

Nevada State Board of
NURSING

**MINUTES OF THE
NURSING PRACTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 6, 2019**

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

Laura Kennedy, BSN, RN, MBA Sierra West, RN (telephonically)
Ginger Fidel, MSN, RN, CNL Michelle McNary, LPN
Greg Highfill, Nursing Student Nicole Sirotek, RN
Leanna Keith, MSN, RN Jeanne Hesterlee, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Brann, DNP, MSN, RN
Chelsea Minto, MSN, RN-BC, CNML, CSM
Jessica Carlson, MSN, Ed., PhD ABD, RN
Mary Field, BSN, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Sam McCord, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing Practice
Christie Daliposon, Discipline Support Investigator
Fred Olmstead, Esq
Sally Miller, PhD, APRN, FAANP, APRN Consultant/Investigator

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the June 11, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board meeting follow up: S. McCord gave the committee follow up from the July 2019 Board meeting. J. Carlson and G. Highfill were reappointed for their second term. Chest tube and IUI practice decisions were accepted. Unless otherwise stated in statute all of the committees will have a maximum number of 12.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and discussion regarding trends of Scope of Practice Questions received by Board Staff: S. McCord gave an update on the practice decisions that the Board has received. The number of calls has remained at a consistent number. For APRNs common questions relate to supervision, telehealth, and prescribing practices. For RNs the number one call was regarding cosmetic procedures and IV hydration. J. Hesterlee stated that she is also seeing a trend in the IV hydration practice and that the companies are starting to use EMTs and not nurses.
2. Review, discussion, and action regarding possible revisions to the Intubation practice decision: G. Highfill stated that the terms need to be changed, intubation is not longer used; instead it is called advanced airway placement and/or management. N. Sirotek stated that she holds an active EMS-RN license and that she only reports to the Nursing Board and not the EMS Board. S. McCord, G. Highfill, and L. Keith will conduct research to see what changes we would need to make; including adding references and formatting to mirror other practice decisions. This item will be brought to the October 2019 meeting.
3. Review, discussion, and action regarding possible revisions to the Enucleation practice decision: S. McCord asked the committee if the practice was still relevant; G. Fidel and L. Keith will reach out to the Nevada Donor Network to see if this is something that is still needed out in the field. This item will be brought to the October 2019 meeting.
4. Review, discussion, and action regarding possible revisions to the Respirator practice decision: S. McCord asked the committee if this practice decision is relevant. Discussion on terminology changes and if the ethical statement still applies. Motion and second to rescind the practice decision with more research into the ethical aspect of the decision. Motion carried. This item will be brought back to the October 2019 meeting.
5. Review, discussion, and action regarding possible revisions to the Antithrombolytic Agents practice decision: L. Keith questioned why this would go into an arterial line, unless it was being used as an anti-clotting agent. L. Keith will do more research and bring the decision back to the October 2019 meeting.
6. Legislative update: F. Olmstead gave an update on the most recent legislative session and laws that were passed. AB275 addresses immigration status of licensees and that the Board can now accept a social security number or a tax ID number. AB319 allows a person to petition a Board to review their criminal history; the decision the Board makes is non-binding. AB534 address emergency response; there will be new questions regarding a nurse's practice and if they have training in emotional or physical trauma and if they would allow their names to be on a list that is provided to the governor. SB14 addresses the governor's ability to remove members of a Board. SB66 addresses emergency rooms reporting injuries caused from an incident that is declared as a disaster. SB 68 addresses expediting licensure during states of emergency. SB134 clarified SB227 from 2017 and now allows APRNs to sign DMV documentation for patients. SB315 requires the Boards to encourage their applicants to take continuing education on childhood cancers, rare diseases and family history.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

1. Intubation
2. Enucleation

3. Respirator
4. Antithrombolytic Agents

PUBLIC COMMENT: J. Hesterlee informed the committee about AB147 regarding home health agencies ability to have PAs and APRNs to sign for treatment and/or billing. Federal law still requires a physician to sign for treatment and/or billing. If in state insurance companies adopt CMS rules, they would have to follow federal law.

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