

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES **CNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** Tuesday, April 5, 2016

The committee meeting was called to order on April 5, 2016, 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
Branden Murphy, RN
Rafael Villarreal, LPN
Carla Wright, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Edward Aquino, RN
Sherry Crance, RN
Tracy Gentry, CNA
Rhonda Meyer, RN
Teresa Stricker, LASW
Carole Wiseman, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN, Executive Director, NSBN
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel, NSBN
Kimberly Arguello, Deputy General Counsel, NSBN
Cindy Peterson, RN, Investigator, NSBN
Patty Towler, Sr. Certification Specialist, NSBN
Jeannette Calderon, Management Assistant, NSBN
Becky Chandler, Standards of Excellence

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: C. Prato called for public comment at the beginning of the meeting; there was none.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 5, 2016 and March 3, 2016 meeting: Quorum of committee members were not present for action, minutes will be placed on the next CNA Advisory Committee meeting for approval.
- B. OLD BUSINESS:
1. Board meeting follow-up: January and March 2016 meeting: C. Prato provided a report on the January and March 2016 Board meeting outcomes. In January, Tracy Gentry was appointed to the committee and revisions to the Train the Trainer policy were approved. In March, the Board approved biannual site surveys for Ormsby Post-Acute and Milan Institute-Sparks, the revised CNA Skills Guidelines were approved and Academy of Healthcare Prep was granted approval to be a nursing assistant training program in the state.
 2. Review and discussion regarding CNA Skills Guidelines: C. Prato provided the committee with copies of the approved CNA Skills Guidelines that were revised with the help of this committee. C. Wright stated there was a faculty question regarding the stopping of the feeding pump skill and whether or not a CNA was allowed to disconnect and reconnect. C. Dinaeur and C. Prato will research and return to committee for further discussion.
- C. NEW BUSINESS
1. Review and discussion regarding state certification examination vendor, Headmaster: Committee reviewed the Headmaster retake report which shows, the first time pass rate for written and skills. C. Prato stated the goal is to have all nursing assistant training programs to be above 70% by holding regular instructor workshops and continuing to work with Headmaster to improve the exam. B. Murphy requested staff to bring a report with combine written and skills pass rates. B. Chandler continues to be concern with pass rates but states Headmaster's customer services is a huge improvement to previous exam vendor. C. Prato reviewed the skills steps that need improvement. Instructor workshops were held in Las Vegas on March 18-19, 2016 and will be held in Reno on April 15-16, 2016. B. Murphy asked whether individual instructor pass rates were being monitored and perhaps making the workshops mandatory. C. Prato will be running individual instructor reports and continue to strongly encourage all instructors to attend the workshops.
 2. Review, discussion and action regarding CNA training program template syllabus: C. Prato has conducted many nursing assistant training program surveys in the past few months, she stated she has come across course syllabus that need improvement or new instructors that need help developing a course syllabus. C. Prato has created a draft template syllabus and wanted to introduce the concept of having this tool available to help new programs or instructors. The committee stated it was a good idea and request the template syllabus return for further edits and discussion.
 3. Review and discussion regarding Standards of Excellence change in program: Becky Chandler, RN Program Coordinator for Standards of Excellence (SoE) presented the changes to their program. Changes have been implemented as of March 22, 2016. The textbook was changed from *Mosby's Textbook for Nursing Assistant to Nursing Assistant: A Process Approach*, by Acello & Hegner, 11th edition. SoE will continue to provide a 120 hour program but course will go from

8 to 6 weeks, students will attend class 5 days a week rather than only 3 days a week. B. Chandler stated she has already seen an improvement based on the midterm. With this program change SoE will be able to provide an open lab on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

4. Discussion regarding legislative and media issues: F. Olmstead informed committee the proposed revisions to the Education, APRN and LPN regulations were adopted by the Legislative Counsel Bureau on April 4, 2016. Further he continued by stating previous legislative session have brought up discussion related to staffing ratios and awareness of prescription drug abuse. The Board may have a bill in the 2017 legislative session for approval of the Nurse Licensure Compact.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

1. CNA training program template syllabus
2. Update on Headmaster

PUBLIC COMMENT: B. Chandler asked Board staff if they are working with facilities to offer the Medication Aide-Certified (MA-C) programs. C. Prato stated any facility that would like to begin a program can contact her for assistance. F. Olmstead stated he would mention it at a meeting with the Nevada Hospital Association. C. Wright stated it would be counterproductive to open a new MA-C program and not be able to provide job placement. Committee members recommended Board staff include an article in the NSBN News Magazine. C. Dinauer thanked the committee members for helping with revisions to the CNA Skills Guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.