

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

**PUBLIC SESSION:** The Wyoming State Board of Nursing met by conference call, November 29, 2001, to discuss MOUs with the Wyoming Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Department of Employment and Department of Health.

**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 at 10:00 a.m., November 29, 2001, Judy Turner, Board President.

**ROLL CALL:** President Judy Turner took the roll call.

**Board Members Present:**

Judy Turner, MS, RN, President, Story  
Ruthann Holzer, RN, Vice President, Lovell  
Beth Evans, Ph.D., Secretary, Consumer Board Member, Cheyenne  
David Sones, MA, RN, CS, Board Member, Cheyenne  
Patti Ellis, LPN, Board Member, Pinedale

**Board Members Absent:**

None.

**Staff Present:**

Cheryl Koski, MN, RN, CS, Executive Director  
Mary Schaper, MS, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant  
Mary Calkins, Ph.D., RN, CNN, Compliance Consultant  
Fran Hawkins, Management Services Officer  
Rachel Riles, Administrative Specialist  
Angela Dougherty, Attorney General's Office

**Visitors Present:** None.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM:** President Turner declared a quorum present.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Dougherty stated she would answer only legal questions regarding entering into agreements. Other legal questions posed by the Board need to be forwarded in writing to the AG's Office.

**MOU with Wyoming Medicaid Fraud Control Unit:** The MOU with the Wyoming Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (WMFCU) for the sharing of information on abuse and neglect cases was discussed. The WMFCU has saved the Board money because they are responsible for criminal investigations and, if they get a conviction, our disciplinary time spent on the case is greatly reduced.

**Motion:** *A motion was made and seconded, November 29, 2001, to approve the MOU between the Board of Nursing and the Wyoming Medicaid Fraud Control Unit as currently written. The vote on the above decision was 5-0-0-0.*

**MOU with Department of Employment:** The Board reviewed a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Employment (DOE). The MOU would allow sharing of information for the purpose of research and planning in relation to nursing workforce issues. The current draft MOU needs to be further revised to expand the information that will be shared by the Board. Tom Gallagher from DOE has also stated the data from the Board will be incorporated with data at DOE to research several issues addressed in the surveys proposed by the Wyoming Commission for Nursing and Nursing Education (WCNNE). This could be done at a cost of under \$1,000.00. Alternate sources of funding (other than DOE and the Board) are being proposed by WCNNE at this time.

***Motion:** A motion was made and seconded, November 29, 2001, to proceed with establishing a MOU with the Department of Employment to set up research. The vote on the above decision was 5-0-0-0.*

**MOU with Department of Health (CNAs):** Ms. Koski met with Dr. McKee and Mr. Stackis to discuss the CNA program and the need for a MOU. She felt the meeting went well and several issues were cleared up. The Board discussed the changes to the draft MOU.

***Motion:** A motion was made and seconded, November 29, 2001, to accept the MOU between the Board of Nursing and the Department of Health. The vote on the above decision was 5-0-0-0.*

**CRNA Issue:** The Board discussed the federal requirement for CRNAs to be supervised by a physician and the option for each state's Governor to opt-out of that requirement.

***Motion:** A motion was made and seconded, November 29 2001, for the Board to recommend to the Governor of Wyoming to opt-out of the federal requirement for supervision. The vote on the above decision was 5-0-0-0.*

**Board Vacancies:** The Governor's Office has only received applications from RNs applicants and is looking for LPN applicants.

**Board Meeting Locations:** Mr. Sones requested that Board meetings be held in hospitals and requested that the next meeting be held at the VA. He was informed that the meetings could be held any place that did not charge. By consensus the Board agreed and Mr. Sones will check on space.

**ADJOURNMENT** Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by President Turner at 11:05 a.m. on November 29, 2001.

Submitted by:

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Rachel Riles, Recorder

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Judy Turner, MS, RN, President

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Ruthann Holzer, RN, Vice President

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Beth Evans, Ph.D., Secretary