

Wyoming State
 **Board of Nursing**
Board Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC SESSION: The Wyoming State Board of Nursing held a special meeting by teleconference on October 28, 2004, at the Board of Nursing office located at 2020 Carey Avenue, Suite 110, 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 3:36 p.m., Thursday, October 28, 2004.

ROLL CALL: President Merrill took the roll call.

Board Members Present by Telephonic Conference:

Baerbel Merrill, BSN, RNC, President, Gillette
Karen Ouzts, PhD, RN, Vice President, Laramie
Bernadine Davis, LPN, Secretary, Douglas
Parry Davison, CRNA, MS, Member, Kemmerer
Kim Williamson, LPN, Member, Torrington

Board Members Absent:

Shirley Harris, RN, MSN, MBA, Member, Cheyenne

Staff Members Present:

Cheryl Koski, MN, RN, Executive Director
Mary Calkins, Ph.D., RN, Assistant Executive Director/Practice & Education Consultant
Rita Poupirt, Executive Assistant
Kathy Marquis, JD, MSN, FNP-C, Compliance Consultant

Staff Members Absent:

Kennard Nelson, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present:

None

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: President Merrill declared a quorum present, noting for the record that Ms. Harris was not present on the phone conference.

DISCUSSION REGARDING EXPANDED ROLE OF CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT (CNA):

Ms. Koski thanked the Board Members for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend all of the special Board phone conferences that have been held this year, including today's meeting.

Ms. Koski explained to the members that she met with several organizations representing the nursing profession in Wyoming on October 15, 2004 at the request of the Labor, Health and Social Services Committee of the Wyoming Legislature. The Organizations presented included the following: the Wyoming Organization of Nurse Executives, the Wyoming Nurses Association, the Nurse Educators of Wyoming, the Wyoming State Board of Nursing, the University of Wyoming, the School Nurse's Association, the Department of Health, Office of Public Health, and various representatives from Long Term Care. The group's purpose in meeting was to put together a joint statement related

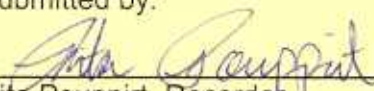
to how nursing planned to address the nursing shortage. The Nursing Organizations formed the following sub-committees at the meeting October 15, 2004: Practice, Leadership, and Research. The Nursing Organizations were asked to meet with Senator Boggs in November to discuss "Nursing's Plan". The Practice Sub-Committee met via telephone conference calls following the October 15, 2004 meeting in Casper. A letter was drafted and sent to the Board regarding an option of expanding the role of the CNA through the use of the delegation model in an effort to improve the quality of patient care and improve patient outcomes. The Board Members reviewed the draft of the letter written to the Board from the Practice Sub-Committee and discussed the delegation model. Several Board Members expressed concern about CNAs and RNs being overloaded with too much responsibility for supervision of unlicensed personnel. There was also discussion about the CNA to licensed nurse and CNA to RN patient ratio. The following motions carried:

Motion: *It was moved and seconded October 28, 2004 that the Wyoming State Board of Nursing supports the concept presented here, contingent upon a study of the number of Licensed Nurses/Resident and the number of CNA/Resident ratio. Because adding more tasks to the CNA may not be addressing the safety and quality of care issues of residents, nor does this address the shortage of licensed nurses and CNA's.*

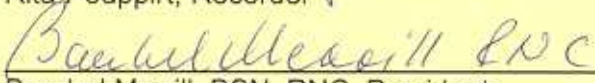
The vote on the above motion was 5-0-0-1.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by President Merrill at 4:51 p.m. on October 28, 2004.

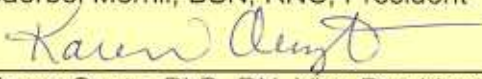
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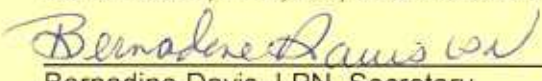
Rita Pouppirt, Recorder



Baerbel Merrill, BSN, RNC, President



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