

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
ATWOOD OFFICE BUILDING-
550 W. 7th AVE. ROOM #1860 AND ROOM #1940
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AND
THE STATE OFFICE BUILDING-333 WILLOUGHBY STREET
CONFERENCE ROOM A, JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811

BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 1-3, 2009

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the professions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a meeting of the Board of Nursing was held in the Atwood Building, 550 W. 7th Ave, 18th floor conference room #1860 on April 1 and room #1940 April 2 and 3rd, and the State Office Building-333 Willoughby Street conference room A, Juneau, Alaska 99811, April 1-3.

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Agenda Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Cathy Giessel, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

Cathy Giessel, MS, RN, ANP, Chairperson, Anchorage

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Anchorage

Denise Ekstrom, MS, RN, ANP, Anchorage

Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage

In attendance telephonically in Conference Room A in Juneau:

JoAnne Bell-Graves, Public Member, Juneau

Agnes Jack, LPN, Kotzebue

In attendance telephonically from Fairbanks:

Janine McCready, Public Member, Fairbanks

Staff present at various times from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing:

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator
Richard Younkens, Chief Investigator
Ken Weimer, Investigator
Joanna Williamson, Probation Officer
Karen Wilke, Paralegal

Review of Agenda

Correction to the agenda to add the Atwood Building Room 1860 as a meeting site. Agenda approved as amended.

Introductions

Introduction and welcome to the newest Board of Nursing member, Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator.

No guests were present at this time.

Ethics Report

Dr. Nancy Sanders reported a \$50 gift card to Simon and Seaforts Restaurant from the Alaska School Nurses Association for addressing their members about delegation in the school setting and a variety of topics. Dr. Sanders submitted the Ethics Disclosure Form for a grant from the NCSBN to attend the March 2009 midyear meeting which is a benefit from Alaska's membership in NCSBN. These were reviewed by Cathy Giessel, Board Chair, and deemed to not be an ethical violation.

Beth Farnstrom reported receiving a grant as a benefit of Alaska's Board of Nursing membership in NCSBN to attend the mid year NCSBN meeting in Chicago, IL, March 2-4, 2009. This was reviewed by Cathy Giessel, Board Chair, and deemed to not be an ethical violation.

The remaining Board members in attendance reported no ethics violations since January 2009.

Agenda Item 2

Consent Agenda

Cathy Giessel asked that Agenda Items 2 A 2 and 2 A 3 be removed from the consent agenda since they will be addressed later in the meeting.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Denise Ekstrom, and passed unanimously,

RESOLVED the Board adopted the Consent Agenda with the exception of the following items: 2 A 2 and 2 A 3.

Agenda Item 2B INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Informational items were available to the Board for review.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION

Agenda Item 3 A-E Probation Report/Investigative/Litigation Report/Cases from Investigator/Paralegal case(s)/case review verbal presentation-advice

Investigator Ken Weimer and Joanna Williamson, Probation Officer joined the Board.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, enters into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) for the purpose of reviewing the cases and reports presented by the investigative team.

The Board entered into executive session at 9:16 a.m.

The Board came out of executive sessions at 10:51 a.m.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:51 a.m.

The Board reconvened from break at 10:57 a.m.

Agenda Item 3F Hearing Decision

Administrative Law Judge Andrew Hemenway joined the Board in Anchorage telephonically. He was present in person at the Juneau site.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Beth Farnstrom and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(d)(1) for the purpose of reviewing an administrative law judge decision.

The Board entered into executive session at 10:58 a.m.

The Board came out of executive sessions at 11:23 a.m.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Beth Farnstrom and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing adopts the decision in case OAH No. 07-0278-NUR, Board case number 2300-06-020, Richard L. Stavale, as final under the authority of AS 44.64.060(e)(1). Judicial review of this decision may be obtained by filing an appeal in the Alaska Superior Court in accordance with AS 44.62.560 and Alaska R. App. P. 602(a)(2) within 30 days after the date of this decision.

A correction is noted on page 19 that Karen Wilke is the current paralegal for the Division.

Richard Younkins, Chief Investigator, Investigator Ken Weimer and Joanna Williamson, Probation Officer join the Board.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, enters into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) (2) for the purpose of reviewing the cases and reports presented by the investigative team.

The Board entered into executive session at 11:26 a.m.

The Board came out of executive sessions at 12:25 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, and seconded by Beth Farnstrom, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Surrender of Certified Nurse Aide certificate NUA A 1443, Case No. 2306-08-016, Jeffery L. Kite, by the parties hereby adopts the Surrender of this certificate.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order in the matter of TJ Ivey, Case No. 2356-09-001, certificate #NUA T 2477, hereby adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, and seconded by Beth Farnstrom, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Certified Nurse Aide certificate NUA A 5713, Case No. 2306-09-001, Myeisha D. Owens, hereby adopts the Surrender of this certificate.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order in Case No. 2356-08-007, Serena L. Streeper, CNA certificate #NUA A 6143 and NUA T 2263, hereby adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by Denise Ekstrom, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2300-08-038, Jonda J. Bink, Registered Nurse license # NUR R 11306, hereby adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by Denise Ekstrom, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2302-08-007,

Cynthia J. Goldberg, Licensed Practical Nurse license #NUR P 6007, hereby adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, and seconded by Beth Farnstrom, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2300-09-002, Susan L. Guinn, Registered Nurse license # NUR R 27606, hereby adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, and seconded by Beth Farnstrom, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2350-09-001, Teena C. Heym, Registered Nurse applicant by endorsement, hereby adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, and seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2350-09-002, Christina M. LaPinska, RN applicant by endorsement, hereby adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Amended Memorandum of Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2300-04-028, Patricia M. Morrison, suspended RN license NUR R 19714, hereby adopts the Amended Memorandum of Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, and seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Surrender of Registered Nurse License # NUR R 25966, Alice M. Wiger, Case No. 2300-09-001, hereby adopts the Surrender of this license.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by Denise Ekstrom, and carried 6 yeas to 1 nay it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2304-08-010, Audrey E. Small, Registered Nurse license # NUR R 18582 and ANP license # NUR U 524, hereby adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska hereby ordered that Default is entered against Carrie Calabrese and that Calabrese's Nurse Aide certificate number A 7639, Case No. 2306-08-011 is revoked.

Notwithstanding AS 44.62.550, the Board will allow Calabrese to apply for reinstatement of this certification within one year of the effective date of this decision, if Calabrese provides the Board with satisfactory documentation to verify her completion of the required continuing education indicated on her 2008-2010 renewal application. Satisfactory documentation must include the verification elements currently identified in 12 AAC 02.960(e). Under this provision, any reinstatement of Calabrese's nurse aide certificate shall be conditioned subject to:

- 1. Payment of a civil fine in the amount of \$500 for Calabrese's repeated failure to respond to requests for documentation;**
- 2. Mandatory audit to monitor compliance with the continuing education requirements, where satisfactory documentation to verify Calabrese's completion of the required continuing education activities must be**

received and approved by the Board or its designee prior to the processing of the renewal/reinstatement of her nurse aide certification. This requirement will remain until Calabrese's nurse aide certification has been renewed/reinstated subject to this mandatory audit requirement for two certification periods.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2306-08-009, Kristal L. Hammack, Nurse Aide Certificate # NUA A 6107, hereby adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

Cathy Giessel, ANP, Chairperson, signed all original documents related to the discipline cases and law judge case.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:39 p.m.

The Board reconvened from lunch at 1:30 p.m. with Board members McCready, Ekstrom, Farnstrom, Hendrix, and Giessel present.

Agenda Item 4 LICENSURE

Agenda Item 4A Uniform Core Licensure Requirements-comparison to AK regulations

The Board reviewed a side-by-side comparison of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Uniform Core Licensure Requirements with Alaska's regulations.

JoAnne Bell-Graves joined the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Agnes Jack joined the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Agenda Item 4B APRN Model Act/Rules-comparison

The Board continued with the side-by-side comparison of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Model Act/Rules and Regulations with the Alaska statutes and regulations prepared by Board Chair Giessel.

The Board recessed for a break at 3:01 p.m.

The Board reconvened from break at 3:16 p.m.

Agenda Item 4C **Fitness questions on applications-consistency and appropriateness**

A review of a few other states nursing applications and other Alaska Boards were compared with our present application in regards to mental health related questions.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, and seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to amend question #4 on all Board of Nursing applications for examination, endorsement, and renewal to read: “excluding situational or reactive depression”.

Agenda Item 4D **Continuing Competence-review regulations**

Dr. Sanders shared an example of a course certificate submitted in fulfillment of continued competence requirements. The course certificate did not describe a health topic. A discussion of continued competency measures required in 12 AAC 44.600 occurred. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 5 **PRACTICE**

Agenda Item 5 A **Regulations-public comments**

Jun Maiquis, Regulation Specialist, joined the board at 4:11 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by Denise Ekstrom, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, under the authority of AS 08.68.100, adopts regulation changes to 12 AAC 44.317, 319, 440, 470, 660,770, 812, 815, 820, 825, 835, and 965. Although no public comments were received, the Board of Nursing paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

Cathy Giessel, ANP, Chairperson, signed the original document. Jun Maiquis left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

The Board discussed additional regulation projects.

Agenda Item 5 B Medication Administration Course-update

Dr. Nancy Sanders shared that Jo Ann Sullivan, RN, is leading a group of 9 people who are meeting every 2 weeks to review topics and issues with the ultimate goal of creating an appropriate course to meet the criteria in 12 AAC 44.965. This item was tabled.

The Board recessed at 4:27 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on April 2, 2009 in Room 1940 in Anchorage and in Conference room A in Juneau.

Thursday, April 2, 2009

Agenda Item 1 Call to Order

Cathy Giessel, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. in Room # 1940 in Anchorage.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

Cathy Giessel, MS, RN, ANP, Chairperson, Anchorage
Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Anchorage
Denise Ekstrom, MS, RN, ANP, Anchorage
Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage

Telephonically
JoAnne Bell-Graves, Public Member, Juneau
Janine McCready, Public Member, Fairbanks

Staff present at various times from the Division of Corporations,
Business and Professional Licensing:

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator

Review the Agenda

The Board reviewed and approved the agenda with the amendment that at 9:35 a.m. the Board will meet in Executive session with the paralegal and then continue with the agenda as written.

Introduction of Guests

Guests in attendance were introduced.

Agnes Jack, LPN, joined the Board at 9:09 a.m.

Public Forum

Le May Hupp, RN, commented on the continuing competency requirement of 320 hours of employment and 30 hours of uncompensated professional hours. Ms. Hupp asked the Board to appoint an ad hoc committee including interested parties when the Board begins the review of continued competency requirements. RN Hupp was invited to do an evidenced based literature review to determine the number of hours required for nurses to remain competent. She agreed and will report her findings to the Board.

V. Kay Lahdenpera, RN, expressed her concerns about changing the competency requirements for renewal especially if the Board voted to increase the number of uncompensated professional activity hours. Ms. Lahdenpera identified this concern because of the number of retired nurses who use this category for renewing their nursing licenses. She encouraged the Board to include input from interested parties into the entire process of examining continued competency requirements.

Ms. Lahdenpera, RN, chairs the AaNA Professional Practice Committee that meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 5 pm at the AaNA office on Tudor Road. She extended an invitation for a Board member to attend.

Deb Nowlin, RN, expressed her concern about increasing continued competency hours for licensure in rural areas.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION

Agenda Item 3 D Paralegal case

Karen Wilke joined the board at 9:45 a.m.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, enters into executive session in accordance with

AS 44.62.310(c)(2) for the purpose of reviewing a paralegal case.

The Board entered into executive session at 9:45 a.m.

The Board came out of executive sessions at 9:54 a.m.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and passed by unanimous consent it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2350-09-003, Gail Lynn Price, RN applicant by endorsement, hereby adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

The Board Chair signed the original document related to the above action.

Agenda Item 5 PRACTICE

Agenda Item 5 D ANP Prescribing for self or family

Dr. Sanders shared with the Board a question that was received from a pharmacist wondering whether there were specific statutes or regulations concerning ANPs prescribing for themselves or their families.

The Board of Nursing specifies in 12 AAC 44.770 (10) that there must be a professional relationship, exemplified by a written record of evaluation and treatment before prescribing. In (13), it is specified that the ANP must be prescribing within their scope of practice determined by education and national certification.

Discussion with the Alaska Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) found that several states prohibit in their law prescribing of controlled substance for self. The DEA does not specifically outlaw it but requires written documentation, including supporting information for the use of the controlled substance. The prescriber must be working within their scope of their practice and it must fall within the normal course of their practice and be for a legitimate health problem.

Since these criteria are already in regulation, the Board took no further action.

Agenda Item 5 C LPN IV course approval

Christine Petty, LPN, joined the Board. Ms. Petty is requesting approval for coursework to expand her scope of practice to include IV therapy as outlined in Appendix A of the Board of Nursing's Statutes and Regulations document. The curriculum was reviewed. Additional items requested by the Board, prior to approval, were:

1. A written policy and procedure from her place of employment that includes permission for LPNs to manage IVs but not blood or blood products. This policy must include a an annual competency plan,
2. A specific number of hours in the clinical setting with precise information related to the number of practice hours on mannequins versus humans.
3. CVs of instructors and preceptors,
4. A syllabus of the clinical, and
5. The length of the certification period.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:44 a.m.

The Board reconvened from break at 11:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 5 E ANP prescribing Botox/Derma fillers

Dr. Sanders received a question regarding ANP prescribing authority for Botox or dermal fillers. The Board Chair and Dr. Sanders advised that this was within the scope of practice of an appropriately credentialed ANP. Information is provided to the Board. This information will be added to the advisory database.

The Board recessed for a lunch at 11:48 a.m.

The Board reconvened from lunch at 1:01 p.m.

Agenda Item 6 EDUCATION

Agenda Item 6 A CNA training programs approvals

1. Covenant Life College, Delta Junction

Ann Hayes joined the Board by phone. Dr. Sanders summarized her review of the CNA program application. The review is completed in compliance with Board regulations. Dr. Sanders did not find that the program met the requirements. The Board reviewed, discussed and agreed. Dr. Sanders will send a letter to Ms. Hayes with the deficiencies summarized. Ms. Hayes will

communicate the remediation of the deficiencies to Dr. Sanders, for further review by the Board.

2. TVC/UAF Bridge PCA to CNA

Cathleen Winfree, RN, joined the Board by phone. Dr. Sanders summarized her review in compliance with Board regulations of the application for a CNA bridge program (PCA to CNA). RN Winfree was asked to submit a summary of how program complaints will be handled. Dr. Sanders recommends approval.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and passed by unanimous consent it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approves the PCA to CNA bridge education program offered by Tanana Valley College and University of Alaska Fairbanks.

3. Yuut Elitnaurviat-People’s Learning Center, Bethel

Jennifer Meyer joined the board by telephone. Dr. Sanders summarized her review of the CNA program application, in compliance with Board regulations. Ms. Meyer was asked to submit a summary of how program complaints will be handled. Dr. Sanders recommends approval.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by Denise Ekstrom, and passed by unanimous consent it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska give initial approval of the CNA program from Yuut Elitnaurviat- People’s Learning Center in Bethel, Alaska.

Agenda Item 6 B

YKHC Education Program for RN Administration of Sedating/Anesthetic Agents

Robert Rang joined the board by telephone. The Board reviewed the course based on the Healthcare Facility RN Education Course Checklist. Deficiencies were noted. Dr. Sanders will send the checklist to Mr. Rang so additional information can be collected and the application resubmitted for review.

Agenda Item 6 C

Nurse Aide Training Program topics

Jenny Strickler, Chief of the Division of Professional Licensing, joined the Board meeting. Ms. Strickler reviewed the Online Public Notice for the Single Source contract for the position of Nurse Aide program reviewer for the Board of Nursing. The single

source contract will be awarded to Cathleen Winfree, RN, if there are no other applicants for this position. RN Winfree will review new and existing nurse aide training programs and report to the Board of Nursing.

Nurse Aide Education Program Pass Rates

In accordance with 12 AAC 44.858, the nurse aide training programs must achieve at least an 80% cumulative annual pass rate. The Board reviewed the approved CNA programs. Dr. Sanders will send a letter of concern to the following 3 programs: Petersburg Medical Center, Kodiak Island Medical Center and Cordova Community Hospital. These programs did not achieve the required annual pass rate. The programs will have 90 days to respond, in compliance with 12 AAC 44.858. The response will need to include an analysis of the factors that are believed to be contributing to the low pass rate, and sets out the program's plan to achieve at least an 80 percent cumulative annual pass rate.

Agenda Item 6 D **Review of survey data from renewals**
Tabled until July 2009

Agenda Item 6 E **Out of State Program approvals**

The Board has no data on how many nursing students are enrolled in out of state or distance practical nurse or registered nurse educational programs but are engaged in clinical preceptorships in Alaska. Because these programs educate entry level nurses, the programs need approval by the Alaska Board of Nursing. The need for changes to the regulations to clarify this requirement was discussed and will be addressed in future regulation work.

The Board recessed at 3:17 p.m. for a break.

The Board reconvened at 3:30 p.m. from a break.

Agenda Item 5 **PRACTICE**

Agenda Item 5 A **Regulations work session**

Regulation work continued.

The Board recessed for the day at 4:57 p.m. until April 3, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, April 3, 2009

Agenda Item 1

Call to Order

Cathy Giessel, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board, were:
Cathy Giessel, MS, RN, ANP, Chairperson, Anchorage
Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Anchorage
Denise Ekstrom, MS, RN, ANP, Anchorage
Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage

In attendance telephonically:

Agnes Jack, LPN, Kotzebue
JoAnne Bell-Graves, Public Member, Juneau
Janine McCready, Public Member, Fairbanks

Staff present at various times from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing:

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator
Lynne Smith, Director
Jun Maiquis, Regulation Specialist
Cathy Mason, Administrative Officer

Review Agenda

Changes to the agenda for Friday, April 3, 2009 were identified. The Board reviewed and approved the agenda as amended.

Introductions

Guests present in room as well as on audio conference were introduced.

Agenda Item2

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Agenda Item 2

Public testimony

No public comment was offered so the Board continued to work on regulations.

Agenda Item 5 A Regulations

Numerous regulations were discussed.

The Board discussed proposed regulations pertaining to renewal or reinstatement of advanced practice authorization. The Board reviewed standards applied in other rural states. After extensive discussion and review of other standards, including the NCSBN Model Rules for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, the Board proposes evidence of current competency to practice for ANPs.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and passed with 4 yeas, 1 nay, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska propose regulations stating that if an ANP has not practiced as an ANP for more than 2 years but less than 5 years, the applicant for authorization will have to document 200 hours of precepted clinic experience. If an ANP has not practiced as an ANP for more than 5 years, the applicant for authorization will have to document 300 hours of precepted clinic experience. If an ANP has not practiced as an ANP for more than 10 years the applicant for authorization will have to document 500 hours of precepted clinic experience.

Additional Regulation work was done, which will be presented to the Regulation Specialist for formatting and re-review at the next Board meeting.

The Board recessed for a lunch at 11:30 a.m.

The Board reconvened from lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 5A Regulations

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Denise Ekstrom, and passed unanimously it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska will modify regulations to allow on-line renewals for ANPs. The Board will alter regulations to provide for 25% of the ANP renewals to be audited.

Jun Maiquis, Regulation Specialist, joined the Board at 1:02 p.m.

Mr. Maiquis reviewed proposed regulations 12 AAC 44.966 with the Board. The Board elects not to put this out for public notice at this time due to the cost and limited size of the project.

Agenda Item 7 GOVERNANCE/ORGANIZATION

Agenda Item 7 A Information & Issues update

Director Lynne Smith joined the Board at 1:42 p.m. from Juneau.

Director Smith introduced herself to the Board. The Board identified:

- the need for another regulation specialist due to the many Boards Jun is working with,
- the need to replace our investigators due to retirement, leaving the Board with one investigator
- the Chair gave supportive facts to maintain the need to require the Social Security number on the license applications and asked about addressing this in central regulations and
- the Chair expressed the Board's request to remove licensees' street addresses from the public portion of the Division's website.

Agenda Item 7 B Budget Report

Kathy Mason joined the Board at 2:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed the Budget. Ms Mason was available to answer questions.

The Board recessed for break at 2:23 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 2:40 p.m with all Board members present.

Agenda Item 7 C APRN Advisory Committee

The Alaska Board of Nursing has no authority to establish an advisory committee. State statute vests the authority in the appointed members of the Board of Nursing, who in turn, pledge an oath to faithfully discharge their duties. The Board of Nursing is held to the Administrative Ethics Act standards. An advisory committee has none of these standards.

The Board reviewed a survey done by the South Carolina Board of Nursing, asking about Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Advisory Committee existence. There were 32 boards supplying data; 18 had advisory committees, 7 of which were in statute and include MDs and pharmacists. The rest of the Boards obtain input through their public comment provisions or ad hoc committees. These committees contain representatives of all regulated advanced practice licensees, chosen by the Board. The committees are advisory only.

The Board encourages the ANPs to utilize the venues that are established such as Public Forum time during each Board meeting or contacting the Executive Administrator to have Board time allocated for a specific issue. One example of successful interaction with the Board and ANPs was completed in January 2009 with the Regulation draft of delegation of injectables.

Agenda Item 7 E Board Self Evaluation

The Board members completed a 2 page self evaluation form. Results were shared orally and summarized.

Agenda Item 7 F Executive Administrator Evaluation

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Beth Farnstrom, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, enters into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) for the purpose of a personnel evaluation.

Dr. Sanders left the room.

The Board entered into executive session at 3:33 p.m.

The Board came out of executive sessions at 4:11 p.m.

Dr. Sanders returned to the meeting.

The Board recessed for break at 4:11 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 4:18 p.m.

Agenda Item 7 D Strategic plan update

The Strategic Plan was tabled due to lack of time. It is the responsibility of the Chair to prepare the Plan and submit it to the Executive Administrator for inclusion in the Board's Annual Report.

Agenda Item 7 G Election of Officers

On a motion made by Beth Farnstrom and seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to nominate Cathy Giessel as Chairman of the Board of Nursing.

On a motion made by Beth Farnstrom and seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to nominate Denise Ekstrom as Secretary of the Board of Nursing.

There were no further nominations. Nominations were closed.

Vote of Acclamation elected Cathy Giessel and Denise Ekstrom to the positions of Chairman and Secretary respectively.

Due to the need for a line of succession for the Board Chair position, an acting Vice Chair position was suggested.

RESOLVED to nominate Beth Farnstrom as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Nursing.

On a motion made by Denise Ekstrom and seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to elect Beth Farnstrom as Vice Chair of the Board of Nursing.

Agenda Item 7 H Meeting Evaluation

This was completed orally.

Agenda Item 7 I Task List

A task list for each board member was completed.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing adjourns until 9:00 a.m., July 22, 2009, in Anchorage, Alaska.

The Board adjourned at 4:59 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., July 22, 2009, in Anchorage, Alaska.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator

Approved by:

Cathy Giessel, ANP, Chairperson

Date: _____