

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING February 24, 2015**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Advisory Committee was called to order by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, at 3:02 p.m. via videoconference at the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, #300, Reno, Nevada, 89502 and the Board of Nursing, 4220 South Maryland Pkwy, #B300, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89119.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director, Chair  
Gregory L. Peistrup, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-C, CFRN, CEN, EMS-RN  
John Phoenix, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-C (via teleconference)  
Susan VanBeuge, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE, FAANP (via teleconference)  
Mary Betita, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-BC  
Arthur C. Savignac, CRNA, MHS  
Richard Talusan, MSN, FNP-BC, NEA-BC  
Alona Dalusung-Angosta, Phd, APRN, FNP, NP-C  
Elaine Cudnik, MSN, RN, CPNP

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jay Tan, DNP, RN, APRN, Board Liaison  
Cheryl Broussard, MSN, FNP-BC  
Paul Kapsar, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-BC

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Deena McKenzie, MSN, RN, CNML, Board Member  
Fred Olmstead, Board Counsel  
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor  
Gail Trujillo, Executive Assistant  
Grayson Wit, NSMA  
Erin Grieve, NV Psychiatric/Ophthalmology Assn.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by D. Scott at 3:02 p.m.

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

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the November 4, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
- B. OLD BUSINESS**
1. Report from the January 2015 Board meeting: D. Scott reported the highlights from the January 2015 Board meeting.
  2. Review, discussion and action regarding LCB File No. R105-14P: D. Scott informed the committee that during the January 2015 meeting the Board approved LCB File No. R105-14 as proposed. This regulation requires APRNs to register with the Nevada Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) and include proof of this registration in their

professional portfolio. The approved regulation has been forwarded to the Legislative Counsel Bureau for further processing; however, no action may be taken until after the legislative session. She added that a bill may be introduced during this legislative session enforcing this same requirement and in that event, this regulation would be withdrawn.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Orientation of new committee members: New member Elaine Cudnik, MSN, RN, CPNP, was welcomed to the committee.
2. Legislative update: F. Olmstead informed the committee that no bills have been introduced that are directly related to nursing. However, bills regarding staffing ratios, the CARE Act and the PMP will be monitored closely by NSBN staff. D. Scott added that she will participate in a panel discussion during Nurses' Day at the Legislature regarding APRN practice in Nevada since the implementation of AB170.
3. Review and discussion regarding the role of APRNs working with medical assistants: D. Scott explained the NSBN does not have jurisdiction over medical assistants (MAs). She clarified that APRNs may supervise MAs but they may not delegate nursing tasks to MAs and the MA may not work under the APRN's license. Further, MAs may only do an invasive procedure when the delegating physician or physician's assistant is immediately available to exercise oversight in person while the MA performs the task. The MA is working under the physician's or the physician assistant's license who is responsible for and who is delegating the actions of the MA. An APRN may supervise an MA as long as the MA is only doing things such as vital signs, weights, or putting the patient in a room in anticipation of their visit. MAs may implement the orders written by an APRN that include the administration of medication or injections, etc., but MAs may only do those delegated tasks if the physician or physician's assistant is immediately available. She added that further questions regarding what MAs may or may not do should be directed to the Board of Medical Examiners or the Board of Osteopathic Medicine.

**D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** The committee will research whether APRNs can supervise stress test technicians.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- The committee was informed that the next APRN Committee Meeting will be held on May 5, 2015.
- M. Betita explained that the Philippine Nurses Association will be holding a meeting during nurses' week and invited NSBN staff to participate by providing education to its members.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.