

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES** **CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** Thursday, February 2, 2017

The committee meeting was called to order on Thursday, February 2, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. by Catherine Prato-Lefkowitz, PhD, MSN, RN Director of Nursing Education via videoconference at the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy, Ste B300, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 and the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, #300, Reno, Nevada 89502.

The CNA Advisory Committee advises and reports to the Board on matters related to Certified Nursing Assistants and Medication Aides-Certified.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Catherine Prato-Lefkowitz, PhD, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing Education  
Jacob Watts, CNA, Board Member Liaison  
Sherry Crance, RN  
Rhonda Meyer, RN  
Branden Murphy, RN  
Rafael Villarreal, LPN  
Carla Wright, RN  
Carole Wiseman, RN

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Edward Aquino, RN  
Tracy Gentry, CNA  
Teresa Stricker, LASW

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Jeannette Calderon, Management Assistant, NSBN  
Sam McCord, BSN, RN, Director for Nursing Practice, NSBN  
C. Ryan Mann, BSN, RN, Application Coordinator, NSBN  
Ray Martinez, Investigator, NSBN  
Cindy Peterson, RN, CLNC, CHCQM, Investigator, NSBN  
Elaine Weimer, BSN, RN, NSBN

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** B. Murphy announced it has his last meeting as a committee member. He thanked the Board and other members for allowing him to gain the experience.

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – January 5, 2016, March 3, 2016, April 5, 2016, and July 12, 2016 meetings: The minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

**B. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Review and discussion regarding 2017 Headmaster workshops: C. Prato informed the committee that six Headmaster workshops have been scheduled for 2017: February 17, 2017 at the College of Southern Nevada (CSN), March 4, 2017 at Truckee Meadows Community College, March 6, 2017 at Mt. Grant General Hospital, June 17, 2017 at Great Basin College (GBC), July 7, 2017 at CSN, and November 4, 2017 at GBC. The goal is to have all instructors attend at least one workshop. Recommendations to make changes to the state examinations will be compiled from each workshop and discussed at the end of the year.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review and discussion regarding Headmaster, the state certification examination vendor: C. Prato shared the Headmaster written and skills examination reports for 2016. All programs that scored below 70% were notified and are working with the Board to make improvements to their program outcomes. B. Murphy suggested adding a link of the Headmaster website on the Board's website to inform applicants regarding the Candidate Handbook.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding creation of Headmaster examination taskforce: C. Prato proposed the committee approve a creation of a taskforce that will review the entire state certification test bank to insure each item is relevant and currently supported by a leading national organization. It was moved and seconded the committee approve the creation of the Headmaster Taskforce. MOTION CARRIED.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding College of Southern Nevada proposed change in entrance requirements: C. Wright presented proposed change in entrance requirements into the nursing assistant training program. Currently, the attrition rates is at 33% due to students' academic difficulties. CSN is proposing to introduce a reading placement test with an 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading level, which most students have to complete for other college courses; therefore, this change will only impact a small number of students. Students are allowed multiple attempts at the placement and offered remediation to help improve. Reaching the 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading level will help students be better prepared for the rigor of the program, which will lower the attrition and increase the pass rate. It was moved and seconded the committee approve CSN's proposal to include Reading 95 placement test as part of admissions. MOTION CARRIED.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding identifying three committee measurable objectives for the 16/17 fiscal year: C. Prato informed the committee that at the July Board meeting it was decided that all committees must identify measurable objectives. The committee reviewed proposed objectives. It was moved and seconded the committee accept the three proposed measurable objectives. MOTION CARRIED.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

1. J. Watts recommended to discuss correlation between English as a Secondary Language students and passing of the state certification examination.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- S. McCord informed the committee that recreational marijuana has become legalized in Nevada which calls for personal awareness.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.