
18-370	Gregory School ? Perth Amboy General ? DPL	41	36	5	87.8
18-371	Holy Name Hospital ? DPL	50	46	4	92

18-374	Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center ? DPL	70	59	11	84.29
18-394	Mountainside Hospital ? DPL	54	47	7	87.04
18-396	St. Francis Health Ctr. ? Jersey City ? DPL	Closed			
18-399	Christ Hospital -Diploma	42	41	1	97.62

2005 NCLEX Results:

Associate Degree Programs

Program Code	School	Total Candidates	Passed	Failed	% Passed
18-400	Ocean County College ? ADN	117	95	22	81.2
18-401	County College of Morris ? ADN	132	120	12	90.91
18-402	Raritan Valley Community College ? ADN	77	69	8	89.61
18-403	Essex County College ? ADN	45	45	0	100
18-404	Atlantic Cape Community College ? ADN	59	54	5	91.53
18-405	Burlington County College ? ADN	90	77	13	85.56
18-406	Cumberland County College ? ADN	54	51	3	94.44
18-407	Passaic County Community College ? ADN	91	81	10	89.01
18-409	Felician College ? ADN	Closed first BSN graduates 2006			
18-410	Middlesex County College ? UMDNJ ? ADN	67	66	1	98.51
18-446	Brookdale Community College ? ADN	86	79	7	91.86
18-447	Gloucester County College ? ADN	59	57	2	96.61
18-448	Mercer County Community College ? ADN	55	49	6	89.09
18-449	Bergen County Community College ? ADN	102	98	4	96.08

2005 NCLEX Results:

Baccalaureate Degree Programs

Program Code	School	Total Candidates	Passed	Failed	% Passed
18-500	UMDNJ ? Newark Campus -BS	36	28	8	77.78

18-502	Rutgers the State University ? Camden ? BS	33	28	5	84.85		
18-503	Bloomfield College ? BS	8	7	1	87.5		
18-505	The College of New Jersey ? BS	40	38	2	95		
18-507	William Paterson College ? BS	67	55	12	82.09		
18-517	UMDNJ ? Ramapo ? Englewood Hospital ? BS	42	39	3	92.86		
18-560	Fairleigh Dickinson University ? BS	31	31	0	100		
18-563	Seton Hall University ? BS	131	101	30	77.1		
18-564	Rutgers the State University ? Newark ? BS	101	93	8	92.08		

2005 NCLEX Results:

Practical Nursing Programs

Program Code	School	Total Candidates	Passed	Failed	% Passed
18-100	Southern New Jersey Technical School **	46	39	7	84.78
18-101	Merit Techical Institute **	17	15	2	88.24
18-106	The Center For Allied Health & Nursing Education **	17	14	3	82.35
18-110	Harrison Career Institute **	24	21	3	87.5
18-119	HoHoKus School of Business and Medical Sciences **	111	87	24	78.38
18-120	Best Care Training Institute	48	41	7	85.42
18-150	Essex County College**	5	5	0	100
18-153	Passaic County Vocational School	32	30	2	93.75
18-156	Technical Institute Camden County	23	23	0	100
18-159	Essex County Vocational Technical School	37	26	11	70.27
18-168	Perth Amboy Adult School	1	1	0	100
18-170	Cumberland County Vocational Technical Center	31	29	2	93.55
18-171	Middlesex County Vocational Technical School	40	40	0	100
18-172	Holy Name Hospital **	26	25	1	96.15
18-173	Morris County Vocational School District	25	24	1	96

18-176	Mercer County Technical Schools	17	16	1	94.12
18-181	Atlantic County Vocational Technical School	35	34	1	97.14
18-182	Vineland Senior High School	18	17	1	94.44
18-183	Camden Board of Education	20	20	0	100
18-185	Warren County Vocational School	31	30	1	96.77
18-187	Union County College **	48	46	2	95.83
18-188	Burlington County Vocational Technical School	45	37	8	82.22
18-189	Cape May County Vocational Technical Center	28	26	2	92.86
18-190	Monmouth County Vocational School	33	33	0	100
18-192	Somerset County Vocational Technical School	37	35	2	94.59
18-194	Ocean County Vocational Technical School	72	71	1	98.61
18-197	Salem County College **	28	22	6	78.57
18-240	microTECH Training Center **	143	86	57	60.14
18-255	New Community Workforce Development Center **	3	2	1	66.67

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