

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES **DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** October 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Disability Advisory Committee was called to order by Sherri Twedt, RN, CLNC at 9:07 a.m. via videoconference at the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, # 300, Reno, Nevada, 89502 and the Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy, Ste B300, Las Vegas, NV 89119.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sherri Twedt, RN, CLNC, Chair
Sandra Halley, Board Member Liaison
Jan Brethauer, RN Toril Strand, RN, C BA
Mary Culbert, MS, RN Mattie Washington- Harris, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Hubbard, MS, BS, RN
Judy Vogel, BSN, RN
Peggy Cullum, RN
Cookie Bible, BSN, RNC, APRN
Susan O'Day, BSN, RN, CPAN
Richard Angelastro, MSN, RN
Ann Testolin, EdD, MS, BS, RN
Kariene Rimer, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director
Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN, Associate Director of Nursing Practice
Roseanne Colosimo, PhD, MSN, RN, Education Consultant
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Cindy Peterson, RN, Investigator
Teresa Cartmill, RN, Investigator
Aften Hand, RN, Investigator
C. Ryan Mann, RN, Application Coordinator
Taylor Loveland, Management Assistant
Dr. Denis G. Patterson

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PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments at the beginning of the meeting.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the July 24, 2014 and April 17, 2015 meetings will be reviewed for approval at the next meeting.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. S. Twedt discussed the evaluation results from the April 17, 2015 committee meeting.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. S. Twedt presented the compliance statistics for FY 2014-2015. S. Twedt also stated that a detailed breakdown of compliance statistics is available to the public in the NSBN Annual Report which is accessible on the Board's website.
2. Discussion regarding narcotic restrictions for nurses on monitoring and probation agreements for DUI and alcohol related convictions: Committee members were in support of maintaining current narcotic restrictions due to the possibility of dual diagnoses and recommend evaluating Nurses on an individual basis.
3. Review and discussion of Approval of Employment Site Policy: S. Twedt requested clarification on the procedure regarding what classifies as a "long work history" in a critical care position when giving job site approval. Members recommended 5+ years experience working in critical care would be necessary to be qualified for consideration of a critical care position.
4. Presentation by Dr. Denis G. Patterson on *Chronic Pain Management and Opioid Abuse*.
5. Presentation by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE on the *History of the Disability Advisory Committee*.
6. Board Counsel and Legislative update presented by Fred Olmstead, General Counsel: F. Olmstead discussed current legislation regarding the legalization of marijuana and its effects on nurses and certified nursing assistants.
7. Review and discussion of Nurse Support Group Facilitator applicant Carol Schaye-Viegner: Committee members will further review the application for a final decision for presentation to the Board.

D. EVALUATION FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

Committee evaluation forms were distributed and completed.

E. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 22, 2016:

No recommendations were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Discussion ensued regarding involvement from conceptual members in the Professional Evaluation Group and Disability Advisory Committee Meetings.
- D. Scott announced she will retire from her position as the executive director for the Board on January 15, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.