

# **N**evada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES  
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING  
July 24, 2014

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Disability Advisory Committee was called to order by Kathleen Edwards, RN, at 9:27 a.m. via videoconference at the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, # 300, Reno, Nevada, 89502 and the Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy, Ste B300, Las Vegas, NV 89119.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathleen Edwards, RN, Chair  
Sandra Halley, Board Member Liaison  
Jan Brethauer, RN  
Toril Strand, RN, C BA  
Mary Culbert, MS, RN  
Judy Vogel, BSN, RN  
Peggy Cullum, RN  
Mattie Washington-Harris, RN  
Ann Testolin, EdD, MS, BS, RN

## MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Hubbard, MS, BS, RN  
Cookie Bible, BSN, RNC, APRN  
Susan O'Day, BSN, RN, CPAN  
Richard Angelastro, MSN, RN  
Kariene Rimer, RN

## OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director  
Chris Sansom, MSN, RN, Director of Operations  
Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN, Associate Director of Nursing Practice  
Cindy Peterson, RN, Investigator  
C. Ryan Mann, RN, Application Coordinator  
Melissa Meneses, Management Assistant  
Roseanne Colosimo, PhD, MSN, RN, Education Consultant  
Paul Snyder, MA, LADC

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:27 a.m. by Kathleen Edwards, committee chair.

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – It was moved and seconded to approve the October 18, 2013 meeting minutes as written.

## B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Nevada State Board of Nursing (NSBN) staff introduced themselves to the committee members.

## C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Paul Snyder, MA, LADC from the Las Vegas Recovery Center gave a presentation to the committee regarding substance use disorder and recovery methods.
2. Executive Director update presented by Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE:
  - D. Scott informed the committee that National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) launched Nursys e-Notify, a licensure notification system. Nursys e-Notify is free of charge and allows you to receive real-time notifications about your personal license or the licenses of nurses employed at your institution. This system provides licensure and publicly available discipline data directly to its users.
  - D. Scott announced that NSBN received the 2014 Regulatory Achievement Award during NCSBN's Annual Meeting.
  - D. Scott informed the committee that NSBN launched its FaceBook page as part of our social media campaign.
  - D. Scott informed the committee that NSBN has fully implemented AB 170 regarding APRNs practicing to the fullest extent of their education. She added that regulation may be introduced requiring APRNs to register and use the Nevada Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PMP).
  - D. Scott announced that the Nevada Action Coalition (NAC) received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and AARP to help Nevada implement the recommendations found in the Future of Nursing Campaign. She added that the NAC will be hosting a leadership summit in Las Vegas along with the Nevada Nurses Association and Nevada Organization for Nurse Leaders annual conference.
3. Director of Operations update: Chris Sansom, MSN, RN:
  - C. Sansom reviewed the current statistics and trends related to probation and monitoring.
  - C. Sansom explained that the compliance department will be transitioning to an electronic filing system.
  - C. Sansom thanked committee members for volunteering their time and serving on this important committee.
4. Board Counsel update:
  - F. Olmstead explained to the committee changing to an electronic filing system will help Board staff streamline the processes in the compliance department. He added that the one-on-one relationship between staff, committee members and the monitorees in the program will not be affected by this transition.
  - F. Olmstead informed the committee that NSBN has been participating in the Nevada Prescription Drug Abuse Taskforce in its attempt to reduce prescription drug abuse in Nevada. Upcoming changes in law may include all prescribers checking the PMP before writing a prescription or giving patients information regarding safe storage and disposal of their prescriptions.
5. Chairman's Report:
  - a. K. Edwards gave a summary of a presentation that she attended during the July Board meeting. The presenter was Barry H. Lubin, MD a representative from Affinity, our current drug testing company. Dr. Lubin's presentation was titled *Everything You Wanted to Know About Urine Drug Screens but Were Afraid to Ask*. The committee was given additional information regarding dilute and/or abnormal urine drug screens. She also discussed alternative forms of testing, such as, hair or

nail samples.

- b. K. Edwards explained that she is actively seeking new committee members.
- c. K. Edwards reiterated NSBN's plan to transition the compliance department files into an electric format.
- d. K. Edwards informed the committee that Board staff will be drafting frequently asked questions for the compliance department. Once this document is complete it will be posted it on our website.
- e. K. Edwards explained that she has been reviewing the policies for NSBN's nurse support group providers. In addition, she will be meeting with the providers to review their policies, costs and will then update our list of approved providers.
- f. K. Edwards explained that the Las Vegas PEG meetings will be held in the afternoon.
- g. Review, discussion and action regarding the current mission statement: The proposed revision to the mission statement was approved as written.
- h. Review, discussion and action regarding committee goals and objectives: The committee reviewed the draft goals and objectives and suggested revisions. K. Edwards will make the appropriate changes as directed by the committee and send it to the committee for final approval.

D. EVALUATION FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS: Committee evaluations forms were distributed and completed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments at the end of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.