

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
ATWOOD BUILDING
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ANCHORAGE, AK

BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING MINUTES

January 18- 20, 2012

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a meeting of the Board of Nursing was held in the Atwood Building conference room 1270.

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Agenda Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

- Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, Anchorage
- Erin Pringle, MS, RN, Secretary, Anchorage
- Denise Valentine, MS, RN, ANP, Vice Chair, Anchorage
- Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
- Kevin Dougherty, Public Member, Anchorage
- Julie Gillette, Public Member, Wasilla, present via telephone conference

The LPN seat on the Board of Nursing is vacant.

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

- Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator
- Jo Anna Williamson, Investigator III
- Colleen Nelson, Investigator III
- Jasmine Bautista, Investigator II
- Quinten Warren, Chief Investigator

Staff present from the Department of Law: ALJ Friedman

Agenda

The agenda was adopted as amended.

Introductions

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

- Pat Reynaga, RN, Providence Hospital
- Deborah Giedosh, Alaska Career College

Ethics Report

Dr. Nancy Sanders attended an NCSBN World Café Educational Meeting in Chicago. Ethics compliance forms were reviewed by Beth Farnstrom, Board Chair, the Board's ethics supervisor, and deemed it to not be an ethical violation.

The other Board members in attendance did not report any ethics violations since the October 2011 Board meeting.

Agenda Item 2

Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the consent agenda.

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Erin Pringle, and passed unanimously, it was RESOLVED the Board adopted the Consent Agenda with the exception of item 2A1a, the October 19-21, 2011 Board of Nursing Minutes.

Discussion

It is noted that on page 14 of the October minutes, Board member Kevin Dougherty's name was omitted from the attendance list. The minutes will be amended to reflect his attendance.

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and passed unanimously, it was RESOLVED the Board adopted the amended minutes from the October 19-21, 2011 Board of Nursing meeting.

Agenda Item 3

ADJUDICATION

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, 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 9:21 a.m.

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

The Board reconvened into the executive session after a break at 10:25 a.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 11: 33 a.m.

Agenda Item 3 Adjudication

On a motion duly made by Erin Pringle, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Amy Bruner, RN license # NUR R 19708, Case # 2011-001135, by the parties hereby adopts the Surrender of License in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Julie Gillette, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Nicki Jo Cooper, Alaska Nurse Aide Certificate # NUA A 7704, Case # 2011-001054, by the parties hereby adopts the Surrender of License in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, 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 # 2011-001110, reinstatement applicant, Lucinta J. Crow, RN lapsed license # NUR R 18530, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in the accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing. The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license, without an additional order from the Board of Nursing or without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Erin Pringle, and carried with 4 yea, 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 # 2011-000857, Debbie L. Hickman, CNA applicant, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in the accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing. The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license, without an additional order from the Board of Nursing or without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement.

On a motion duly made by Erin Pringle, 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 # 2011-000244, reinstatement applicant, Darlene A. Kenyon, RN lapsed license # NUR R 24205 adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in the accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing. The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license, without an additional order from the Board of Nursing or without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement.

On a motion duly made by Kevin Dougherty, seconded by Julie Gillette, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Katie L. Reeves, Case # 2011-001069 by the parties hereby adopts the Surrender of LPN license # NUR P 6625 in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Erin Pringle, 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 # 2011-000994, Jessica B. Stevenson, RN license # NUR R 24736 adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in the accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing. The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license, without an additional order from the Board of Nursing or without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement.

On a motion duly made by Julie Gillette, seconded by Thomas Hendrix and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Case # 2011-000789, Patsy A. Wahl, by the parties hereby adopts the Surrender of LPN license # NUR P 6593 in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Erin Pringle, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, adopts this decision in the matter of J. Dette Avalon, Board Case # 2011-000972, OAH #11-0428-NUR 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.

Beth Farnstrom, Chairperson, signed the original documents.

On a motion duly made by Kevin Dougherty, seconded by Denise Valentine, 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 11:47 a.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 11:51 a.m.

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Registered Nurse License and order, in the matter of Paula L. Gruginski, Case # 2011-001228, hereby adopts the Voluntary Surrender of RN license # NUR R 15722, effective immediately.

On a motion duly made by Kevin Dougherty, 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. 2010-001400, CNA certificate # NUA A 11405, in the matter of Christal Hillman, hereby, adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and order in this matter, effective immediately.

Beth Farnstrom, Chairperson, signed the original documents.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

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

Agenda Item 4 LICENSURE

Agenda Item 4A Christian Science Church

Representatives from the Christian Science Church addressed the Board requesting a written policy protecting their practice of providing spiritual care. No action was taken at this meeting.

Agenda Item 4B **Refresher Courses – Review and Possible Approval**

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska accept the Michigan State University College of Nursing – RN refresher course.

Agenda Item 4C **Innovative Academic Solutions**

An LPN Refresher course annual report from Innovative Academic Solutions was reviewed by the Board. There are no students currently involved in the refresher course. No action was taken.

Agenda Item 4D **Fee Analysis**

There will be no fee increases for the 2012 renewal of CNA, LPN, or RN licenses in Alaska. This was an informational item.

Agenda Item 4E **Licensing in Alaska Native Health Care Facilities**

Informational item. No action taken.

Agenda Item 2B **Information Exchange**

Informational items were reviewed and discussed by the Board.

The Board reviewed the Executive Administrator and Board Chair Reports. The Board also discussed Retired Nurse Status, the California Board of Nursing sunset, and the ICN Credentialing & Regulation Forum.

Agenda Item 5 **Practice Issues**

Agenda Item 5A2 **Administration of Expired Medications**

Deb Hansen, Chief Nurse Executive and Andre Neptune, Pharmacist of Providence Alaska Medical Center brought forth the issue of administration of expired medications in their facility under specific circumstances of emergency shortages. The Alaska Board of Pharmacy has not taken a position in support of the use of expired drugs. Ms. Hansen and Mr. Neptune will draft a policy for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 5A4 **Dedicated Education Units**

Providence Alaska Medical Center is utilizing Dedicated Education Units (DEU's) at 5 nursing units in their hospital. Nurses and students report positive results and will continue with the DEU program. This is an informational item.

Agenda Item 5A5 Academies

Providence Alaska Medical Center is utilizing "Academy" training for both new graduates and experienced nurses as a means of developing nurse specialists in the following fields: adult critical care, NICU, emergency, and perioperative. The Adult Critical Care academy has had 60-70 applicants for a few spots. This is an informational item only.

Agenda Item 5A1/3 Providence Alaska Medical Center Updates

Providence Hospital is seeking magnet status and will prioritize their hiring to BSN prepared nurses. For clinical training purposes, the priority is for UAA nursing students followed by other ADN programs demonstrating a seamless transition from an RN to BSN. Providence also reports there is not a shortage of new graduate nurses in our community and that approximately 80% of their applicants are from other states. Ms. Hansen and Barb Berner, Director of UAA School of Nursing, have talked about a peri-op course that would be an elective. In addition, Providence and UAA have a simulation contract.

Board member Kevin Dougherty left the meeting for personal reasons.

The Board recessed for a break at 3:19 p.m.

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

Agenda Item 5C Prescriptive Authority for Controlled Substances

The Board discussed the issue of prescriptive authority of controlled substances in rural communities for ANP's who have been practicing for less than 1 year. It was decided that regulation work needs to be done to amend the regulation pertaining to this topic.

Agenda Item 5D Annual Reports – RN's Taking X-Rays

The Board reviewed the annual reports related to RN's taking X-rays at various SEARHC facilities throughout the state. The information was found to be acceptable and no action was taken. Next review will be January 2013.

Agenda Item 5B APRN Consensus Model

It was reported that the issue of the APRN consensus model is not high on the priority list for the ANPA organization at this time. The Board will continue to discuss this topic and is seeking input from ANP's throughout the state. Carrie Doyle, MS RN, joined the Board telephonically to educate the Board regarding the Clinical Nurse Specialists role. No action was taken.

The board recessed at 4:54 p.m. until Thursday, January 19th at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 19, 2012

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
- Erin Pringle, MS, RN, Secretary, Anchorage
- Denise Valentine, MS, RN, ANP, Anchorage
- Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
- Julie Gillette, Public Member, Wasilla
- Kevin Dougherty, Public Member, Anchorage

The LPN seat on the Board of Nursing remains vacant.

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 throughout the day and on the teleconference offered self-introductions. Some of those introduced included:

- Jennifer Cannon, RN, Charter College

- Debbie Thompson, Alaska Nurses Association
- Jan Staples, ANP, representing ANPA
- Maureen O'Malley, UAA School of Nursing
- Barbara Berner, UAA School of Nursing
- Kathy Stephenson, UAA School of Nursing

Public Testimony

Public testimony began at 9:04 a.m. and ended at 9:33 a.m.

Jan Staples, ANP, discussed the APRN Consensus model. She states her peers are concerned about “bringing the practice down to the lowest common denominator”. Zulene Simmons, ANP, addressed the board about her concerns related to recertification in her field. She asked for an exception to the Board of Nursing regulations requiring certification at the end of her career in order to remain authorized as an ANP. Recertification requires continuing education and testing.

Agenda Item 6 EDUCATION

Agenda Item 6A NCLEX Pass Rates

The Board reviewed NCLEX pass rates for the AVTEC LPN program and UAA’s Associate and Baccalaureate Degree Nursing programs. No action was required since pass rates of the three programs meet the regulations for requiring an 80% pass rate for first time NCLEX takers.

Agenda Item 6B UAA School of Nursing Annual Report

Barb Berner, EdD, Director of the UAA School of Nursing, presented the Annual Report and discussed the new Health Sciences Building and changes in leadership at the University. There has been no approval from the NW Accrediting for the DNP program.

The Associate Degree program reports adding an additional Anchorage cohort of 16 students. There are also 13 outreach locations throughout the state. The majority of AD students are outside of Anchorage. The faculty will be initiating major curriculum revisions to increase the effectiveness of program delivery.

The Baccalaureate program is evaluating a more seamless transition from AAS graduates into the RN to BSN program. It will also be transitioning to a competitive admission process. The Board indicated a need for a site visit to the new Health Science Building. This will be scheduled for July, 2012. Dr. Berner states that UAA graduates around 200 nursing students a

year. The Board learned that the estimated annual need for RNs is 127 to 130 per year. This number includes new graduates as well as seasoned nurses.

Agenda item 6C **AVTEC Practical Nurse Program Annual Report**

The Board reviewed the annual report from the AVTEC PN program. The Board indicated a need to perform a site visit since the program has a new location. The Board will tentatively schedule this for July 2012. The program is using the HESI Assessment as an exit examination. Simulation is being utilized in the curriculum, but there is no cutback in clinical hours. The program graduates 20 students/year.

Agenda item 6D **Alaska Career College (ACC) Annual Report**

The Board reviewed the annual report from Alaska Career College, formerly Career Academy. It was reported that ACC is anticipating a summer 2012 start for their first cohort of 20 Associate Degree Nursing students. The program is receiving applicants for faculty positions from outside of Alaska.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:28 am.

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

Agenda Item 6E **AVTEC ADN Program Proposal**

J. Keenan Casteel, Dick Harrell and Fred Espisito presented the proposal for an ADN program at AVTEC. The Department of Labor Workforce has given permission to offer the program. MOUs are continuing to be signed. The program is a career ladder program starting at the CNA level, progressing to the practical nurse and then to the ADN nursing level. Funding for the program is in the Governor's budget for the second year. The funding would cover 2 staff positions. AVTEC has a 5 year partnership with Cook Inlet Tribal Council (now in the second year) through a Health Opportunities grant. The goal is to serve the needs of students and employers.

The plan is to have 5 instructors including the PN instructors, for 40 students. They plan to recruit two new faculty members with master's degrees in medical/surgical and psychiatric nursing. Resumes are being accepted.

If an LPN applies for the AVTEC ADN program that was not educated at AVTEC, the applicant would have to satisfy the same requirements. The curriculum is 27 weeks for 30 hours/week. Basically, it is the 2nd year of

an associate degree program, the same as the articulation program at UAA.

The representatives answered questions about job placement, clinical sites, and BS articulation. At the current time, there is no plan for BS articulation.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried with 3 yeas, 1 nay, 1 abstention, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, provide provisional approval for AVTEC to begin an ADN Nursing Program per 12 ACC 44.020 (b)

Agenda Item 6F Charter College ADN Program Proposal

Jennifer Cannon, DON, the Dean of Education, and the President of Charter College presented the proposal for an ADN nursing program. The proposal has been approved by the Alaska Commission on Post Secondary Education. Historically, Charter College has offered a baccalaureate degree for 3 years, and a master's degree for 5 years. The vision for the ADN nursing program is "pan Alaska", not just Anchorage. Charter College is working on an articulation agreement for the baccalaureate in nursing with Advanced Allied Health University in Vancouver, WA.

The curriculum being proposed is designed to lead into the NLNAC accreditation. The plan is to apply for accreditation as a part of program outcomes. Faculty will be an issue. There is a plan for rigid orientation for new inexperienced faculty members.

Clinical sites were discussed. A Board member expressed concern that the clinical sites are weak. Ms. Cannon stated that they cannot tell sites the program is approved until the Board of Nursing makes a decision. The plan is to begin offering courses in October 2012 and will have 60 students a year depending on resources. The Board asked about out of Anchorage sites. In the first cohort, there will be no out of Anchorage sites. The "lab in a box" is under design.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Julie Gillette, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, provide provisional approval for Charter College to begin an AAS Nursing Program per 12 ACC 44.020 (b)

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:56 a.m.

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

Agenda Item 6B-D Ongoing approval of Nursing Education Programs

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Erin Pringle, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska grant ongoing approval for UAA School of Nursing, AVTEC PN program, and Alaska Career College ADN program.

Agenda Item 6G CNA Program Annual Pass Rates

The Board reviewed pass rates for CNA programs in the state. Letters of concern will be sent to programs falling below the 80% pass rate under authority of 12 AAC 44.858(b)(2). Letters will be sent to Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak College, Anchorage School District and Prince William Sound Community College.

Agenda Item 6H UAF CNA Program Evaluation

Dr. Sanders conducted a site visit of the CNA Program at University of Alaska Fairbanks, Tanana Valley Campus, and presented her report to the Board.

On a motion duly made by Erin Pringle, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska provide ongoing approval for University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Tanana Valley Campus, CNA program.

Agenda Item 5G Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT)

Representatives from the Municipality of Anchorage and from the Infertility Prevention Program presented information on Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT). EPT is clinical management of patients with treatable conditions that is seen by CDC as a best practice. The Alaska State Medical Board approved EPT in 2010. The Board reviewed advisory opinions and regulations with a plan to revisit this issue later in the meeting.

Agenda Item 4F Licensure

The Board discussed question #2 on the applications for RN and LPN initial licensure by exam and endorsement, RN and LPN licensure renewals, CNA certification by exam and endorsement, and CNA certification renewals. It was decided to make the following revision:

Regardless of how many years have passed, even as a minor, have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony (convictions include “suspended imposition of sentence”) If unsure, mark yes and provide the required supporting documents.

The Board recessed for a break at 2:51 p.m.

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

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Julie Gillette, 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 3:04 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 3:24 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Erin Pringle, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Application for Reinstatement of Lapsed RN license # NUR R 25466, in the matter of Jay W. Rydberg, denies the reinstatement application, per AS 08.68.270 (1)(6), effective immediately.

The board recessed at 3:28 p.m. until Friday, January 20th at 9:00 a.m.

Friday January 20, 2012

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
- Erin Pringle, MS, RN, Secretary, Anchorage
- Denise Valentine, MS, RN, ANP, Anchorage
- Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
- Julie Gillette, Public Member, Wasilla
- Kevin Dougherty, Public Member, Anchorage

The LPN seat on the Board of Nursing remains vacant.

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

- Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator
- Quentin Warren, Chief Investigator
- Jo Anna Williamson, Investigator III
- Misty Frawley, Administrative Officer.
- Don Habeger, Director

Agenda

The agenda was adopted as amended.

Introductions

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

- Pat Reynaga, RN, Providence Medical Center
- Debbie Thompson RN, Alaska Nurses Association
- Nicole Kopaz, UAA FNP student

Public Testimony

Public testimony began at 9:05 a.m. and ended at 9:39 a.m.

No one addressed the Board during public testimony.

Agenda Item 5G

Expedited Partner Therapy

Further discussion of EPT took place. After reviewing regulations, it was determined that there is no regulation against EPT in the scope of practice of an ANP.

Agenda Item 5H1 **Proposed Regulation Changes – School Nurses delegating Emergency Drugs**

School Nurses from the State of Alaska, Anchorage School District; Fairbanks North Star School District and Kenai Peninsula School District addressed the issue of school nurses delegating emergency drugs to unlicensed assistive personnel (UAPs) in the schools. It was determined that the ASD would draft an internal policy, containing guidelines for training of UAP's including addressing liability. The Board said the parent would delegate emergency drug administration first to the school nurse. If the school nurse was not on sight, the parent would have delegated to a second choice, a UAP. The list of possible UAPs would be provided by the school nurse. The list of UAPs would have received training by the school nurse. By so doing, the school nurse would not be delegating to a UAP and would be in compliance with regulations.

The board recessed for a break at 10:47 a.m.

The Board reconvened from a break at 11:03 a.m.

Agenda Item 3F **Potential Changes in Disciplinary Process**

The board reviewed the proposed Substance Abuse Sanctions and Falsified Application Sanctions brought to the Board by the Division's investigators. The Board noted the investigators would be implementing changes in the disciplinary process using the current regulations. The Board is in favor of the proposed application sanctions and in favor of the better-defined discipline process. No motion made and no further action taken at this time.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:02 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 7 **GOVERNANCE**

Agenda Item 7A **Budget Report & Review**

The Board discussed the budget telephonically with Misty Frawley, Administrative Officer. The Board expressed concern over the large increase in expenses from 1st Quarter FY12 and 2nd Quarter FY12 particular to indirect expenses. The Board requests detailed and ongoing

budget reports in an effort to be diligent stewards of available financial resources.

Agenda Item 7B **Discussion with the Director of CBPL**

The Board had a telephone conference with Director Don Habeger. The Board addressed licensing fees for LPN's and RN's as related to the budget surplus, as well as the vacant CNA Program Position. There are currently no plans in the budget to fill the position. Director Habeger discussed some options to fill this need. Director Habeger informed the Board that Bill #279 related to sunset legislation was set for a hearing on January 20th.

The Board recessed for a break at 2:09 p.m.

The Board reconvened from a break at 2:21 p.m.

Agenda Item 5G **Expedited Partner Therapy**

On a motion duly made by Erin Pringle, seconded by Denise Valentine, and carried with 4 yea, 1 nay, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, prepare an advisory opinion stating that it is within the scope of practice for ANP's with prescriptive authority to use Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) in accordance with 12 AAC 44.440 and 44.447. EPT is the practice of treating sexual partners of individuals who have been clinically diagnosed with Chlamydia or Gonorrhea by writing prescriptions for patients to give their partners or by directly giving patients the medications for themselves and their partners along with the proper patient education materials.

While EPT is not intended to be the first or best choice of treatment of partners with Chlamydia or Gonorrhea, the Board supports the practice of EPT by ANPs as an optional form of Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) case management to address the state-wide and national increase of Chlamydia and Gonorrhea morbidity.

Agenda Item 3G **AK Board of Medicine Disciplinary Matrix**

No action taken on this topic.

Agenda item 5H **Proposed Regulation Changes**

Proposed regulation changes were discussed and proposed revisions were made.

Agenda Item 5H1 School Nurses Delegating Emergency Drugs

On a motion duly made by Erin Pringle, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, withdrew proposed regulations 12 AAC 44.966(a) and 12 AAC 44.967 previously approved by the board for public comment.

Agenda item 5H Proposed Regulation Changes

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, amended 12 ACC 44.445 by deleting (a)1D and (a)2.

Agenda Item 8 ORGANIZATION

Agenda Item 8A Board meeting evaluation was done.

Agenda Item 8B Beth Farnstrom will send out the task list to Board members.

The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska adjourned at 3:50 p.m. until April 2nd, 2012 in Juneau, Alaska.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Sanders, Executive Administrator
Board of Nursing

Beth Farnstrom, Chair
Board of Nursing

Date