

**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF NURSING
1500 W. 7TH AVENUE, ROOM 602
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501**

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 6-8, 2006

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, Room 602 at 1500 W. 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Agenda Item I Call to Order

Cathy Giessel, ANP, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:03a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum, were:

Cathy Giessel, ANP, Chairperson, Anchorage
Cathy Winfree, RN, Secretary, Fairbanks
Mary Weymiller, LPN, Fairbanks
Jim Jurrens, RN, Anchorage
Terri Olson, MSN, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
Patricia Swenson, Public Member, Anchorage
JoAnne Bell-Graves, Public Member, Juneau

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

Dorothy Fulton, MA, RN, Executive Administrator
Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator
Denise Williams, Licensing Examiner Supervisor
Robert Harrington, Investigator
Ken Wiemer, Investigator
Brian Howes, Investigator
Lisa Maroney, Licensing Examiner
Rick Urion, Director

By audioconference:

Gayle Horteski, Assistant Attorney General
Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist

Review of Agenda

Changes to the agenda for Wednesday December 6, 2006, were identified.

On a motion duly made Mary Weymiller, seconded by Jim Jurrens and carried unanimously it was

RESOLVED to approve revisions to the agenda.

Introductions

Guests present were introduced.

Agenda Item 2 Review of the Minutes

Minutes were reviewed and three needed changes were identified. The minutes were revised.

On a motion duly made by Mary Weymiller, seconded by JoAnne Bell-Graves, and carried unanimously it was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of September 20 to 22, 2006 with revisions.

Agenda Item 3 Probation Report/Investigative/Litigation Report

On a motion duly made by Jim Jurrens, and seconded by JoAnne Bell-Graves, 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 9:13 a.m.
The Board came out of executive session at 10:10 a.m.

On a motion duly made by Mary Weymiller, seconded by Patricia Swenson and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Memorandum of Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, in the matter of Ada L. Ensley, Case No. 2300-06-038, RN license No. R 20039 hereby adopts the Memorandum of Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Mary Weymiller, seconded by Patricia Swenson, 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 in the matter of Ida M. McGee, Case No. 2350-06-003, RN license no. R 17306, hereby adopts the Amended Memorandum of Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Jim Jurrens, seconded by JoAnne Bell-Graves, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska based upon the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing's motion and memorandum filed in support thereof, the Board finds that William D. Rice Jr. (Rice), Registered Nurse, Case Number 2300-06-034, was properly served with the Accusation in this matter, that Rice has not filed notice of defense or requested a hearing, and that a factual basis exists for revocation of Rice's Registered Nurse License.

It is hereby ordered that Rice's Registered Nurse License # R 25772, is permanently revoked.

On a motion duly made by Terri Olson, seconded by Patricia Swenson, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Memorandum of Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order in the matter of Thomas J. Pollard, Case No. 2300-06-042, RN license number R 24115, hereby adopts the Memorandum of Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Jim Jurrens, seconded by Patricia Swenson, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the application in the matter of Certified Nurse Aide applicant, Anisia E. Ivanov, Case No. 2356-06-009, hereby denies the application in this matter pursuant to AS 08.68.334(1) has obtained or attempted to obtain certification as a nurse aide by fraud, deceit, or intentional misrepresentation.

On a motion duly made by Patricia Swenson, seconded by JoAnne Bell-Graves, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska move that based upon the Petitioner, State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing's motion and memorandum filed in support thereof, that Josephine B. Guynes, Case Number 2306-04-010, was properly served with the Accusation in this matter, that Guynes has not filed a notice of defense or requested a hearing and that a factual basis exists for revocation of Guynes' Nurse Aide Certificate hereby enters default judgement against Josephine B. Guynes (Guynes), pursuant to AS 44.62.530, and that it permanently revokes Nurse Aide Certificate # A 8269 held by Guynes in the State of Alaska.

On a motion duly made by Mary Weymiller, seconded by Jim Jurrens, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska having examined the request from CW Jasper, ANP for early termination of his MOA, directs Brain Howes, investigator, to inform in writing CW Jasper ANP, that his Memorandum of Agreement will remain in effect.

Patricia Swenson recused herself from the vote.

Cathy Giessel, ANP, Chairperson, signed all original documents.

The Board recessed for break at 10:20 a.m.
The Board reconvened from break at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda Item 5 Investigative/Litigation Report

Renee Kimble was present and was offered the opportunity to speak to the Board. She stated that she is willing to comply with whatever decision the Board made today.

Assistant Attorney General Gayle Horteski was available on phone.

On a motion duly made by Jim Jurrens, seconded by JoAnne Bell-Graves, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for State of Alaska enters into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(d)(1) for the purpose of reviewing the decision of the Administrative Law Judge.

The Board entered into executive session at 10:36 a.m. Staff members left the room at the request of the Administrative Law Judge.

The Board came out of executive session at 11:00 a.m.

On a motion duly made by Mary Weymiller, seconded by JoAnne Bell-Graves, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska in the matter of Renee Kimble, OAH No. 06-0032-NUR, Board Case No. 2350-06-001, hereby adopts the decision of the law judge as final under the authority of AS 44.64.060(e)(1), pursuant to AS 08.68.270(1) and (7) and 12 AAC 44.770(24).

Cathy Giessel, Chairperson, signed the original document in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Jim Jurrens, seconded by JoAnne Bell-Graves, 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(d)(1) for the purpose of reviewing the decision of the Administrative Law Judge.

The Board entered into executive session at 11:07 a.m. Staff members left the room at the request of the Administrative Law Judge.

The Board came out of executive session at 11:45 a.m.

On a motion duly made by Mary Weymiller, seconded by Patricia Swenson, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, in the matter of Tina Brown, Certified Nurse Aide Applicant, Case No OAH-06-0287-NUR, Board Case No. 2356-06-003, hereby adopts the administrative law judge's decision as final under the authority of AS 44.64.060(e)(1), pursuant to AS 08.68.334(2), 12 AAC 44.705(14) and (15) with changes on pg. 1 (felony) and (misdemeanor).

Cathy Winfree recused herself from the vote.

Cathy Giessel, Chairperson, signed the original document with the additions of the two words (felony) and (misdemeanor) on page 1.

Agenda Item 6 Ethics Video

Move to Item 18 on Friday, December 8, 2006 at 1:45 p.m.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:51 a.m.
The Board reconvened from lunch at 1:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 7 Scope of Practice Issues

Those in attendance via teleconference:

Gayle Horteski, Assistant Attorney General
Jun Marquis, Regulations Specialist

A. Board of Medicine Discussion.

Cathy Giessel reported on her discussion with the Board of Medicine at their October 2006 meeting. Chairwoman Giessel spoke with the Board of Medicine about advanced practice nursing. She took questions from Drs. Tomera, Flaming, and Head. Specifically, Dr. Head asked what kind of oversight and assurance is required of ANPs in regards to appropriate referrals? Ms. Giessel referred the members of the Board of Medicine to the regulations that refer to the practice authority for ANPs 12 AAC 44.400(5) and for CRNAs 12 AAC 44.500(4). The Board of Nursing also relies on the ethics and professionalism of the licensees.

After the presentation by Cathy Giessel, Dr. Head stated that he thought the Board of Medicine had enough business "on their plates", regulating physicians, and did not need to take on Advanced Nurse Practitioners.

The Board discussed the need to inform NPs and CRNAs to keep their consultation and referral plans current when they change jobs.

B. Objective Measures for Evaluating Scope of Practice Requests for Registered Nurses or Advanced Nurse Practitioners

Discussion took place regarding the draft of an Objective Measures for Evaluating Scope of Practice Requests for Registered Nurses or Advanced Nurse Practitioners. The topic was deferred to later in the meeting as Director Urion joined the meeting.

C. Director's Report.

Director Urion stated that he felt that the Nurse Consultant I position did not need to be filled. The Board pointed out that the Nurse Consultant I position is mandated by Administrative Order #115, signed by Governor Steve Cowper on August 4, 1989. It creates compliance with Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act

of 1987. (Citations 42 CFR483.75; 42 CFR 483 Subpart D; Secs. 1902 (a)(28) 1919 (f)(2), P.L. 100-203 (Sec. 4211 (a)(3); P.L. 101-239 (Sec. 6901 (b)(3) and (4); P.L. 101-508 (Sec. 4801(a)). Federal Medicaid funding is linked to the Board of Nursing complying with these mandates. In addition, the Board assigns the Nurse Consultant I staff person to develop expertise in Chemical Dependency issues, to more effectively oversee this regulation issue. Director Urion approved posting the position.

Director Urion asked if there were legislative issues to be introduced during the legislative session on behalf of the Board of Nursing. There were no issues identified at this time.

Director Urion approved travel to send two Board members and the Executive Administrator to the mid-year meeting of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), if the budget will support the travel. He also approved one Board member to attend the annual meeting of the NCSBN. The Executive Administrator's and Board Chair's travel to the annual meeting is funded by NCSBN.

The Board recessed for break at 2:55 p.m.
The Board reconvened from break at 3:10 p.m.

Agenda Item 7 Scope of Practice Issues (continued)

D. Prescription Drug Monitoring Data Bank

Brian Howes requested a letter of support from the Board of Nursing for the development of a prescription drug monitoring data bank. He states that the data bank of information will be useful in ensuring patient safety. Concerns about confidentiality and access were identified.

After discussion, Cathy Giessel requested the Executive Administrator write a letter in support of the program.

E. PEG Insertions Fairbanks Memorial Hospital

Diane Mitchell reviewed the educational program request and answered questions. The Board viewed a short film on PEG insertion.

On a motion duly made by Jim Jurrens, seconded by Patricia Swenson, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approve the Education program for PEG insertion at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital for patients 12 years of age and older.

The Board directed the Executive Administrator to write a letter to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital to notify them of the program approval and include the QA expectations.

On a motion duly made by Cathy Winfree, seconded by Patricia Swenson, and carried unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska adjourns.

The Board adjourned at 4:21 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2006.

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Call to Order

Cathy Giessel, ANP, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board, were:

Cathy Giessel, ANP, Chairperson, Anchorage
Cathy Winfree, RN, Secretary, Fairbanks
Mary Weymiller, LPN, Fairbanks
Jim Jurrens, RN, Anchorage
Terri Olson, MSN, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
Patricia Swenson, Public Member, Anchorage
JoAnne Bell-Graves, Public Member, Juneau

Staff present from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing was:

Dorothy Fulton, MA, RN, Executive Administrator
Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator
Lisa Maroney, Licensing Examiner
Denise Williams, Licensing Examiner Supervisor

Via audioconference:

Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist
Gayle Horetski, Assistant Attorney General

Introduction of Guests

Guests in attendance were introduced.

Review Agenda

On a motion duly made by, Mary Weymiller, seconded by Cathy Winfree, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approves the agenda with revisions.

Minutes of October 3, 2006

Minutes of October 3, 2006, meeting were approved as written.

Public Forum

Zulene Simmons, ANP, women's health nurse practitioner, addressed the Board. She is interested in doing permanent makeup as part of her practice.

Board Chairperson Giessel requested that ANP Simmons look at all the applicable regulatory Boards and gather information she needs and then contact the Board of Nursing Executive Administrator for additional information.

Public forum closed at 9:40 a.m.

Agenda Item 7 Practice Issues-(continued)

B. Draft for Objective Measures for Evaluating Scope of Practice Requests for Registered Nurses or Advanced Nurse Practitioners

The Board reviewed the revised form. Discussion among the Board members focused on whether standards for Educational training program approval are needed in regulations.

**Agenda Item 8 Licensing Examiner Report
NCLEX Quarterly Reports**

The Board reviewed and discussed the report presented by Denise Williams.

The Board asked about the regulation project concerning the minimum yearly pass rate for students from specific educational programs. The Board will ask regulations specialist, Jun Maiquis, if this regulation project is underway.

The Board recessed for break at 9:55 a.m.
The Board reconvened from break at 10:04 a.m.

Agenda Item 9 Proposed Regulations Projects

Jun Maiquis, Regulations specialist and Gayle Horetski, Assistant Attorney General joined the meeting.

A. Nutritional Supplements

The Board reviewed and revised the draft regulation submitted by Gayle Horetski and Jun Maiquis. The regulation is to be re-written and brought back to Board meeting on Friday under Item 15 at 9:35 a.m. for further review.

B. Review of CNA application

Board members agreed to the following changes:

Change No. 2 to “Have you ever been convicted of any criminal offense other than a minor traffic violation (convictions include ‘suspended impositions of sentence’)?”.

Personal History: #5 remove the last part of questions “drug, addiction, use or misuse of a chemical substance etc.”

The Board agreed to review for uniformity all applications for CNA, LPN, RN and ANP during the March meeting.

C. Barrier Crimes:

Board Chairperson asked the Executive Administrator to query other Boards about time limits for barrier crimes.

Additionally, send the barrier crime guidelines, including time limits from Health and Social Services and Education, to Gayle Horetski.

On a motion duly made by Jim Jurrens, seconded by Patricia Swenson, and carried unanimously it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska adopt changes recommended by Assistant Attorney General David Brower, dated Dec. 5, 2006 applying to 12 AAC 44.290(a)(1)(A) and 12 AAC 44.305 (a)(1)(F) and 12 ACC 44.810(a)(1)(A), and any other appropriate regulations that require photographs.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:04 p.m.
The Board reconvened from lunch at 1:15 p.m.

Cathy Giessel presented flowers to Dorothy Fulton for her years of service to the Board of Nursing and all the nurses in Alaska. Thank you, Dorothy!

Agenda Item 10 **Nurse Aide Report**

The Board reviewed and discussed the report presented by Lisa Maroney, Licensing Examiner. Lisa observed that the student is at a disadvantage if they take the practical part of their CNA examination individually and not in group testing.

Agenda Item 11 **AVTEC Practical Nursing Program Report**

The Board reviewed and discussed the written report from AVTEC Practical Nursing Program. Overall, the report was well done. Additional information was requested:

1. Who are the instructors for clinicals?
2. What are the preceptors' credentials? and
3. How are preceptors prepared for helping the student transition into the role and scope of practice of the LPN?

The Board directed the Executive Administrator to forward the questions to Keenan Casteel, AVTEC PN Program Coordinator, prior to Board giving on-going approval of the program.

Agenda Item 12 **Budget Update**

The Board reviewed and discussed the written report. The fees for license renewals will be set in December 2007 for the 2008 renewals.

Agenda Item 13 **Practice Issues**

A. Advisory Opinion on Nurses Administering Moderate Sedation.

Representatives from Providence Alaska Medical Center (PAMC), Alaska Native Medical Center, and Fairbanks Memorial Hospital addressed the Board.

Shara A. Sutherlin, Chief Nurse Executive from PAMC, and Cathy Hilburn, Alaska Native Medical Center, addressed the Board to ask that nurses be allowed to administer moderate to deep sedation. Diane Mitchell, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, lent her support to this request.

Jeff Worrell, CRNA from Alaska Regional Hospital, presented information on moderate to deep anesthesia and felt that the advisory opinion should not be changed. He presented a copy of the Advisory Opinion from American Society of Anesthesia dated 10/18/06 which supported his opinion.

B. CNA I and CNA II.

Cathy Winfree reported that two states that she queried have CNA IIs. Some additional skills of CNA IIs may infringe on the LPN scope of practice. Some additional skills identified by the Oregon Certified Nurse Aide 2 regulations, in the areas of acute care and restorative care, are already part of the Certified Nurse Aide scope of duties in Alaska. The question is “do we want to establish CNA I & II”?

Cathy Giessel, requested that Nancy Sanders query the Boards of Nursing to see if other states have CNA IIs.

The Board recessed for break at 3:00 p.m.
The Board reconvened from break at 3:15 p.m.

Agenda Item 14 Ethics Video

Board members viewed and discussed the video tape titled State of Alaska Ethics Information for Members of Boards and Commissions.

Agenda Item 6 Ethics Report

There were no ethics violations to report from Board members or staff.

Agenda Item 13 Practice Issues-continued

On a motion duly made by Mary Weymiller, seconded by Patricia Swenson, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska after hearing additional public testimony hereby readopts the Alaska Board of Nursing Advisory Opinion titled Nurse Administration of Sedating and Anesthetic Agents dated June 2006 with the addition of the following four references, ASA House of Delegates on October 18, 2006, ASA House of Delegates on October 27, 2004, AANA Board of Directors Qualified Providers of Sedation and Analgesia dated June 2003, and AANA Board of Directors, June 2003.

Mary Weymiller left the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

Agenda Item 7 Scope of Practice Issues (continued)

B. The Board reviewed the Objective Measures for Evaluating Scope of Practice Requests for Registered Nurses or Advanced Nurse Practitioners dated December 2006.

Cathy Giessel will email the Draft of Scope of Practice document to Gayle Horteski for feedback during the Friday meeting as to whether or not this can go into regulation format.

Cathy Giessel reviewed correspondence and other educational information in Board books under the practice section.

On a motion duly made by Patricia Swenson, seconded by Cathy Winfree, and carried unanimously it was:

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska adjourns.

The Board adjourned at 4:41 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Friday, December 8, 2006.

Friday, December 8, 2006

Call to Order

Cathy Giessel, ANP, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum, were:

Cathy Giessel, ANP, Chairperson, Anchorage
Cathy Winfree, RN, Secretary, Fairbanks
Mary Weymiller, LPN, Fairbanks
Jim Jurrens, RN, Anchorage
Terri Olson, MSN, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
JoAnne Bell-Graves, Public Member, Juneau
Patricia Swenson, Public Member, Anchorage

Staff present at various times throughout the meeting.

Lisa Maroney, Licensing Examiner
Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator
Dorothy Fulton, MA, RN, Executive Administrator

Via audioconference:

Gayle Horetski, Assistant Attorney General
Jun Maiquis, Licensing Examiner

Introductions of Guests

Guests in attendance were introduced

Review Agenda

On a motion duly made by Mary Weymiller, seconded by JoAnne Bell-Graves, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska hereby adopts the agenda with revisions.

Public Forum

Opened at 9:05 a.m.
Closed at 9: 33 a.m.

Agenda Item 15 Audit Update

No update at this time.

Agenda Item 9 Proposed Regulations (continued)

A. Gayle Horteski, Assistant Attorney General, and Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist, presented changes in the draft regulation titled Administration of Non-Herbal Nutritional Supplements dated 12/8/06.

Gayle Horteski will make language changes requested and present an additional revision this afternoon.

D. Student Pass Rates for Schools of Nursing.

Board chairperson Giessel requested the Executive Administrator send Jun Maiquis the minutes of March 2005 meeting regarding the regulation proposal for student pass rates for the schools of nursing by adding a (d) to 12 AAC 44.052.

Agenda Item 16 Office Business

Correspondence Received:

A. RN/ANP License renewals went well. Dorothy requested the Board send out a reminder to ANPs to check their certification card well in advance of the next renewal deadline. ANP applications were time consuming because not all the pieces of information came on the same day. In September 2007, the Executive Administrator, on behalf of the Board, should write a letter for publication in the Alaska Nurse reminding nurses and ANPs about renewal requirements.

B. Board of Nursing Staffing

The Nurse Consultant I position was approved for posting by Rick Urion, on Wednesday December 6, 2006.

The office continues to need a new PCN number for a licensing examiner.

Currently we are attempting to obtain a part-time investigator position for Board of Nursing.

Agenda Item 19 NCSBN Update

A. Nancy Sanders will attend National Council of State Boards of Nursing orientation in May 2007. She will also be assigned a mentor.

B. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing raised the pass rate for the NCLEX-RN. The NCSBN Board also voted not to pursue a translated version or language-modified version of the NCLEX examination.

The Board recessed for break at 10:24 a.m.

The Board reconvened from break at 10:45 a.m.

Agenda Item 16 Office Business (continued)

C. Website Update

Executive Administrator will write letter to Director Rick Urion that expresses the Board's concern regarding the website:

1. No minutes are posted for Dec. 2005 and all of 2006
2. No web-site newsletter for 2-3 years
3. Posting of advisory opinion has taken at least three months and is posted in the incorrect place
4. Board Member information is incorrect
5. Agenda did not get posted on the website prior to this meeting
6. Numerous typos have been found
7. Refresher course information needs updating.

The information goes to Tabitha Anderson, in Juneau, then to Diane in Soldotna to be posted.

The Executive Administrative will ask Jenny Strickler to attend the March meeting in Juneau regarding department policy on posting information on the website.

E. Listserv:

The listserv seems to be more accurate. It can be used to announce changes to the website.

Board Chairperson directed Nancy Sanders, Executive Administrator, to write letter to Director Rick Urion, with a copy to Jenny Stickler, regarding the possibility of more staff in office to help with special projects/clerical work and the above website complaints.

Agenda Item 17 UAA School of Nursing Report

The Board reviewed and discussed the UAA School of Nursing annual report presented by Dr. Jean Ballantyne, Director, and Dr. Jackie Pflaum, Associate Director.

Board members inquired about the survey completed in 2006 finding that there is a low industry demand for LPNs. Dr. Ballantyne stated that the School of Nursing has not formally suspended the LPN program and that a class will begin in January 2007. Prior to suspending the program, they will seek input from the community about resources and may have to concentrate those resources on RN education instead of continuing the LPN program.

Board members also noted a pass rate of 80% on the NCLEX for first time candidates educated in the baccalaureate program. One year might not be a trend, but declining pass rates are of concern. Gail Holtzman, Baccalaureate Nursing Program chair, identified several strategies that have been implemented to increase the pass rate. The response to these changes will not be seen for a couple of years. The faculty of the baccalaureate program is encourage their students to take a NCLEX review course and to not wait until their temporary licenses are close to expiring before taking the exam.

The pass rate of 75% for first time candidates educated in the associate's degree program was addressed by Carol Coose, ADN program chair. The decline in pass rates was partially attributed to offering the program in distance sites (Fairbanks, and other rural sites).

The School of Nursing continues the RRANN program which is focused on success of Alaska Native students, but offers tutoring to all students. In addition, students who speak English as a second language also tend to have difficulty with the nursing programs.

Recruitment and retention of qualified faculty were identified as on-going problems. Dr. Ballantyne stated that nationwide there is a faculty shortage and the market for nursing faculty is very competitive. The UAA School of Nursing has difficulty recruiting because of salaries that are not competitive, the location of the jobs and the cost of housing. The School of Nursing, however, is actively recruiting for several positions.

On a motion duly made by Jim Jurrens, seconded by JoAnne Bell-Graves, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska confer on-going approval of University of Alaska School of Nursing Programs.

Terri Olson recused herself from the vote.

On a motion duly made by Jim Jurrens, seconded by JoAnne Bell-Graves, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska request additional information from the UAA School of Nursing as to how the scope of practice of the LPN is conveyed by the preceptor if the preceptor is an RN.

Terri Olson recused herself from the vote.

Agenda Item 11 **AVTEC Program Approval**

The Board discussed requesting additional information from Keenan Casteel regarding AVTEC LPN program.

On a motion duly made by Mary Weymiller, seconded by Terri Olson, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska hereby confer ongoing approval to the AVTEC Licensed Practical Nursing Program with a letter written by the Executive Administrator to request additional information as to how the scope of practice of the LPN is conveyed by the preceptor if the preceptor is an RN.

The Executive Administrator will send a formal letter to AVTEC and UAA School of Nursing to inform them of on-going program approval and request information asking about the education of the RN preceptor in regards to the knowledge of the LPN scope of practice.

Agenda Item 7 **Practice Issues (continued)**

A. Checklist for Healthcare Facility RN Education Program Application.

The Checklist was reviewed and changes were suggested. The Executive Administrator will query other Boards as to what format they use in this process.

The Executive Administrator will make changes to checklist and send to Gayle Horteski for her input regarding putting the checklist into regulation.

Checklist will be added to agenda for the March meeting.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:14 p.m.
The Board reconvened from lunch at 1:45 p.m.

Agenda Item 9 **Proposed Regulation Changes (continued)**

A. Gayle Horetski presented the latest draft of proposed regulations titled the Administration of Non-Herbal Nutritional Supplements dated 12/8/06.

Cathy Giessel, Board Chairperson, will re-contact the lab manager regarding when the FDA might approve the proposed GMP. The Board will re-visit this issue during the March meeting.

Agenda Item 19 NCSBN Update

A. Meetings

NCSBN Mid-Year Meeting is April 2 through 4, 2007 in New Orleans.
NCSBN Annual Meeting is August 6 through 9, 2007 in Chicago.

B. Policy call Sept, 2006

The NCSBN is anticipating a Health Practitioner Act in emergency situations across all states and jurisdictions.

**Agenda Item 20 Review Goals & Objectives
Task List**

The Board reviewed, discussed and updated Accomplishments, Goals and Objectives.

Task list assignments were reviewed and Cathy Giessel will email the list to all Board members.

The Executive Administrator will check with Jun Maiquis, regulation specialist, to see where the proposed EA regulations are in the process of being approved.

March meeting agenda addition: Nurse Alert Report by Jim Jurens.

On a motion duly made by Cathy Winfree, seconded by Patricia Swenson, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska adjourn.

The Board adjourned at 3:30 p.m. until March 7 – 9, 2007 in Juneau.

Respectfully submitted:

*Nancy Sanders, Executive Administrator
Alaska State Board of Nursing*

Approved:

*Cathy Giessel, ANP, RN, Chairperson
Alaska State Board of Nursing*

Date: _____

**BOARD OF NURSING
GUESTS
Wednesday December 6, 2006**

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Thursday December 7, 2006**

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