

September 23, 2004


Board Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC SESSION: The Wyoming State Board of Nursing held a special meeting by teleconference on September 23, 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 3:35 p.m., Thursday, September 23, 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 Excused:

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

Staff Members Absent:

Kennard Nelson, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Marquis, JD, MSN, FNP-C, Compliance Consultant

Visitors Present:

None

DECLARATION OF QUORUM: President Merrill declared a quorum present, noting for the record that no Consumer Representative has been appointed. Ms. Harris was excused from the meeting to attend a Board Orientation workshop.

DISCUSSION REGARDING MOTIONS ON GERIATRIC AIDES & MEDICATION AIDES:

The Board members continued the discussion on the motions drafted during the September 21, 2003 teleconference. The members expressed concern that the Labor and Health Committee meeting with the legislature is being held on the same day as the Wyoming Nurses Association conference, which would make it difficult for adequate representation and discussion of the proposed Bills.

Dr. Calkins read the draft motions aloud to the Board members, and with some discussion and amendments the following motions carried:

Motion: *It was moved and seconded September 23, 2004 that the Board of Nursing does not, at this time, have sufficient information on the content, main purpose and/or rationale for the proposal of the Geriatric Aide and needs time to investigate and discuss the potential impact of the Geriatric Aide*

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*upon patient safety and quality of care as it pertains to this bill as well as the increased responsibility and need for resources that the bill may have upon Board staff.
The vote on the above motion was 4-0-0-1.*

Motion: *It was moved and seconded September 23, 2004 that the Board of Nursing supports the regulation of Medication Aides by the Board of Nursing for a period of five (5) years, during which a study of the impact of medication aides on patient safety and patient outcomes should be done. The Board must be given sufficient time and resources (i.e. staff, funding) to accomplish both the regulation of the medication aides and to study the impact of this type of healthcare provider on patient outcomes.*

The vote on the above motion was 4-0-0-1.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by President Merrill at 3:59 p.m. on September 23, 2004.

Submitted by:

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Rita Pouppirt, Recorder

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Baerbel Merrill, BSN, RNC, President

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Karen Ouzts, PhD, RN, Vice President

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