

August 27, 2004


Board Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC SESSION: The Wyoming State Board of Nursing held a special meeting by teleconference on August 27, 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 1:07 p.m., Friday, August 27, 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
Shirley Harris, RN, MSN, MBA, Member, Cheyenne
Parry Davison, CRNA, MS, Member, Kemmerer
Kim Williamson, LPN, Member, Torrington

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Cheryl Koski, MN, RN, Executive Director
Mary Calkins, Ph.D., RN, Assistant Executive Director/Practice & Education Consultant
Rita Pouppirt, Executive Assistant
Kennard Nelson, Attorney General's Office, present by telephonic conference

Visitors Present:

None

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: President Merrill declared a quorum present.

PROPOSED NURSING PRACTICE ACT CHANGES:

Ms. Koski initiated a discussion regarding changes to the Nursing Practice Act discussed by the Board members as a whole at the July meeting. The legislative committee then discussed further changes after the Board meeting. Some of the possible changes came directly from the NCSBN Model Practice Act. Possible changes to the definition of an APRN was also discussed using the NCSBN Model Act definition. Concerns about opening the Nursing Practice Act were expressed by the Board and the Board staff.

Motion: *It was moved and seconded, August 27, 2004, to accept the Legislative Committee's recommendation to accept the changes to the Wyoming Nursing Practice Act and as changed by the Board during the Board Meeting conference call.*

The vote on the above decision was 5-0-0-0.

Ms. Koski mentioned to the Board Members that the Medication Assistant issue may be brought up at the next Legislative session in January. After some discussion, the Board agreed to put Medication

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Assistants on the agenda for the October Board meeting. At that time, there may be a clearer picture of what is coming up and the Board can decide how to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by President Merrill at 2:34 p.m. on August 27, 2004.

Submitted by:

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Rita Poupirt, Recorder

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Baerbel Merrill, BSN, RNC, President

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