

Wyoming State Board of Nursing
Board Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC SESSION: The Wyoming State Board of Nursing (WBON) held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 7, 8, 9, & 10, 2008, at the Financial Center, AARP Conference Room, Mezzanine, 2020 Carey Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

**Voting numbers on all decisions and motions are as follows:
IN FAVOR – OPPOSED – ABSTAINING – ABSENT**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Wyoming State Board of Nursing was called to order by President Merrill at 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 7, 2008.

ROLL CALL: President Merrill took the roll call.

Board Members Present:

Baerbel Merrill, MS, BSN, RNC, President, Gillette
Kellie Clausen, FNP, WHCNP, RN, Vice President, Douglas
Marguerite Herman, Consumer Member, Secretary, Cheyenne
Kim Williamson, LPN, Member, Torrington
Jennifer Zettl, BSN, RN, Member, Casper
Jenny Heuck, MS, RN, Member, Sheridan
Marcie Burr, RN, HSA, CCHP, Member, Pavillion

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Mary Beth Stepan, Interim Executive Director and Practice & Education
Consultant
Bridget Horne, Compliance Consultant
JoAnn Reid, Executive Assistant
Deebs Sullivan, Former Fiscal and Human Resource Officer (1/9/08, 1:00 – 1:45
p.m.)
Cindy Stillahn, Fiscal and Human Resource Officer (1/9/08, 1:00 – 1:15 p.m.)
Ken Nelson, JD, Senior Assistant Attorney General (1/7/08, 9:10-10:05 a.m.,
1/8/08 9:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m., 1/9/08, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 1/10/08 8:00 – 9:45
a.m.)
Angela Dougherty, JD, Senior Assistant Attorney General (10/9/07, 9:00 – 10:05
a.m. 10/10/07, 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)
Kristi Radosevich, Senior Assistant Attorney General (1/8/08, 8:45 a.m. – 4:45
p.m.)
Cara Chambers, Assistant Attorney General (1/8/08, 8:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.)
Dawn Fiscus, Legal Assistant (1/8/08, 8:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.)

Staff Absent:

None

Visitors Present:

Jackson Waters, RN, Board Representative, Wyoming Professional Assistance Program (1/7/08 9:15 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.)

Kate McAlpine, Wyoming Reporting Service (1/8/08 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Chris Bartholomew, Cheyenne School Nurse (1/9/08 9:30 – 9:45 a.m.)

Susan Fabian, Cheyenne School Nurse (1/9/08 9:30 – 9:45 a.m.)

Virginia Robertson, President, PCI Publishing (1/9/08 10:55 – 11:30 a.m.)

Patricia Madrid Benson, CRMC (1/9/08 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.)

Shari Long, CRMC (1/9/08 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.)

Arlis Wozniak, RN, Sheridan (1/9/08 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.)

Nina Elledge, RN, Cheyenne, Ft. Collins (1/9/08 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.)

Leigh Ann Bowe-Geddes, Association for Vascular Access (1/9/08 2:30 – 3:00)

Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Peter Froelicher, JD, Office of Administrative Hearings

Timothy Kingston, Attorney

John Price, Legal Assistant

Dr. Elizabeth Nichols, Expert Witness

Dr. Susan Chase, Witness

Cheryl Koski, RN, Witness

Linda Mink, RN, Witness

Mary Calkins, RN, Respondent

Sid Calkins, Spouse

DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

President Merrill declared a quorum present.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Introductions were made for the new Board Members Jenny Heuck, MS, RN, Sheridan and Marcie Burr, RN, HSA, CCHP, Pavillion.

REORDERING OF AGENDA:

Dr. Stepan asked that Committee appointments be done on the first day so all members know what Committee meetings they should attend.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**Minutes of the October 8-10, 2007 Board Meeting:**

The Board agreed to approve the following minutes:

Motion: It was moved and seconded, January 7, 2008, to approve the minutes with recommended changes for the October 8-10, 2007 Board meeting.

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

Members Heuck and Burr were concerned at the notation in the minutes as to their absence:

Motion: It was moved and seconded, January 9, 2008 that the October Board minutes should indicate new members Marcie Burr and Jenny Heuck were absent but excused because they did not have adequate time to receive notice and attend the meeting.

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

President Merrill discussed the Board's upcoming vacancies. Her term ends February 29, 2008 as does Member Williamson's. This is President Merrill's second term, however, Member Williamson will apply for reappointment.

BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

Ken Nelson, JD, Senior Assistant Attorney General, discussed the meaning and duties of the Board and that the Board's mission is to protect the public. It is also the Board's responsibility to remain current on issues and trends in and outside of Wyoming. Members of the Board are granted Governmental immunity as long as they are performing official Board actions and are entitled to representation from the Attorney General's office as long as they are working within the scope of their duties. Mr. Nelson also discussed formal motions, Executive Session, the process of adopting new Rules and Regulations and contested case hearings.

Angela Dougherty, JD, Senior Assistant Attorney General, discussed why the Board has two attorneys and what to expect during a hearing. She also discussed the role of the Application Review Committee and the Discipline Committee as well as the different types of decisions: conditional, reprimand, revoke, dismiss and suspension. She stressed the importance of consistency within decisions recommended by the Committee.

WYOMING PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Board reviewed the letter from George Vandell, WPAP Executive Director, dated January 3, 2008 giving the 2007 4th quarter statistics.

Jackson Waters, BSN, RN, informed the Board their request to have another nurse on the WPAP Board has been approved. WPAP requested that WBON submit three names for an at-large position by January 26th. He explained the nurse appointed to this seat would not represent WBON. WPAP quarterly meetings are usually held on a Saturday in Casper and conference calls on an as needed basis.

Mr. Waters went on to explain for the benefit of the new Board Members the testing procedures. Clients are tested twenty-four or more times per year. Voluntary admission can be discussed between Bridget Horne, WBON Compliance Consultant and George Vandell. He also discussed the levels of relapse and that levels 2, 3 and 4 will be reported to Ms. Horne.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

The NCSBN Annual Meeting will be held August 5-8, 2008 in Nashville, TN. Two seats are paid for by NCSBN. The President and Vice President usually attend.

Dr. Stepan and the Board President will attend the Midyear Meeting, March 4-5, 2008 in Chicago, IL.

Ms. Horne will attend the Board Investigator & Attorney Workshop, May 18-21, 2008 in Savannah, GA.

JoAnn Reid explained to the Board why she thought it would be a good idea to send Erin Peterson, Katchemak Data Systems, to the upcoming IT Summit. President Merrill said we can apply for additional sponsorship through NCSBN, however, if this is not approved WBON will pay his way. The Board agreed that the information received would be beneficial and made the following motion:

Motion: *It was moved and seconded January 7, 2008 to send Erin Peterson to the NCSBN IT Summit with WBON Executive Assistant, JoAnn Reid, May 13-14, 2008 in Chicago.*

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

WYOMING NURSE REPORTER

The Board reviewed proposals from Publishing Concepts, Inc., and Southern Development and Marketing regarding the printing and distribution of the Wyoming Nurse Reporter. The current contract is with Publishing Concepts, Inc.; however, Jane Saunders, VP Sales & Acquisitions, Southern Development & Marketing had contacted the Board about switching to their company.

Virginia Robertson, President, Publishing Concepts, Inc., gave a presentation and explained to the Board that any problems in the past have been rectified and communications between the company and board staff have improved.

Motion: *It was moved and seconded, January 9, 2008 to continue using Publishing Concepts, Inc., to print the Wyoming Nurse Reporter.*

The vote on the above motion was 5-0-0-2. Vice President Clausen and Member Burr were excused for an Application Review Committee meeting.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Summary of Educational Programs:

Dr. Stepan presented the "Summary of the Educational Programs" report with the updates from the October, 2007 meeting.

The Education Committee gave their recommendations to the Board, and the following motions were made:

Central Wyoming College:

Motion: *It was moved and seconded January 7, 2008, to accept the Education Committee's recommendation to accept Faculty Qualification Sheets for Ruthanne Taylor and Rosie Hughes and to grant an extension of the time-line for Amy Clarke to obtain a Master's degree until 2009.*

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

Western Wyoming Community College:

Motion: *It was moved and seconded January 7, 2008, to accept the Education Committee's recommendation to note receipt of the letter indicating changes in the curriculum while expressing concern about the removal of the nutrition course from the*

curriculum and to request documentation of how nutrition content is incorporated throughout the curriculum. The Board is concerned that without a specific nutrition course on their transcript, students will be placed at a disadvantage in terms of continuing their education toward a Bachelor's degree in nursing.

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

Northwest College:

Motion: It was moved and seconded, January 7, 2008, to accept the Education Committee's recommendation to note receipt of Kelli Martin's Faculty Qualification Sheet. However, the "Train-the-Trainer" program is not sufficient to meet this requirement, so please submit evidence of meeting the 10 clock hour requirement. The Board looks forward to receiving Ms. Martin's 5 year plan for completing her Master's degree.

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

University of Wyoming:

Motion: It was moved and seconded, January 7, 2008, to accept the Education Committee's recommendation to note receipt of Faculty Qualification Sheets for Kathryn Heimer, Elizabeth Varga, Laura Meloche and Janice Stephens who meet all criteria for faculty.

Note receipt of requested information related to the accelerated program (BRAND) with the recommendation to revise the student handbook and the preceptor manual to be consistent with the BRAND program since course numbers in the materials are consistent with the accelerated "track".

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

Rio Salado College:

Motion: It was moved and seconded, January 7, 2008, to accept the Education Committee's recommendation to note receipt of the materials and ask that the following items be addressed:

- 1. There is no mention of the number of clinical students that will be accepted so it is difficult to know how many faculty are needed;*
- 2. Evidence of preparation for the practice of nursing as defined by the Wyoming Nurse Practice Act is missing;*
- 3. Faculty Qualification Sheets for Krista Blough and Faith Jones are out-dated;*
- 4. Faculty Qualification Sheet is missing the Wyoming license number for Mary Calkins.*

Is there a plan for Rio Salado to expand throughout the State? If so, please provide information related to the other sites.

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

Weber State:

Motion: It was moved and seconded, January 7, 2008, to accept the Education Committee's recommendation to accept Faculty Qualification Sheets for Linda Forest and Pamela Molen and look forward to receiving documentation of 10 clock hours of educational principles and methods of teaching.

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

Wyoming Nurses Association:

Motion: *It was moved and seconded, January 7, 2008, to accept the Education Committee's recommendation to note receipt of refresher course materials and to compliment Ms. Melouche on the materials submitted. The Board suggests the following:*

- 1. The Wyoming Nurse Practice Act be added to the course of study;*
- 2. Look into the possibility that students be required to carry Worker's Compensation Insurance;*
- 3. The syllabus should indicate that students meet agency requirements for drug screen and immunizations (Varicella, MMR, TB and Hepatitis B).*

(The Committee provided individual responses to questions related to the skills checklist.)

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

The Board also reviewed the following

Northern Wyoming Community College District:

Letter from Nancy Larmer, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing/Coordinator of Curriculum and Accreditation, to WBON dated November 5, 2007 regarding fee structure.

Laramie County Community College:

Letter from Carol Kabeiseman, RN, MEd, MS, Nursing Program Director, to WBON dated November 12, 2007 regarding the resignation of Paula Harvey, BSN, RN.

Excelsior College:

Course materials submitted by Excelsior College. The Board discussed the lack of hands-on clinical experience in the program. During the open comment period for the proposed Rules and Regulations there was concern from students of Excelsior that they would not be able to become licensed in Wyoming after graduation due to changes in Chapter VI regarding clinical hours.

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS

Dr. Stepans discussed the CNA Program Completion/Certification report.

The Board reviewed the letter dated October 17, 2007, notifying WBON that Promissor will be changing its name to Pearson VUE.

The Board also reviewed the letter from Anne Nez, RN, MSN, Central Wyoming College, dated November 19, 2007, regarding changes to CNA courses.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

The Board reviewed and discussed articles from the "Legislative Network for Nurses" Vol.24, No. 9 and Vol. 24, No. 11.

Board Members discussed inviting the Board of Medicine to the April Board Meeting to discuss Medical Assistants.

The status of the drafted statute allowing Boards to treat applicant information confidential in the same manner as personnel files was also discussed. Mr. Nelson said he completed the draft and Secretary Herman said it was forwarded to a Legislator from Albany County for review during the next Legislative Session.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

The Board reviewed the letter to Eric Easton, Director, Medical Review Panel, dated October 21, 2007.

BUDGET

The Board reviewed a report showing the amount paid from each agency to the Attorney General's Office.

Dr. Stepan explained the report provided by Deeb Sullivan, former Fiscal and HR Coordinator, reflecting areas where money is needed. In review of the new contract for Toni Decklever, RN, President Merrill asked Dr. Stepan to check with the Department of Health to see whose responsibility it is to perform site visits to home health agencies to ensure they are providing the 16 hours of home health training.

Ms. Sullivan was present to confirm the areas in which money needs to be added to cover expenses through the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Sullivan also reviewed all budget items with the Board, including the Administrative Budget Report ending December 31, 2007 and the Nurse Aide Budget Report ending December 31, 2007 and oriented new Board members on travel and per diem procedures.

Motion: *It was moved and seconded, January 10, 2008, to request to increase its budget authority for FY08 by \$58,494.39 from the Board of Nursing's earmarked cash reserve accounts and place those monies in the sub-budget identified below:*

- *0901.00 Series – Contract Services, DCI – Please transfer \$19,380.09 to Agency fund 054, Fund 054, Revenue Code 6602, AORG 0100, EORG 0101, Object Code 0901, DCI – to cover the costs of background checks since the number of RN and LPN applicants has increased and no consideration of the increase has been made since 05-06 budget;*
- *0901.00 Series – Contract Services, DCI – Please transfer \$20,850.87 to Agency fund 054, Fund 054, Revenue Code 6602, AORG 0300, EORG 0301 Object Code 0901, DCI – to cover the costs of background checks since the number of CNA applicants has increased and no consideration of the increase has been made since the 05-06 budget;*
- *0901.00 Series – Contract Services, Personnel – Please transfer \$10,000 to Agency fund 054, Fund 054, Revenue Code 6602, AORG 0300, EORG 0301, Object Code 0901.29, to cover costs associated with a contract with Toni Decklever to complete site visits for the Home Health Aide program;*
- *200.00 Series – Travel in-State – Please transfer \$8,263.43 to Agency 054, Fund 054, Revenue Code 6602, AORG 0100, EORG 0101, Object Code 0221, for the purpose of covering the costs to administer reimbursement of travel expenses for the Wyoming State Board of Nursing Board Members since there has not been a full Board for 5 years until now and there was not a separate line item for Board travel in the past.*

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

BOARD ISSUES**Approval and Adoption of New Board of Nursing Seal**

A new design for the Official Seal of the Board of Nursing was presented to the Board due to the submission in other states of fraudulent verification forms with generic seals. The Board reviewed the proposed Official Seal for the Board of Nursing and made the following motion:

Motion: It was moved and seconded, January 10, 2008, to approve the Wyoming Board of Nursing seal as presented.

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

Release of License Numbers via Phone

Dr. Stepan discussed with the Board the number of telephone requests the staff receives requesting license numbers. It has been policy that WBON does not release license numbers unless the request is made in writing. The Board discussed privacy and security issues and made the following motion:

Motion: It was moved and seconded, January 10, 2008, that anyone seeking license numbers from the Wyoming Board of Nursing must submit a public records request to the Board.

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

Election of Officers

The Board conducted an election of officers to serve during 2008.

Motion: It was moved and seconded January 7, 2008 to elect Kellie Clausen as President; Jennifer Zettl as Vice President; and Marguerite Herman as Secretary effective upon completion of the January meeting to ensure continuity of the Board's officers.

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

2008-2009 Committee Appointments

- Education Committee: Secretary Herman and Member Heuck
- Practice Committee: Vice President Zettl and Member Williamson
- Discipline Committee: Vice President Zettl and Member Williamson
- Application Committee: President Clausen and Member Burr
- Legislative Committee: Member Herman

Board of Nursing 2008-2009 Meeting Schedule

The following Board meetings were scheduled for 2008-2009:

- April 7-10, 2008
- July 7-10, 2008
- October 6-9, 2008
- January 5-7, 2009

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Chris Bartholomew, RN, MS, NCSN and Susan Fabian, RN were present to discuss the obstacles registered nurses practicing in the school setting are facing. Students are returning to class sooner after hospitalization. More and more medications are coming into the school for students' needs. They are struggling with the restrictions and are concerned about Chapter IX regarding delegation. It was suggested they bring concerns with possible solutions to the Practice Committee for consideration. The Practice

Committee will also revisit Advisory Opinion 02-117 Delegation of Medication Administration.

The Board reviewed all comments that were received during the open comment period for all chapters of the rules and regulations. Comments were received for Chapters II, IV, V, VI, VII and IX. In light of the comments made, changes were made to Chapters IV and VII. One comment on Chapter IV discussed the issue of having to provide the prescribers license number on a prescription. The Board discussed privacy and security issues and made the following motion:

Motion: *It was moved and seconded, January 9, 2008 to delete "and the prescriber's advanced practice registered nurse license number assigned by the board" from Chapter IV, Section 8(d)(ii).*

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

Chapters IV and VII will need to go out for another forty-five (45) day public comment period. Because Chapter IX ties in with Chapter VII it will be released for public comment again as well. Dr. Stepan will draft a template of responses for the comments to the other chapters. The Board members will review prior to responses being sent. President Clausen asked that Dr. Stepan send a letter to all Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists alerting them to the changes regarding Prescriptive Authority in Chapter IV.

Motion: *It was moved and seconded January 10, 2008 to accept Chapters I through VI and Chapter VIII as written.*

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

PERSONNEL ISSUES

Dr. Stepan presented two days of Administrative Leave to JoAnn Reid, Executive Assistant in recognition of her hard work, attention to detail and willingness to be of assistance.

Executive Session:

The Board entered into Executive Session on Thursday January 10, 2008, from 2:13 – 2:49 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Deferred from October Meeting: Request for Advisory Opinion – Thermage Treatments by RNs from Maura Lofaro, MD, FACOG and Botox and Dermal Fillers, Restylane and Light Photo Facials by RNs and APRNs from Ann E. LaPolla, RN, JD, MPH:

Sandra Surbrugg, MD, Cheyenne Skin Clinic, was present January 8, 2008 to discuss her insight in allowing a registered nurse to perform Thermage Treatments; Botox and Dermal Fillers; Restylane; and Light Photo Facials. She discussed policy in her clinic in that patients must be seen by the doctor and procedures are not performed unless doctor is on site. There was also discussion of side effects and training.

Maura Lofaro, MD, FACOG, Jackson, Wyoming was present by phone, January 9, 2008 to discuss her request for an Advisory Opinion on dermatological procedures. She explained that the registered nurse is trained for tattoo removal, varicose vein removal and treatment of wrinkles. The patient is assessed by the nurse and Dr. Lofaro and the

nurse does not treat the patient unless Dr. Lofaro is physically available. They attend continuing education seminars together and stay up to date with new technologies.

Motion: *It was moved and seconded January 10, 2008 to accept the Practice Committee's recommendation to accept the following:*

It is within the scope of an advanced practice registered nurse who is educationally prepared and maintains continued competency to perform lamp based hair removal/non-ablative skin procedures to include pulsed light, pulsed dye laser, radio frequency skin tightening as well as temporary dermal fillers.

It is within the scope of practice of a licensed registered professional nurse (RN) to perform laser hair removal therapy/non-ablative skin procedures to include pulsed light, pulsed dye laser, radio frequency skin tightening as well as temporary dermal fillers.

The following requirements are for the RN:

- *The RN has received appropriate education and supervised practice, is competent to perform the procedure safely, and is able to respond appropriately to complications, and/or untoward effects of the procedure;*
- *The RN would perform laser hair removal/skin procedures to include pulsed light, pulsed dye laser, radio frequency skin tightening as well as temporary dermal fillers only after patient assessment by the physician, advanced practice registered nurse or physician's assistant;*
- *The RN performs the prescribed treatment under direct orders of the physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician's assistant;*
- *Course of Instruction is to include but is not limited to:*
 - *Review of the anatomy and physiology of the integumentary system;*
 - *Indication and contraindication for performing the above procedures;*
 - *Instruction of the standardized procedure with all the necessary requirements for completion;*
 - *Intervention for potential side effects;*
 - *Nursing care responsibilities.*

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

Request for Revision of Advisory Opinion 03-123 Intravenous Therapy by Licensed Practical Nurses from Dr Stepan:

Motion: *It was moved and seconded January 10, 2008 to accept the Practice Committee's recommendation to accept IV therapy courses taken in other states providing that, if after review by the Practice and Education Consultant, the course meets or exceeds the curriculum set forth by the Wyoming State Board of Nursing in Advisory Opinion 03-123. This is done with the understanding that the nurse practices within the scope of a LPN with Basic and/or Advanced IV Therapy training as outlined in the Wyoming Advisory Opinion.*

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

Request for Revision of the Dialysis Section of Advisory Opinion 03-123 Intravenous Therapy by Licensed Practical Nurses from President Merrill:

Motion: *It was moved and seconded January 10, 2008 to accept the Practice Committee's recommendation to revise the dialysis section of Advisory Opinion 03-123 Intravenous Therapy by Licensed Practical Nurses with the following revisions:*

III. DIALYSIS UNIT:

Upon successful completion of the Basic and Advanced Intravenous Therapy Course, institutional education, and in accordance with institutional policy, the Licensed Practical Nurse may perform the following nursing functions in a non-acute (chronic) dialysis unit:

- 1. Initiate and discontinue dialysis treatments using an established access – including subclavian, internal jugular, femoral vein, fistula and right atrial catheters;*
- 2. Perform peripheral venipuncture for the purpose of hemodialysis;*
- 3. Withdraw blood and heparinized saline from the various accesses for the purpose of removing the heparin and establishing patency;*
- 4. Withdraw blood from access for the purpose of obtaining blood for a lab specimen;*
- 5. Administer IV medications and solutions during hemodialysis unless restricted by institutional policy or Wyoming State Board of Nursing Advisory Opinion;*
- 6. Flush tubing of access device;*
- 7. Perform dressing changes to various access sites;*
- 8. Discontinue peripheral venous access lines.*

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

Request for Revision of Advisory Opinion 03-130 Pelvic and Colposcopy from Dr. Stepans:

Motion: It was moved and seconded January 10, 2008 to accept the Practice Committee's recommendation to change Advisory Opinion 03-130 Pelvic and Colposcopy – RN to read: Pelvic and Colposcopic Exam – RN

It is within the registered professional nurse's scope of practice to perform pelvic examination and magnification/visualization and photography using a colposcope in the evaluation of rape victims provided that the RN has satisfactorily completed the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program (SANE).

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

Request for Revision of Advisory Opinion 07-177 Peripheral Insertion of Central Venous Catheters Using MST with Ultrasound Guidance from Nina Elledge, RN, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center:

Nina Elledge, RN, Cheyenne, Arlis Wozniak, RN, Sheridan, and Leigh Ann Bowe-Geddes, Association for Vascular Access, were present to discuss their reasons for disagreeing with Advisory Opinion 07-177. Their main point of disagreement was with the requirement of ACLS Certification and certification as a Registered Nurse Infusionist by the Intravenous Nurses Society. They said we are the only state in the nation that requires this. They also said that ultrasound is not an invasive technique and that MST is an improvement from previous years which provides a higher standard of care. They feel that with these restrictions nurses will not "jump through hoops" in order to use the MST technique and will continue to use the old method. The Board thanked them for their input and did explain that the Board needs to consider all facilities in the state when accepting an Advisory Opinion.

Motion: It was moved and seconded January 10, 2008 to accept the Practice Committee's recommendation to revise the Advisory Opinion 07-177 Peripheral

Insertion of Central Venous Catheters using MST with Ultrasound Guidance to be in line with the recommendations of the Infusion Nurses Society for PICC line insertion; The MST with ultrasound guidance for insertion of Peripheral Insertion of Central Venous Catheters (PICC) lines is within the scope of practice of a RN who meets the following criteria:

1. *Current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification;*
2. *Documented 1600 hours of clinical practice in infusion therapy responsibilities over the previous two (2) years;*
3. *Documented experience in central venous access device (CVAD) management;*
4. *Completed a didactic course in PICC insertion, care, and management;*
5. *Completed a practical component which shall include supervised and/or precepted PICC insertions by a qualified instructor until competency has been determined including:*
 - a. *The didactic component;*
 - b. *Emphasis on the ability to perform the insertion procedure safely;*
 - c. *The clinician must be cognizant of his/her accountability for the outcome.*
6. *Responsible for meeting the organization/facility requirements in order to maintain qualification;*
7. *Complete annual organizational competency validation:*
 - a. *Review of didactic component;*
 - b. *Practical component:*
 - i. *Twenty-five (25) documented successful insertions per year on a specific patient population (adult or pediatric).*

Clinicians Providing Course Instruction for PICCs

1. *Meet the educational recommendations for clinicians inserting PICCs;*
2. *Documented twenty-five (25) successful insertions to instruct PICC insertions;*
3. *Documented five (5) successful catheter insertions to precept or observe the PICC insertions by another clinician;*
4. *Documented comprehension of adult principles of learning (derived from the organization's existing educational structures):*
 - a. *Assessment of learner's needs;*
 - b. *Program development processes;*
 - c. *Appropriate teaching and learning strategies;*
 - d. *Evaluation processes.*

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

Recognition of Holistic Nursing Specialty from the American Holistic Nurses Association:

Motion: *It was moved and seconded January 7, 2008 to recognize Holistic Nursing as a specialty within the practice of nursing recognizing national certification bestowed by the American Holistic Nurses Association.*

The vote on the above motion was 7-0-0-0.

DISCIPLINE

Disciplinary Statistics:

Bridget Horne presented disciplinary statistics for October 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

Hearings:

Docket #06-7-030 – Mary Calkins, RN #14235: The Board heard the testimony and reviewed the evidence presented during an administrative hearing. President Merrill and Member Williamson recused themselves from the hearing.

Motion: *It was moved and seconded January 8, 2008 at 4:50 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss disciplinary matters.*

The vote on the above motion was 5-0-2-0. President Merrill and Member Williamson abstained from voting.

General session resumed at 5:15 p.m.

Motion: *It was moved and seconded January 9, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss disciplinary matters.*

The vote on the above motion was 5-0-2-0. President Merrill and Member Williamson abstained from voting.

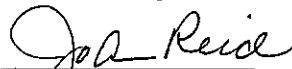
General Session resumed at 9:00 a.m.

Motion: *It was moved and seconded January 9, 2008 to issue a Letter of Reprimand to Mary Calkins, RN, for plagiarism.*


The vote on the above motion was 5-0-2-0. President Merrill and Member Williamson abstained from voting.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by President Merrill at 4:35 p.m. on January 10, 2008.

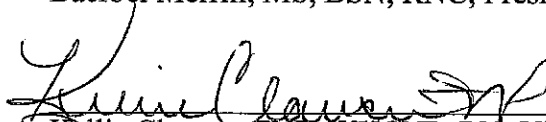
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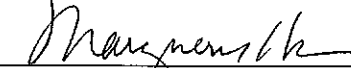
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