

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING May 5, 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
Mary Betita, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-BC
Cheryl Broussard, MSN, FNP-BC
Elaine Cudnik, MSN, RN, CPNP (via teleconference)
Alona Dalusung-Angosta, Phd, APRN, FNP, NP-C
Paul Kapsar, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-BC
Gregory L. Peistrup, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-C, CFRN, CEN, EMS-RN (via teleconference)
John Phoenix, MSN, RN, APRN, FNP-C (via teleconference)
Arthur C. Savignac, CRNA, MHS (via teleconference)
Richard Talusan, MSN, FNP-BC, NEA-BC (via teleconference)
Susan VanBeuge, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE, FAANP

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jay Tan, DNP, RN, APRN, Board Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Olmstead, Board Counsel
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor
Gail Trujillo, Executive Assistant
Erin Grieve, NV Psychiatric/Ophthalmology Assn.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by D. Scott at 3:05 p.m.

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

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
- B. OLD BUSINESS**
1. Report from the March 2015 Board meeting: D. Scott reported the highlights from the March 2015 Board meeting.
- C. NEW BUSINESS**
1. Orientation of new committee members: There were no new committee members to orient. D. Scott also confirmed that committee members are receiving their meeting materials in a timely manner.

2. Review and discussion regarding a legislative update regarding Assembly Bills 158 and 292, and Senate Bills 6, 114, 181, 288, and 459: F. Olmstead provided the committee with an update regarding Assembly and Senate Bills that, if passed, will affect nursing practice in Nevada.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding APRNs supervising stress test technicians: This item was requested by committee member, Alona Dalusung-Angosta. Dr. Dalusung-Angosta submitted the *American Heart Association (AHA) Scientific Statement on Supervision of Exercise Testing by Nonphysicians*. It states, "...systematic surveys of multiple centers and reports from individual clinical exercise laboratories have shown that contemporary exercise tests are often conducted and supervised by nonphysicians (eg, exercise physiologists, nurses, physical therapists [PTs], physician assistants [PAs])." It further states that "Nonphysician health professionals may administer and even supervise exercise testing independently, but physician involvement is essential with respect to delineation of testing policies/standards, medical safety standards and monitoring, physical proximity in emergent situations, and direct participation for patients at high risk." Of course, it is always necessary that nurses should have specific training and skills in cardiovascular disease assessment and rhythm management and should be certified in advanced cardiovascular life support. Policies and procedures must be in place and safety precautions/measures must be immediately available. If APRNs (NPs) are competent to do so, they may be able to interpret test results and communicate them with referring physicians. The committee thanked Dr. Dalusung-Angosta for bringing this issue to the committee for review.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE AUGUST 4, 2015

MEETING: There were no recommendations for agenda items for the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- M. Betita explained that the Philippine Nurses Association will be celebrating National Nurses Week on May 9, 2015, at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Continuing education will be provided to all attendees.
- M. Betita announced that some APRNs are not aware that they are required to have a professional portfolio. Information regarding portfolio requirements can be found on our website at www.nevadanursingboard.org.
- All nurses were wished a Happy Nurses Week.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.