

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 9-12, 1986

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AGENDA ITEM 14

c. Report and Action on Recommendations of APN Pre-Hospital Committee.

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(See advisory opinion attached.)

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Pre-hospital nurses must present evidence to the EMS system that they have successfully completed a comprehensive course including clinical to prepare them to perform those duties not included in their basic program of nursing education, and that their policies have been approved by nursing administration, medicine and administration.

LUNCH RECESS 12:00 noon to 12:30 p.m.

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AGENDA ITEM 8

a. John Engdahl, RN. (Informal hearing - tabled earlier.)

ACTION After discussion it was moved and seconded that the State Board of Nursing place a record of the present proceedings in Mr. Engdahl's file for consideration at any future disciplinary proceedings to which it is relevant, as agreed to by Mr. Engdahl through his counsel. In addition a letter of censure summarizing the board's concerns regarding Mr. Engdahl's compliance with the law should be mailed to Mr. Engdahl, and a copy of same placed in his file. MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM 4

b. Letter from Upjohn HealthCare regarding nurse aides. (Tabled earlier for consideration at this time.)

The board directed Ms. Burress to send a letter summarizing the opinion of the Attorney General's Office regarding who may administer.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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June 11-14, 1985

A motion was made by Mrs. Malone, seconded by Mrs. Ramsay, to accept satellite and video CE presentations. No more than 10 contact hours obtained in this manner will be accepted in each renewal period. These programs must meet all the same requirements as presently exist for continuing education. In addition, a tape of the video presentation must be available to the Board upon request, and the presentations may be monitored by the Board. MOTION CARRIED.

NURSE PRACTICE ISSUES

(Agenda Item 3)

- a. Letter from Douglas Fantazia, APN, requesting the Board reconsider the issue of who may perform intubation was considered. This stems from a motion made at the previous meeting that it was not within the scope of practice of an RN on fixed-wing air transports. He would prefer an opinion that an RN may perform intubation if it is included in the job description and the nurse has received adequate didactic and clinical education.

Discussion followed, with input from the audience. Other concerns expressed were that deaths occur while waiting for the code team if RN's may not perform intubations; directors of nursing in small facilities seem to prefer that physicians perform intubations; agency liability increases if RN's are allowed to do the procedure; guidelines are needed and quality assurance provided with medical support.

It was moved by Mrs. Bible, seconded by Mrs. Carelli, that the question RN's performing intubation be tabled and an attorney general opinion be requested regarding the RN's role in intubation as delegation and dependent practice. MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Letter from Barbara Woldridge, R.N., Assistant Administrator for Patient Services at Churchill Regional Medical Center in Fallon, requesting that the Board not require special courses, ACLS, or critical care experience to be able to attend in pre-hospital and intra-hospital ambulance runs was considered.

Ms. Burress gave a history of the problem: In the minutes of a 1980 meeting the Board accepted recommended guidelines for recognition of nurses on inter-hospital transfers, and nurses who applied and met the standards were sent a letter of recognition, though "recognized nurse" was never added to the Nurse Practice Act. In the meantime, nurses on air ambulances were certified as Pre-Hospital Emergency Advanced Practitioners of Nursing.

Mrs. Woldridge was present and commented, as did Reba Chappel, State EMS Director, and Bryant Gilkeson of Washoe County EMS. EMS law states that RN's may serve as attendants or render emergency medical care without being licensed under that act, but if employed to perform advanced emergency care in a ground or air ambulance must be qualified as required by regulations of the State Board of Nursing. The question was raised if there is a need for regulations differentiating between pre-hospital and inter-hospital transfers.

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