

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
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DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
ATWOOD BUILDING
550 W. 7TH AVE, 18TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
BOARD OF NURSING

MEETING MINUTES

July 21-23, 2010

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 18th floor conference room.

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Agenda Item 1

CALL TO ORDER

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, Anchorage
Denise Ekstrom, MSN, RN, ANP, Secretary, Anchorage
Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
Agnes Jack, LPN, Kotzebue

Janine McCready, Public Member, Fairbanks and Kevin Dougherty, Public Member, Anchorage were excused. There is one vacant RN position.

There were four voting members during the meeting constituting a quorum.

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

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator
Ken Weimer, Investigator
Colleen Nelson, Investigator

Agenda

The agenda was adopted as amended.

Introductions

Guests present in the room and on the teleconference offered self-introductions. Some of those included:

Pat Reynaga, RN Providence Alaska Medical Center
Debbie Thompson, RN Executive Director, AaNA
Jennifer Deitz, Career Academy
Cheryl Milline, RN
TJ Harris, Chief Executive, Charter College
Dr. Jon Hittman, Charter College
Carrie Doyle, RN, CNS
Deanna Williams, RN
Karla Weise, RN, South Central Foundation
Patricia Atkinson, RN, SEARHC
Paul Ferland, RN, South Central Foundation

Via teleconference:

Kelly Otto
Donna Miller, RN, Alicia Roberts Medical Center
Sherri Cox, RN, Cross Road Medical Center
Marsha Scott, RN
Tom Day, RN
Scott Davis

Ethics Report

Dr Nancy Sanders submitted the Ethics Disclosure Form for a grant from NCSBN to attend the Executive Officer Seminar, the UAP Workshop and the Attorney Investigator Symposium. This was reviewed by Beth Farnstrom, Chairperson and Board's ethics supervisor, and deemed to not be an ethical violation.

All other Board members in attendance reported no ethics violations since the previous Board meeting in April 2010.

Agenda Item 2

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and passed unanimously,

RESOLVED the Board adopted the consent Agenda.

Agenda Item 2B INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Informational items were reviewed and discussed by the Board.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION/LIENSURE

Agenda Item 3 A-D Probation Report/Investigative/Litigation Report/Cases from Investigator

Investigator Ken Weimer and Investigator Colleen Nelson joined the Board.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Denise Ekstrom, 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 9:26 a.m. Guests left the room, the door was closed, and the tape recorder was turned off.

The Board came out of executive session at 10:57 a.m.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:57 a.m.

The Board reconvened after a break at 11:14 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, having examined the Surrender of RN license # NUR R 14874, Christopher M. Rygh, Case No. 2300-10-011 hereby adopted the Surrender of RN license # NUR R 14874 in this matter.

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, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2304-10-003, Lane D. Looka, ANP License # NUR U 1096, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, 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 CNA Certificate # NUA A 3992, Ofelia I. Guiel, Case No. 2010-000387 hereby adopted the Surrender of CNA Certificate # NUA A 3992 in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Agnes Jack, 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. 2300-10-006, Viva Esquibel, RN License # NUR R 21696, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Surrender of RN License # NUR R 19565, Judy R. Mabry, Case No. 2300-10-009 hereby adopted the Surrender of RN License # NUR R 19565 in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Agnes Jack, 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. 2350-10-003, Charles Johnston, RN License # NUR R 30477, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

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, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2010-000404, Evelyn G. Mina, RN License # NUR R 17537, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Agnes Jack, 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. 2350-10-001, Elena L. James, RN License # NUR R 31090, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, 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 RN License # NUR R 30825, Cherie L. Wilson, Case No. 2010-000341 hereby adopted the Surrender of RN License # NUR R 30825 in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Agnes Jack, 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. 2352-10-001, Laura C. Bates, LPN License # NUR P 6647, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, 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 LPN # NUR P 6062, Bruce Waldo-Paneak, Case No. 2302-10-008

hereby adopted the Surrender of LPN License # NUR P 6062 in this matter.

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, having examined the Surrender of LPN License # NUR P 5770, Cheri Ray, Case No. 2302-10-006 hereby adopted the Surrender of LPN License # NUR P 5770 in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Agnes Jack, 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. 2302-10-007, Sara K. Gross, surrendered LPN License # NUR P 5864, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Agnes Jack, 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. 2301-10-001, Andrea B. T. Jones, RN Applicant, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Surrender of RN License # NUR R 14173 and ANP License # NUR U 508, Janet M. Thurston, Case No. 2304-10-005 hereby adopted the Surrender of RN License # NUR R 14173 and ANP License # NUR U 508 in this matter.

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 denies certification of CNA Applicant Susan Taylor, Case No. 2010-000591 based on AS 08.68.334(1) and AS 08.01.075.

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, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2010-000385, Denise Teal, expired CNA Temporary Certificate # NUA T 3053, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Agnes Jack, 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. 2356-10-011, Sharilyn Notti, expired CNA Temporary Certificate # NUA T 2811, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska denied certification of CNA Applicant, Ayla Cook, expired CNA Temporary Certificate # NUA T 2879, Case No. 2356-10-010 based on AS 08.68.334(1).

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, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2306-10-003, Renee L. Jordan, expired CNA Certificate # NUA A 8212, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Agnes Jack, 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. 2356-10-012, Lauren H. Stalder, expired CNA Temporary Certificate # NUA T 3046, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

Beth Farnstrom, RN, Chairperson, signed all original documents related to the investigative cases. Chair Farnstrom voted on all investigative cases to achieve a quorum.

Agenda Item 6 EDUCATION

Agenda Item 6A Charter College ADN program

T.J. Harris, Chief Executive Officer and John Hittman, Chief of Academics from Charter College, joined the Board. The Board was informed that the contract person representing Charter College is no longer involved. Charter College will be submitting the required completed education program approval application for new educational program in the near future.

Agenda Item 6B Career Academy ADN Program – letter

A letter of intent that was submitted by the Career Academy for a new ADN program was reviewed. This was an informational item only.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

The Board reconvened from lunch at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 4 LICENSURE

Agenda Item 4A CNA’s recertifying without retaking a class

Kelly Otto joined the Board via teleconference.

Under 12 AAC 44.800(a)(1) a CNA applicant needs to take a CNA class within 2 years prior to taking the exam. The Board cannot make exceptions to the regulations. Ms. Otto may explain her situation to AVTEC for an exception to the AVTEC requirement.

Agenda Item 4B AACN Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Certification

Under the authority of 12 AAC 44.440 (a)(3) the Board reviewed a request for approval by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses Certification Corporation.

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 accepted the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) Certification Corporation as an approved certifying body for Acute Care Nurse Practitioners.

Agenda Item 5

PRACTICE ISSUES

Agenda Item 5A

RN's Expanded Scope of Practice – Frontier Extended Stay Clinics

Patricia Atkinson from SEARHC joined the Board. Donna Miller, RN, Sherri Cox, RN and Marsha Scott, RN also joined the Board via teleconference.

The educational materials were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Further consideration will be made later during the 3 days of meeting. No decision was made as to whether the Board would accept the application for the expanded scope of practice for RN's taking x-rays.

Agenda Item 5B

Flexible Sigmoidoscopy Training Program

Karla Weise, RN and Paul Ferland, RN joined the Board to present a yearly update from the South Central Foundation (SCF) regarding flexible sigmoidoscopies being performed by RN's.

South Central Foundation requested that ANP's and PA's be included as providers to be onsite when RN's are performing flexible sigmoidoscopies.

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approved the expansion of the Alaska Native Medical Center Training Program RN Performing Flexible Sigmoidoscopy to include the updated training

which will allow ANP's and PA's to be available on site at all times.

Agenda Item 5D Third Trimester Limited Ultrasound

Carrie Doyle, CNS and Deanna Williams RNC joined the Board to request expanded scope of practice for RNs at Providence Alaska Medical Center to include RNs performing limited third trimester ultrasounds. The Board reviewed the presented material.

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approved the expanded scope of practice for RNs at the Children's Hospital at Providence for third trimester limited ultrasound including the educational requirements. Annual updates are to be presented to the Board each January.

Agenda Item 5Ka Delegation to UAP/CNA

Cheryl Milline, RN, joined the Board to express her concerns regarding the administration of medications in the Assisted Living Facilities (ALF) in Anchorage. Patients in the ALFs have more complex conditions and are in homes rather than long term care facilities. This presentation was informational only. No action was taken on this issue.

Agenda Item 5C Mobile RN Scope of Practice

Tom Day, RN joined the Board telephonically. The question before the Board was: Are RN's practicing within their scope of practice while working on the ambulance crew? The Board felt that as long as an RN is functioning under Alaska state regulations, the setting was not the issue.

The Board recessed at 3:20 p.m. for a tour to the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Nursing's simulation lab. The Board will reconvene on July 22, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, July 22, 2010

Agenda Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, Anchorage
Denise Ekstrom, MS, RN, ANP, Secretary, Anchorage
Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
Agnes Jack, LPN, Kotzebue

Janine McCready, Public Member, Fairbanks and Kevin Dougherty, Public Member, Anchorage were excused. There is one vacant RN position.

There were four voting members during the meeting.

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

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator

Agenda

The agenda was adopted as amended.

Introductions

Guests present in the room and on the teleconference offered self-introductions. Some of those included:

Pat Reynaga, RN Providence Alaska Medical Center
Debbie Thompson, RN Executive Director, AaNA
Dory Lukas, RN, Alaska Pioneer Homes
Summer Cutting, DNP
LeMay Hupp, RN, AaNA
Linda Kott, ANP
Cathy Winfree, RN

Via teleconference at various times during the meeting:

Patricia Atkinson, RN, SEARHC
Lisa Swartz, Haines, AK
Lynnette Phillips, RN
David Vastola, MD
Lynda Barnedt, RN

Public Testimony

Public testimony began at 9:05 a.m. and ended at 9:35 a.m.

Agenda Item 5 PRACTICE

Agenda Item 5A RN Expanded Scope of Practice – Taking X-Rays

The Board continued their work and review of the request for expanded scope of practice for RN's at the SEARHC and Cross Road Clinics.

Agenda Item 5Fa & b Scope of Practice Expansion

There was a request submitted to the Board to allow RN's to expand their scope of practice to include sclerotherapy, laser therapy, and Botox administration. There were no RN's in attendance to address these requests. The information presented to the Board prior to the meeting will be reviewed by the next Board meeting in October. No decisions regarding the requests were made at this time.

Agenda Item 5G Re-evaluations of Medication Delegation

Dory Lukas, RN consultant from the Anchorage Pioneer Homes requested the Board consider extending the current regulation 12 AAC 44.960(c) from 90 days to 180 days. Her organization felt the 90 day review was too time consuming by taking the RN's away from direct patient care.

The Board recommended that the Anchorage Pioneer Homes find a less cumbersome tool to use in order to maintain compliance with the current regulation. The current regulation 12 AAC 44.960(c) will stand as is written at this time.

The Board recessed at 10:15 a.m. The Board meeting was moved to the 15th floor conference room until after lunch.

The Board reconvened at 10:31 a.m. from break.

Agenda Item 5H Scope of Practice Decision Tree

The Board reviewed examples of decision trees used by the Nevada, Arizona, and Wisconsin Boards of Nursing. The Board had previously approved the Delegation Decision-making Tree

from NCSBN but it is not posted on the website. After reviewing the different tools, the Board requested that Dr. Sanders propose a similar tree to coincide with the regulations for the delegation of medication to unlicensed persons and present this to the Board at the October 2010 meeting.

Agenda Item 5J **Alaska Nurse Alert**

The Alaska Nurse Alert (ANA) system was established by a grant awarded to the State of Alaska in 2004. This grant has been administered through the AaNA. LeMay Hupp, RN reported to the Board that currently there are 450 nurses actively on the nurse alert list covering 52 communities in AK. Eighty six percent (86%) of these nurses are RN's. The Alaska Nurse Alert offers CEU's to nurses at no cost. ANA is looking at developing legislation for a disaster plan.

The Board thanked LeMay Hupp for presenting this information to the Board and encouraged ANA to continue with its outstanding progress.

Agenda Item 5Kc **Home and Community Based Service Providers**

Linda Knott, ANP came to the Board expressing her concerns that the State of Alaska is proposing any education done during home visits not to be reimbursed. ANP Knott estimates education covers approximately 25% of a nursing visit. ANP Knott requested the Board submit a letter to the proper authorities in support of education reimbursement during RN visits within the program. Dr Sanders will determine to whom this letter will be written and honor ANP Knott's request.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:39 a.m.

The Board reconvened from lunch at 1:05 p.m.

Agenda Item 6 **EDUCATION**

Agenda Item 6C, D **Certified Nurse Aide Program evaluation reports**

The Board reviewed the reports submitted by Cathy Winfree, RN, Certified Nurse Aide program evaluator, regarding her recommendations for Kenai and Kodiak. The Board also reviewed the responses from the Providence Alaska Medical Center and Wrangell Medical Center Certified Nurse Aide programs that received letters of concern related to their low annual pass rates.

As stated in 12 AAC 44.858(b), the 2 mentioned programs had 90 days to respond to the letter of concern by submitting a report to the Board that sets out the programs plan to achieve at least an 80% cumulative pass rate.

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

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing moved to approve the continuation of the Kodiak and Kenai CNA programs for 2 years under authority 12 AAC 44.857.

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

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing accepted the plans to improve the annual pass rates of the Providence Alaska Medical Center and Wrangell Medical Center CNA programs in response to the letters of concern sent out last quarter.

Dr Sanders will send letters to the Kodiak, Kenai, Providence and Wrangell CNA program directors about the Boards decisions.

Agenda Item 6Da, iii LPN program pass rate

Under AS 08.68.100(1) and 12 AAC 44.055 the Board has oversight of the LPN education programs. The AVTEC LPN program was sent a letter of concern due to the low pass rates for the first time NCLEX-PN test takers. The response letter from the program was reviewed by the Board.

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

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing accepted the AVTEC LPN program's plan of improvement submitted to the Board of Nursing 6/7/2010.

Dr Sanders will send out a letter to the AVTEC LPN Coordinator.

Agenda Item 6E(c) Medication Administration Course

Karla Weise, RN, from the Southcentral Foundation presented a proposal for a medication administration training program to the

Board and requested approval. As stated in 12 AAC 44.966(c), a training course in administration of medication must be approved by the Board.

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

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing accepted the Southcentral Foundation Medication Administration Training Program as presented at the 7/22/10 Board meeting for the private and public ambulatory care practice setting.

The Board recessed for a break at 2:27p.m.
The Board reconvened from break at 2:45p.m.

Agenda Item 6F Dedicated Education Unit (DEU)

Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN presented a description of the DEU model of clinical instruction to the Board. UAA students are partnered with staff RNs. The staff RN is a consistent preceptor during clinical experiences. The UAA instructors work with the staff RNs to identify the learning needs of the nursing students. The University of Alaska Anchorage is doing a pilot project implementing this model at Providence Medical Center on the 4 North Medical Surgical Unit. To be successful, management needs to support the nurse by decreasing the staff nurse/patient ratio. The hospital benefits by identifying possible future employees. This presentation was for the Board's information only. No action was taken at this time.

Agenda Item 6E Medication Administration Course

Lynda Barnedt, RN, from the Boys and Girls Home of Alaska presented to the Board via telephone, a request for approval for a medication administration course. The Board reviewed and discussed the materials. As stated in 12 AAC 44.966(c), a training course in administration of medication must be approved by the Board.

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

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing accepted the Boys and Girls Home of Alaska's medication administration course for Mental Health Technicians as

presented at the July 22, 2010 meeting with the exception of insulin, otic, optic, inhalers, transdermal administration materials. Any changes in the course must be provided prior to implementation and yearly updates will be submitted to the Board each January.

Agenda Item 5 PRACTICE

Agenda Item 5E Scope of Practice RNs interpreting EKGs

The presenter for this topic was not available. A short discussion ensued. No action was taken.

The Board recessed at 4:28 p.m. until Friday, July 23, 2010.

Friday, July 23, 2010

Agenda Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, Anchorage

Denise Ekstrom, MS, RN, ANP, Secretary, Anchorage

Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage

Agnes Jack, LPN, Kotzebue

Janine McCready, Public Member, Fairbanks and Kevin

Dougherty, Public Member, Anchorage were excused. There is one vacant RN position.

There were four voting members during the meeting.

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

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator

Don Habeger, Director, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing.

Cathy Mason, Administrative Officer

Agenda

The agenda was adopted as amended.

Introductions

Guests present in the room and on the teleconference offered self-introductions. Some of those included:

Pat Reynaga, RN Providence Alaska Medical Center
Debbie Thompson, RN, AaNA

Via teleconference:
Patricia Atkinson, SEARHC
Pat Carr, Dept. of Health and Social Services
Peggy Wilson, Legislator

Public Testimony

Public testimony began at 9:05 a.m. and ended at 9:35 a.m.

Patricia Atkinson inquired if a decision had been made regarding the SEARHC request for RNs expanded scope of practice.

Pat Carr voiced support from DHSS for the SEARHC request for RNs scope of practice.

Debbie Thompson RN, AaNA provided some information regarding RN's interpreting EKGs.

Agenda Item 5

PRACTICE ISSUES

Agenda Item 5A

Expanding RN's scope of practice – x-rays

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

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing approved the application to expand the scope of practice for RN's at SEARHC Alicia Roberts Medical Center in Klawock, The SEARHC Haines Health Center in Haines, and the Cross Road Medical Center in Glenallen. RN's must successfully complete the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Healthcare Diagnostic X-ray Imaging class prior to taking x-rays. A yearly update must be provided to the Board of Nursing in January of each year. Any changes to this program must be approved by the Board before implementation.

The Board recessed for a break at 9:40 a.m.

The Board reconvened from break at 9:55 a.m.

Agenda Item 5L Regulations

The Board reviewed and discussed draft revisions in regulations.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:17 p.m.

The Board reconvened from lunch at 1:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 7 ORGANIZATION

Agenda Item 7A Budget Report and Review

Cathy Mason joined the Board to review the budget. There were errors in the accounting in 2007-2008. The budget figures as discussed at this meeting incorporated changes to the totals from the errors. Other minor errors were found and discussed with Cathy Mason.

Agenda Item 7B Information Exchange and Issues Update

Director Don Habeger was present telephonically to discuss questions by the Board.

1. The Board requested support for Board members to attend the meetings offered by NCSBN as they provide critical updates on national issues, assist with nationwide networking, and are a great resource for daily activities of the Board. Director Habeger reported a 10% reduction in travel across all boards. This reduction may be applied to in-state as well as out-of-state travel.
2. The Board requested an update on the vacant RN Board position. Director Habeger will look in to the status of the appointment.
3. Former Director Mark Davis had requested each board submit their proposed statute changes so they could be submitted by the Governor for legislative changes. Director Habeger reported he sent an email requesting these changes. The Division will determine priority then submit them to the Governor's office. The Governor's office will prioritize the submitted statute changes.
4. The Board expressed their concerns regarding the State's accounting errors. This voluntary Board takes its fiduciary

responsibilities as a high priority and reviews the budget quarterly. Making decisions with erroneous data does not serve the constituents well.

Agenda Item 7C Information & Issues Update

The Board discussed the possibility of having the October 2010 Board meeting moved from Fairbanks to Anchorage due to extra work load on the Board staff, expense of travel as the majority of Board members reside in Anchorage and because of the latest request for a 10% decrease in travel expenses by Director Habeger.

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

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing change the October 2010 meeting from Fairbanks to Anchorage.

The Board was reminded to plan on attending the Board Retreat on the Tuesday, October 26, 2010 in the afternoon prior to the 3 day meeting as the retreat appears to improve Board productivity. Location will be announced at a future date.

The Board recessed for a break at 2:48 p.m.

The Board reconvened from a break at 3:04 p.m.

Agenda Item 5 PRACTICE

Agenda Item 5L Regulations

The Board reviewed and discussed draft revisions in regulations.

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

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing submit the following regulations to the regulations specialist for proposed changes and updating: 12 AAC 44.020, 040, 135, 290, 317, 320, 400, 420, 440, 445, 450, 460, 465, 470, 500, 510, 525, 530, repeal 540, readopt renewal of RNA authorization and RNA reinstatement of lapsed authorization, 770, 812, 815, 820(4), 825, 835, 847, and 850.

Agenda Item 8A-C Governance

- A. Strategic plan will be reviewed and updated at the Board Retreat on October 26, 2010.
- B. Board meeting evaluation was completed.
- C. Task list was discussed. This will be completed by the Chair and emailed to Board members.

The Board of Nursing was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. to reconvene October, 27, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in Anchorage, AK.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Sanders, Executive Administrator
Board of Nursing

Approved:

Beth Farnstrom, Chair
Board of Nursing

Date
