

Nevada State Board of
NURSING

**MINUTES OF THE
LPN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, December 18, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Sam McCord, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing Practice, at 9:00 a.m., at the Board of Nursing offices via video conference between 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Ste 300, Reno, NV, 89502 and 4220 S. Maryland Pwky, Ste B300, Las Vegas, NV.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Della Stillerman, MEd, MSM, BSN, RN
Kathleen T. Mohn, MEd, BSN, RN
Dr. Mary Jo Noble, EdD, MEd, RN
Daryl Lauffer, LPN
Cheri Crumley, LPN
Cynthia Morris, LPN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kyle McComas, ASN, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam McCord, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing Practice, Chair
Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN, Executive Director
Kim Arguello, General Counsel
Cydnee Cernas, Management Assistant

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by S. McCord at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. C. Dinauer shared news on Brightwood College's recent closure, CSN has been helping the students. The Board will be posting information on our website from National Counsel State Boards of Nursing with regards to federal funding and contact information for the Department of Education.
2. S. McCord notified the committee that the dates for the 2019 LPN Advisory Committee meetings have been posted online.
3. K. Mohn expressed concerns regarding IV Therapy pertaining to the policy and procedures that the facilities have in place that are specific to the LPN's role. K. Mohn and C. Crumley stated interest in working together to draft an article on IV Therapy for the NSBN Nursing News magazine.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from October 16, 2018 meeting was approved with no corrections.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Board meeting follow up: S. McCord gave an update from the November 2018 Board meeting, the LPN Committee did not have any pending items for the Board to take action on. The Board recommends that the LPN committee review a practice decision titled The Roll of CNA and Surgical Drain's. The practice decision has been reviewed and completed by NPAC, once the LPN committee reviews the decision it will go before the CNA Committee. Board elections took place, Deena McKenzie Board President, Susan VanBeuge Vice President and Jacob Watts Secretary were all reelected for their positions on the Board. The Annual statistics were reported to the Board, no significant changes in regards to LPN trends in education, practice, complaints and or resolution.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and discussion regarding trends of Scope of Practice Questions received by Board staff: S. McCord discussed the decreased number of calls with a total of 320 calls from July 1st through October 1st. The Board received 405 calls four months prior, RN's had a total 110 calls in regards to Cosmetic procedures. 65 calls were taken pertaining to LPN's practice. The number one question was in regards to IV regulations and nursing procedures. In addition two other areas that stood out for LPN's scope of practice, can an LPN draw blood and questions in regards to super pubic catheters. CNA calls were in regards to staffing practices and delegations.
2. Review and discussion regarding the occupation consortium looking at the barriers to license and practice: C. Dinauer discussed last year's notice from the Governor's office regarding the National Occupation Licensing Consortium that Nevada participated in. Nevada is one in eleven states that is working on the consortium looking at occupational barriers in general. The two licensing groups were the Contractor's licensing Board and the Nursing Board looking at CNA'S and LPN's. They were looking at the barriers for these professions that are in great need and looking at unnecessary barriers caused by asking for certification. The Nevada team consists of three Legislators a DETR member, the Contractor Board, Nursing Board and Legislator counsel bureau. The first meeting was establishing the difference between CNA and LPN and why we require licensing and certification in the mission to protect the public. Some of the CNA barriers we looked at was the cost prohibitive, lack of instructors and train the trainer and the higher fail rate on the skills exam. In regards to the LPN barriers the lack of schools and job market were some of the concerned areas. The Nevada System of Higher Education is a group that will try to implement a LPN program in the high schools, one barrier associated with the LPN program in the high school would be the age restriction of being eighteen or older. A legislator has taken an interest in Las Vegas and will be attaching to another bill to eliminate the age requirement. The Nurse compact will also help eliminate additional barriers for nurses.
3. Review and discuss the scope of practice related to the LPN TB testing: S. McCord discussed the question of "is it within the scope of practice for an LPN to read a TB skin test for positive or negative results". A survey has been put out to other nursing boards through National Counsel State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) asking if other states have practice decisions or relevant laws that speak directly to LPN's and reading the TB test and assessments. When the information comes back it will be brought before the committee. S. McCord has also been working with a specialist who has been trained as a CDC trainer for TB testing. Ruth Atwell is willing to attend the committee meetings to

give an overview of what the law says and what the training entails and the precautions in terms of allowing the LPN to read the TB tests. A subcommittee was proposed, S. McCord, C. Crumley, K. Mohn and D. Lauffer will work together to research and draft a document for the committee to review the next meeting. The subcommittee will meet January 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., Ruth Atwell will also be invited to provide her subject matter expertise on TB testing.

4. Review, discussion and action regarding approval of updates to the practice decision titled The Roll of CNA and Surgical Drain's. : C. Crumley motioned to add NAC 632.230 section 3 to section 2 on the practice decision so that it reads "The task is assigned pursuant to NAC 632.222 or 632.230 section 3 by a licensed nurse" and to change section 5 of the decision to read "The licensed nurse always maintains accountability for the overall provision of nursing practice". D. Lauffer seconded and the motion was carried. The practice decision will go back before NPAC for further review.
5. Legislative update: K. Arguello gave an update on the upcoming changes. All the BDR's will be dropping from all of the committees and various legislators and governor's office. The Opioid bill will be having some changes that will pertain to the PMP. We are going to put forward the Nurse Compact License, it has not gone before the legislature yet. There is not currently a sponsor for the bill, our lobbyist Mike Hillerby has been working on getting that established. The union is against the compact license, with many obstacles the compact license may not go before the legislator. The legislator is looking at the barriers to practice and ensuring that the qualified applicants are able to practice.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

1. C. Crumley requested review, discuss and possible action of the LPN's role in phlebotomy.
2. K. Mohn requested review, discuss and possible action of reconstitution of medications.

PUBLIC COMMENT: S. McCord thanked C. Crumley and K. Mohn for their effort on putting together an article regarding the LPN and IV regulations for the magazine.

ADJOURNMENT-The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.