

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING
MINUTES¹
OPEN BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2012

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on October 5, 2012 in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Patricia Murphy, Board President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Saundra Austin-Benn
Noreen D'Angelo
Theresa Beck
Jonathan Hress

Joni Jones
Patricia Murphy
Luz Ramos
Therese Steinhardt

ALSO PRESENT:

George J. Hebert, Executive Director
Joanne Leone, Deputy Executive Director
Olga Bradford, Deputy Attorney General
Diane Scott, Administrative Staff
Margaret Howard, Nurse Consultant

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Avery Hart
Karen Rodriguez
Constance Wilson

QUORUM WAS DECLARED PRESENT

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing on December 23, 2011. A schedule of all 2012 Regular Open Board Meetings to be held during 2012 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post and The Philadelphia Inquirer. The schedule has also been posted on the Bulletin Board at the New Jersey State Board of Nursing Office.

AGENDA:

Open Regular Board Meeting Agenda of October 5, 2012: Reading and Approval:

After discussion, the Board, upon a motion made by Therese Steinhardt and duly seconded by Luz Ramos, voted to approve the Regular Open Board Meeting Agenda of October 5, 2012. The motion carried.

MINUTES:

Open Business Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2012: Reading and Approval:

After discussion, the Board, upon a motion made by Theresa Beck and duly seconded by Saundra Austin-Benn, voted to approve the Regular Open Board Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2012. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT – PATRICIA A. MURPHY, Ph.D.:

Patricia Murphy reported:

Saundra Austin-Benn and George J. Hebert attended the 2012 NCSBN Annual Meeting which took place on August 7-10, 2012 in Dallas, TX. Ms. Austin-Benn provided a detailed overview of the topics that were discussed during the meeting. The theme for this meeting was “Driving Onward: Harnessing the Strength of Regulatory Leadership”.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – GEORGE J. HEBERT:

George Hebert reported:

- October 1, 2012 – Annual report from the New Jersey Collaborate Center for Nursing. The New Jersey Collaborate Center for Nursing is the primary source of data on New Jersey’s nurse workforce. One of the Center’s initiatives is to conduct an annual survey of all registered nurse schools approved by the New Jersey Board of Nursing in an effort to monitor enrollment and graduation trends, demographics, as well as data on New Jersey nursing school faculty.
- October 26, 2012 – The Board will hold a new Deans and Directors Orientation. The purpose of the meeting is to give interested parties an opportunity to meet with the Executive Director and Staff to familiarize themselves with Board policy and procedures regarding nursing programs and nursing education.
- Licensing Procedures – The Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA) has implemented a new format for applicants to apply for licensure by Endorsement and Examination. DCA has contracted with outside vendors who will be responsible for scanning all applications and incoming documents to lessen the use of paper.

¹ The October 5, 2012 Board minutes were approved on March 1, 2013

- The Board of Nursing has hired two Nurse Consultants to provided assistance to the Board Dr. Mary Johansen, RN, Disciplinary Consultant and Margaret Howard, MSN, RN, Education Consultant.

INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

1. NCSBN Boards of Nursing Survey - provide the data for Boards to make evidenced based regulation (EBR) decisions.
2. NCSBN Informational – A Template for State Based Licensure
3. June 13, 2012 – memo from Dr. Jennifer Butlin, Executive Director, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education regarding Adverse Action Notice.
4. July 17, 2012 – NLN Communication regarding National League for Nursing Announces New Centers of Excellence in Nursing Education
5. July 31, 2012 – CCNE Press Release regarding Constituents Elect New CCNE Board and Nominating Committee Members
6. Sept 25, 2012 – From HealthNewsDigest.com; Patient Issues “Why Patients Don’t Report Medical Errors”.
7. Sept 27, 2012 – American Academy of Pediatrics; Combating Bullying at School

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Therese Steinhardt reported on the following:

September 7 and 28, 2012 Session I:

Correspondence:

- a. April 16, 2012 – Letter from Claudia Houston, MSA, BSN, RN, School Administrator, Universal Training Institute, Inc. Re: Effective April 9, 2012 Alissa Buffington, MSN, BSN, RN has been appointed to the position of Program Administrator. **Board Staff will send a letter of concern regarding the experience of the nurse administrator.**
- b. May 4, 2012 – Letter from Marycarol Rossignol, PhD, RN, CNL, Director of Nursing, Caldwell College. Re: Effective May 31, 2012 Partnership between Caldwell College and Mountainside Hospital Center will be dissolved.
- c. May 25, 2012 – Letter from Carol A. Fasano, MA, RN, NP, C, CNE, Dean, CHSON Re: Effective March 27, 2012 Christ Hospital and the School of Nursing was acquired by Hudson Hospital Holdco, LLC
- d. June 4, 2012 – Letter from Ngozi O. Nkongho, PhD, RN, CNE, Director, Center for Nursing Practice, Mountainside Hospital. Re: change of ownership.
- e. June 6, 2012 – Letter from Christie McQueen, Program Director, Strategic Management of Regulatory. Re: A program being offered at the Harvard Kennedy School regarding Strategic Management of Regulatory and Enforcement.
- f. June 7, 2012 – Letter from Anetta Wilson-Barnett, RN, MSN-Ed, Health Promotion Information, LLC. Re: Review classes for NCLEX-RN and PN.

- g. June 11, 2012 – Letter from Nancy Bonner, MSN, RN-BC, CNE, Bayonne Medical Center School of Nursing. Re: Retiring her position and Carol Skalski will be the new Director of the School of Nursing.
- h. June 26, 2012 – Letter from Dr. Joann LaPerla-Morales, President, Middlesex County College. Re: Nancy Berger, MSN, RN, BC is appointed as the new Director of the Nursing Program.
- i. June 26, 2012 – Letter from Elizabeth Zweighaft, Ed.D, RN, Associate Dean and Associate Professor, Felician College. Re: April 18, 2012 held a continuing education course on Organ and Tissue Donation.
- j. June 27, 2012 – Letter from Susan M. O’Brien, EdD, RN Associate Provost, Academic Affairs. Re: Effective July 2, 2012 Filomela A. Marshall, RN, EdD, CNE appointed as the Nursing Program Administrator.
- k. June 27, 2012 – Letter from Mary Lee Pollard, PhD, RN, Dean, Excelsior College School of Nursing. Re: Change in Nurse Administrators - Dr. Patricia A. Edwards and Dr. Toni Doherty, have been appointed as new Associates Deans.
- l. July 1, 2012 – Letter from Dr. Cheryle Fisher Eisele, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Re: Change in Coordinator of Nursing – Dr. Linda Aaronson appointed as Coordinator of Nursing.
- m. July 3, 2012 – Letter from Linda A. Martin, EdD, RN, MSN, GCNS-BC, CNE, Dean of Math, Science and Health Professions & Director, Nursing Education, Mercer County Community College. Re: July 1, 2012 will be assuming the role of Director of Nursing.
- n. July 3, 2012 – Letter from Marycarol Rossignol, Ph.D., RN, CNL, Director of Nursing, Caldwell College. Re: Baccalaureate Degree Program in Nursing was awarded accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.
- o. July 17, 2012 – Letter from Elizabeth Fitzgerald, MSN, RN, CCRN, Chairperson, Nursing Department, Dover Business College. Re: Evening Practical Nurse Program.
- p. July 17, 2012 – Letter from Gary Mao, President, Avtech Institute of Technology. Re: PN Program Personnel Change. **Board Staff will send a letter requesting clarification of who will be appointed as the Director.**
- q. July 27, 2012 – Letter from Sandra L. Quinn, DNP, RN, CNE, Capital Health School of Nursing. Re: August 10, 2012 official close date for the school of nursing.
- r. August 8, 2012 – Letter from Sharon J. Tanner, EdD, RN, Chief Executive Officer, NLNAC. Re: Summary of actions taken on July 12-13, 2012 by the NLNAC Board of Commissioners. **Board Staff will send a letter requesting information about the conditions placed on Morris County College Accreditation.**

Session II of the September 7 and 28, 2012 Report: (Appearances)

1. New Program Applications:
 - a. American Institute of Pharmaceutical Technology LPN Program - Part 1
After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Therese Steinhardt and duly seconded by Noreen D’Angelo voted to deny permission to establish a new program based upon the framework was fragmented and the nursing administrator not academically experientially qualified to develop a program. The motion carried.

- b. Com-Tec Institute LPN Program – Part II:
This matter will be discussed on November 2, 2012
2. Self-Study Report:
 - a. Universal Training Institute
The Board will plan to conduct a site visit.
 - b. Middlesex County College
After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Therese Steinhardt and duly seconded by Noreen D’Angelo voted to approve Middlesex County for College for accreditation. The motion carried.
3. Corrective Action Plans (Pass Rate below 75%)
 - a. Hudson County Community College
Acknowledge receipt of the action plan and will continue to monitor the progress of the program via NCLEX results.
 - b. Lincoln Technical Institute (Edison, Paramus, and Moorestown Campuses)
Acknowledge receipt of the action plan and request additional information about curriculum assessment and proposed changes addressing poor NCLEX performance.
 - c. Atlantic County Institute of Technology
Acknowledge receipt and share with the Department of Education.
 - d. AVTECH Institute of Technology
Acknowledge receipt and advise of a site a visit
 - e. Center for Advanced Training and Studies
DAG Bradford will prepare a POD.
 - f. New Community Corporation
Acknowledge receipt of the action plan and request additional information regarding any curriculum problems or gaps that faculty have identified that may have contributed to the poor NCLEX performance and what plans are to be implemented to correct them.
 - g. Eastwick College
Acknowledge receipt of the action plan and request additional information regarding any curriculum problems or gaps that faculty have identified that may have contributed to the poor NCLEX performance and what plans are to be implemented to correct them.
4. Proposed Curriculum Change:
 - a. Warren County Community College
The Committee recommends approval of the proposed Curriculum Change for Warren County College
5. Proposed Legislation:

- a. An Act concerning, nursing education at county colleges and supplementing chapter 64A and Title 18A of the NJ Statutes. The bill would provide county college nursing programs the ability to grant baccalaureate degrees in nursing.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Therese Steinhardt and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo voted to approve recommendations of the Education Committee Report of September 7 and 28, 2012. The motion carried.

OPEN FORUM:

Patricia Murphy asked the public to share with the Board of Nursing any concerns, issues or questions:

- Isaac Dennis – commented on the moratorium placed on the establishment of new LPN programs.

After discussion, the Board, upon a motion made by Joni Jones and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, voted to go into closed session to discuss disciplinary matters and nursing programs. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Sandra Austin-Benn and duly seconded by Joni Jones, voted to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting.

On October 5, 2012, the Regular Open Board Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on December 7, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Murphy
Board President