

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 25-26, 2015

The Meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing was called to order by Vice President, Jay Tan, DNP, RN, APRN, at 8:30 a.m. on March 25, 2015 at Tamarack Junction, 13101 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89511

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Tan, DNP, RN, APRN, Vice President
Mary-Ann Brown, MSN, RN, Secretary
Deena McKenzie, MSN, RN, CNML
Rick Carrauthers, LPN, Member
Sandra Halley, Consumer Member
Jennifer Snidow, MPH, MBA, CNA, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director
Chris Sansom, MSN, RN, Director of Operations
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN, Associate Director of Nursing Practice
Gail Trujillo, Executive Assistant
Dean Estes, CPM, Director of Finance and Technology
Rhoda Cope, Management Assistant (3/25)
Roseann Colosimo, PhD, MSN, RN, Education Consultant (3/25)
Ryan Mann, BSN, RN, Applications Coordinator (3/25)
Juan Barajas, Management Assistant (3/25)
Ariel Gamble, Receptionist (3/25)
Sherri Twedt, RN, CLNC, Compliance Coordinator (3/26)
Taylor Loveland, Management Assistant (3/26)
Chief Deputy Attorney General Keith Marcher, Board Counsel

CALL TO ORDER – 8:30 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDAS

It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, identified as items: A.1., D.1.b., D.2.a.-k. & D.8.a.-e. Item removed: D.8.a.-b. & D.8.d. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ACTION

A. BOARD GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Approval of the January 15-16, 2015 Board meeting minutes: Approved under the Consent Agenda.

2. Review and discussion of statistics and trends related to scope of practice questions received by Board staff: Board members reviewed information regarding statistics and trends in scope of practice inquiries.
3. Progress report on FY 14/15 Board Goals and Objectives: The Board reviewed the most recent progress related to the achievement of Board goals and objectives.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding the Board's financial statements (quarterly report): D. Estes presented the second quarter of FY 14/15 financial report, answering questions from the Board members. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the FY 14/15 quarterly report. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

5. Review, discussion and action regarding PERS rate increase: D. Estes informed the Board that the PERS contribution rate will be increasing from 25.75% to 28.75% effective July 1, 2015. It was moved and seconded the Board grant staff a one-time cost of living increase of 1.5%. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

6. Review, discussion and action regarding Board reserves and the Board Reserves Policy: The Board requested that Board staff present the current policy along with proposed changes at the May 2015 meeting.
7. Review, discussion and action regarding donation to the Tish M. Smyer Nursing Scholarship Endowment: Board members discussed donation options for the NSBN to honor T. Smyer, our previous Board President. It was moved and seconded the Board donate \$5,000 to the Tish M. Smyer Nursing Scholarship Endowment. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

8. Progress report on FY 14/15 payroll audit: D. Estes provided the Board with an audit complete letter from Beth Kohn-Cole, CPA, Kohn Colodny, LLP. This was an interim audit completed at no cost to the Board and detailed that no issues regarding payroll processing or record keeping were identified.
9. Review, discussion and action regarding advisory committee liaisons: It was moved and seconded the Board assign the following Board members as committee liaisons: M.A. Brown and D. McKenzie to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee, J. Snidow to the CNA Advisory Committee. R. Carruthers to the Education Advisory Committee, S. Halley to the Disability Advisory Committee, and J. Tan to the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

10. Review, discussion and action regarding the Revised Nurse Licensure Compact: D. Scott presented this agenda item and provided the Board with a copy of the Revised Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). She explained that the NLC has been in place for over 15 years. This compact allows a nurse with an unencumbered license to practice in any other state within the compact without obtaining a license in that state. Currently, 25 states have enacted the current compact. The revised compact includes a requirement that applicants must be fingerprinted. It was moved and seconded the Board approve the Revised Nurse Licensure Compact, that staff research the implications of enacting the compact and staff formulate a plan to implement the compact. It was further ordered that the Board be given an update regarding the implementation of the revised compact at all Board meetings. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

11. Review and discussion regarding the recent United States Supreme Court decision in *North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission*: F. Olmstead and K. Marcher discussed the *North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission* Supreme Court decision which may have an effect on regulatory boards across the country. At this time, no changes have been required or proposed in Nevada.
12. Review and discussion regarding a Legislative Update regarding Assembly Bills 53,89 and 279, and Senate Bills 68, 114, 181, 251, 288 and 361: Legislative Liaison Mike Hillerby provided a legislative update to the Board.

13. Review, discussion and action regarding a decision to support, oppose or remain neutral regarding Senate Bill 361, making various changes relating to health care facilities that employ nurses: The Board reviewed Senate Bill 361 regarding staffing in facilities that employ nurses. This bill provides numeric nurse/CNA to patient ratios. The Board discussed the pros and cons of requiring specific staffing ratios. In addition, the Board clarified that no research has established that numeric staffing ratios actually improve patient safety. It was moved and seconded the Board remain neutral should D. Scott be asked for testimony regarding Senate Bill 361. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

14. Review, discussion and action regarding a budget variance to purchase security glass for both offices: D. Scott and C. Sansom informed the Board that capitol police performed a security audit of our offices. An area of concern was identified in our reception area and it was suggested that security glass be installed in our reception areas. It was moved and seconded to approve a budget variance up to \$14,000 to purchase bullet resistant glass for both offices. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

15. Review, discussion and action regarding the executive director's succession plan: D. Scott provided the Board with succession planning options. The Board will continue discussing succession planning during the May Board meeting.

16. Review, discussion and action regarding direction for NCSBN's Special Delegate Assembly: It was moved and seconded the Board vote to approve the Revised Nurse Licensure Compact at NCSBN's Special Delegate Assembly. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

17. Review, discussion and action regarding appointment of delegate(s) to the NSCBN Special Delegate Assembly: It was moved and seconded the Board appoint D. Scott as delegate to NCSBN's Special Delegate Assembly. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

B. LICENSURE PROGRAMS – No business

C. CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

1. Review, discussion and action regarding appointment to the CNA Advisory Committee: It was moved and seconded the Board appoint Edward Aquino, RN72614 to the CNA Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

D. DISCIPLINE PROGRAMS

1. Applications (initial and renewal in question)

a. This item was removed from the agenda.

b. Cuevas, Stacy, CNA012206: Applicant was not present. The Board denied the renewal application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.415 unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation and ordered the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. Approved under the Consent Agenda.

c. Landman, Roxanne, RN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure and order probation for two years for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol and (1)(m) action in another state. It was moved and seconded the disciplinary action become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

- d. Lobos, Demerii, CNA applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board close the meeting to consider the character, alleged misconduct or professional competence of the applicant. It was moved and seconded the Board reopen the meeting. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(n) has engaged in conduct likely to endanger the public and NRS 632.2852 (1)(a) moral character and that the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

- e. Lear, Gary, LPN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

- f. Halvorsen, Meri-Margaret, RN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure and the Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320(1)(b) criminal conviction and (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol and ordered that all licensure requirements must be completed within six months or the application is automatically denied without further proceedings. It was moved and seconded that the disciplinary action become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

- g. Bruck, Marilyn, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure and the Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal conviction, (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol and (1)(m) action in another state. It was moved and seconded the disciplinary action become part of the Respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

2. Settlement agreements

- a. Dorough, Kristen, RN75615: Agreement for Reprimand for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.890 (27) failing to perform nursing functions in a manner consistent with established or customary standards and (40) medication error. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- b. Boyer, Dawn, RN32236: Agreement for Reprimand and Fine of \$1,500 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (37) practicing without active license. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- c. McNary, Nancy, RN71112: Voluntary Surrender of License in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 320.890 (16) failing to properly document controlled substances and (27) customary standards of practice. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- d. Owen, Jane, RN51201: Agreement for Reprimand for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.890 (2) practice beyond scope, (20) inaccurate recording, falsifying and (27) failing to perform nursing functions in a manner consistent with established or customary standards. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- e. Milton, Carol, LPN12042: Agreement for Reprimand for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 320.890 (20) inaccurate recording, falsifying and (27) failing to perform nursing functions in a manner consistent with established or customary standards. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- f. Gledhill, Marshall, CNA024554: Voluntary Surrender of Certificate in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal convictions and (1)(o) failing to comply with a Board order. Approved under the Consent Agenda.

- g. Moore, Londa, RN11500: Agreement for Reprimand for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (27) failing to perform nursing functions in a manner consistent with established or customary standards. Accepted under Consent Agenda.
- h. Temkeng, Yvette, RN73099: Agreement for Reprimand for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.890 (8) failing to safeguard and (25) failing to observe/report. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- i. Mortensen, Martin, LPN10497: Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.890 (2) practicing beyond scope, (4) competency, (20) inaccurate recording, falsifying, (27) customary standards of practice, (28) causing harm to a patient and (39) pattern of conduct. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- j. McColley, Rebecca, LPN15397: Voluntary Surrender of License/Certificate in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (1)(m) action in another state, (1)(o) failing to comply with a Board order and NAC 320.890 (36) failing to comply. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- k. Clare, Patrick, RN70996: Voluntary Surrender of License in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (18) diversion of equipment or drugs. Approved under the Consent Agenda.

3. Successful completion of probation – No business

4. Reinstatement of licensure/certification

- a. Barnum, Lisa, RN20889: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the reinstatement application for licensure and the Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (36) failing to comply. It was further ordered that the disciplinary action become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

5. Formal administrative hearings

- a. Barajas, Jose, CNA029797: Respondent was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Stipulation of Facts and Liability and find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320(1)(b) criminal conviction. It was moved and seconded the case be closed. MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Belieb, Mavis, CNA029141: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Stipulation of Facts and Liability and find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.890 (20) inaccurate recording, (22) patient abandonment, falsifying and (27) customary standards of practice. It was moved and seconded the Respondent be reprimanded and that she complete Board approved courses on legal ethics in nursing, the National Council State Boards of Nursing Nevada Nurse Practice Act and critical thinking within six months or the certificate is automatically suspended without further proceedings until all requirements are complete. It was moved and seconded the disciplinary action become part of the Respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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- c. Files, Nicole, RN76834: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board grant a continuance of this matter to the next Board meeting in Reno currently scheduled in November 2015. MOTION CARRIED.
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- d. Gerrity, Betsy, RN65382: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement for Hearing Costs of \$500 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.415 unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION
- e. Helsel, Kelly, CNA009151: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Voluntary Surrender of Certificate in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (37) practicing without an active certificate and that the disciplinary action become part of the Respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
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- f. Lemke, Diana, RN43950: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application and (1)(m) action in another state and that the disciplinary action become part of Respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION
- g. Mashburn, Stanley, RN41848: Respondent was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Stipulation of Facts and Liability and find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, (1)(b) criminal conviction and (1)(m) action in another state. It was moved and seconded that the Respondent's renewal application for licensure be denied and the disciplinary action become part of Respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION
- h. Medley, Julianne, RN53607: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement for Hearing Costs of \$500 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.415 unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION
- i. Norberg, Erik, RN46157: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board grant a continuance of this matter to the next Board meeting currently scheduled in May 2015 in Las Vegas. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION
- j. Nunez, Jeanette, CNA026910: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Voluntary Surrender of Certificate in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.890 (10) positive drug screen on duty and (27) customary standards of practice and that the disciplinary action become part of the Respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION
- k. Ortiz, Gerri, CNA027724: Respondent was not present. Pursuant to NAC 632.923, it was moved and seconded the Board find the Respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (22) patient abandonment. It was moved and seconded the Board reprimand the Respondent and that she complete Board approved courses on legal ethics in nursing, the National Council State Boards of Nursing Nevada Nurse Practice Act and critical thinking within six months or the certificate is automatically suspended without further proceedings until all requirements are complete. It was moved and seconded the disciplinary action become part of the Respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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1. South, Maryann, LPN15732: Respondent was not present. Pursuant to NAC 632.923, it was moved and seconded the Board find the Respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(m) action in another state. It was moved and seconded the Board revoke the Respondent's license. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement for one year. It was moved and seconded the disciplinary action become part of Respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION

m. Willets, Analisa, RN69696: Respondent was present. It was moved and seconded the Board find the Respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(m) action in another state. It was moved and seconded the Board order probation for five years and that the disciplinary action become part of Respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION

6. Special Action

 - a. Review, discussion and action regarding appointment to the Disability Advisory Committee: It was moved and seconded the Board appoint Thomas Posten, RN15921 to the Disability Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED.
 - ACTION

b. Review, discussion and action regarding Las Vegas Recovery Center SUD Treatment Program approval: It was moved and seconded the Board approve Las Vegas Recovery Center as a Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program for the Board's Compliance Program. MOTION CARRIED.
 - ACTION

c. Review, discussion and action regarding approval of Outpatient Treatment Provider: It was moved and seconded the Board approve Karri Humenski, MS, LMFT-1, LCADC-1, Elainea Jensen, APRN, PMHNP, CARN-AP, FNP and Maryjane A. Henning, LADC, LMFT as outpatient treatment providers for the Board's Compliance Program. MOTION CARRIED.
- ACTION

7. Ratification of staff denials – NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent applications – No business.
- ACTION

8. Ratification of staff denials – NRS 632.320 (1)(b) convictions

 - a. Almachar, Emil, RN applicant: Applicant was present to appeal the staff denial. It was moved and seconded the Board overturn the staff denial, accept the application for licensure, that the applicant successfully complete all licensure requirements and Board approved courses on legal ethics in nursing for 30 CE's, critical thinking skills for 30 CE's and the National Council of State Board's of Nursing Nevada Nurse Practice Act course within six months or the application is automatically denied without further proceedings. It was further ordered that a denial would become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED. R. Carruthers recused himself.
 - ACTION

b. Dare, Richard, RN applicant: Applicant was present to appeal the staff denial. It was moved and seconded the Board ratify the staff denial of the application for licensure for violation of NRS 632.320(1)(b) criminal conviction and (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
 - ACTION

c. Llamas, Celeste, CNA applicant: Applicant was not present. The Board ratified the staff denial of the application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal conviction and ordered the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.

ACTION

- d. Millard, Shannon, RN applicant: Applicant was present to appeal the staff denial. It was moved and seconded the Board overturn the staff denial and accept the application for licensure pending an evaluation by the Professional Evaluations Group and following all recommendations. MOTION CARRIED.
- e. Wilbanks, Judy, CNA applicant: Applicant was not present. The Board ratified the staff denial of the application for licensure for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal conviction and ordered the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. Approved under the Consent Agenda.

E. EDUCATION

- 1. Review and discussion regarding the NCLEX first time pass rates for CY2015: R. Colosimo reported the year to date NCLEX first time pass rates. She highlighted Everest College RN program which is currently at 92% and Kaplan College LPN program which is holding a 100% pass rate. In addition, Nevada Career Institute LPN program pass rate is 60.87% and Kaplan College RN program is at 60%. Nevada's RN pass rate for 2014 was 3rd in the United States and its six territories. R. Colosimo commended the faculty in Nevada's fully approved schools of nursing for their excellent work.
- 2. Review and discussion regarding annual reports for Nevada's fully approved nursing programs: The Board reviewed the annual reports of Nevada's fully approved nursing programs. The new directors seem to be doing very well and safety projects for the nursing students are improving.
- 3. Review, discussion and action regarding Great Basin College request for additional campuses in Winnemucca and Pahrump, Nevada: Dean Dr. Amber Donnelly informed the Board that they have received a large grant to establish a satellite program. She added that both locations will receive a full state of the art simulation and technology lab to ensure that the students receive a quality experience. Board members asked questions about continued funding once the initial grant ends and Dr. Donnelly explained that they are currently researching additional funding options. The Board applauded her efforts in helping Nevada's rural community. It was moved and seconded the Board approve the additional satellite campuses in Pahrump and Winnemucca, Nevada. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

- 4. Review, discussion and action regarding Western Nevada College curriculum revision request: Director of Nursing Dr. Judith Cordia was present to explain the revisions and answer Board member questions. Responding to Board member questions, J. Cordia explained that the revisions proposed have been established after reviewing evidence from nursing literature and the testing scores of students recently in program. It was moved and seconded the Board approve the curriculum revisions as proposed. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

- 5. Review, discussion and action regarding Chamberlain College curriculum revision request: Dean Dr. Judith Hightower explained that Chamberlain College is reducing its program to from 129 to 122 credits. The Board commented on the well written request for revisions. Dr. Hightower clarified that although cultural diversity has been eliminated it is integrated into the program. It was moved and seconded the Board approve the curriculum revisions as proposed. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

- 6. Review, discussion and action regarding the Simulation for Clinical Experience Policy: Board staff explained that the National Council of State Boards of Nursing simulated study proved that simulation is as effective as clinical experience. The Education Advisory Committee reviewed and is in support of this policy which allows fully approved nursing programs to request simulation in excess of 25%. It was moved and seconded the Board approve the Simulation for Clinical Experience Policy as proposed. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

7. Review, discussion and action regarding the Policy for NCLEX Attempts: R. Colosimo explained that Nevada has had an increase in repeat test takers. She added that PearsonVue has made it possible to identify how many times an applicant has tested. The regulation in Nevada permits four attempts and this policy will allow staff to inform candidates of this limit. The Board asked if a student could take additional tests after a certain time limit and R. Colosimo explained that students who do not take and pass the NCLEX after the first six months after graduation have poor outcomes. It was moved and seconded the Board approve the Policy for NCLEX Attempts as proposed. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

8. Review, discussion and action regarding appointment to the Education Advisory Committee: It was moved and seconded the Board appoint Judith Hightower and reappoint Dina Faucher to the Education Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

9. Review, discussion and action regarding Nevada Career Institute admissions and NCLEX trend: Director of Nursing Dr. Katherine Cylke presented the Board with a handout outlining that the faculty have been attending workshops to train them how to teach the concept based curriculum and prepare students for the NCLEX. In addition, she outlined the multiple issues that she has been addressing during her leadership at NCI. R. Colosimo expressed concern about student complaints, particularly, the complaints directed towards the administrative office. Board members also expressed concern that during the November Board meeting they were informed that many of these concerns were already being addressed. The Board discussed the letter describing the decision from NCI to voluntarily delay admissions until the self report for Accreditation Commission on Nursing Education (ACEN) is complete and their NCLEX pass rate has improved. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the voluntary delay of admissions, NCI must obtain an 80% pass rate by December 15, 2015 and updates must be presented to the Board during each Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

10. Review and discussion regarding the NCLEX Regional Workshop: R. Colosimo explained that the Board provided initial funding for the workshop; however, a registration fee was collected from all attendees in order to cover the cost of hosting the workshop. In addition, UNLV Dean Dr. Carolyn Yucha generously used a rebate for the equipment rental; therefore, the workshop did not require any funding from the Board. National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) sent Dr. Woo and Mr. Williams to present and they did an excellent job. NCSBN was also impressed with how knowledgeable our faculty was and with the presentation given by R. Colosimo. Overall, the workshop was a success.

F. NURSING PRACTICE – No business.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m. on March 26, 2015.