

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
ATWOOD BUILDING
550 W. 7TH AVE., SUITE 1270
ANCHORAGE, AK
BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING MINUTES

Oct 23 - 25, 2013

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a meeting of the Board of Nursing was held on October 23rd in the Atwood Building conference room 1270, and October 24th and 25th at Providence Alaska Medical Center, U Tower, Room 2401, Anchorage, Alaska.

Wednesday, Oct 23rd, 2013

Agenda Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

- Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, Anchorage
- Denise Valentine, MS, RN, ANP, Vice Chair, Anchorage
- Erin Evans, MS, RN, Secretary, Eagle River
- Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
- Hannah Espera, LPN, Anchorage
- Julie Gillette, Public Member, Fairbanks
- Kevin Dougherty, Public Member, Eagle River

Staff present at various times from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing:

- Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator
- Jo Anna Williamson, Investigator III
- Colleen Nelson, Investigator III
- Jasmine Bautista, Investigator III
- Edward Riefle, Investigator II
- Quinten Warren, Chief Investigator

Agenda

The agenda was adopted as posted.

Introductions

Guests present in the room throughout the day offered self-introductions. Some of those introduced included:

- Pat Reynaga, RN, Providence Alaska Medical Center
- Patricia Senner, RN, ANP, Alaska Nurses Association
- Lynn Hartz, RN, FNP, Anchorage, ANPA
- Laura Sarcone, CNM, incoming APRN Alliance Chair

See attached visitor sign in sheet for additional guests present throughout the day.

Agenda Item 1D

Ethics Report

Nancy Sanders, Board Executive Administrator, reported attending the NCSBN Executive Officer Forum I via an NCSBN grant. An Ethics Disclosure form was submitted to Beth Farnstrom, ethics supervisor. It was deemed not to be an ethical violation. Beth Farnstrom reported attending an NCSBN Annual Meeting and NCSBN Leadership Conference via NCSBN grants. She submitted an Ethics Disclosure Form to her ethics supervisor. No other Board members had any potential ethical violations to report.

Agenda Item 2A

CONSENT AGENDA

Note: the July 2013 Board of Nursing minutes were approved electronically by the Board of Nursing members and were posted on the website.

All items from the proposed consent agenda items were removed for discussion. The Board reviewed and discussed items, including pass rates for AVTEC and UAA nursing school programs. It was noted that AVTEC would be addressing the Board later in the meeting to provide updates.

Agenda Item 3

ADJUDICATION

On a motion duly made by Kevin Dougherty, seconded by Denise Valentine, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, enters into executive session in accordance with

AS 44.62.310(c)(2) for the purpose of reviewing cases and reports presented by the investigative team.

The board entered into executive session at 9:30 am.

The board came out of executive session at 11:06 am.

The board recessed for a break at 11:06 am.

The board reconvened from break at 11:15 am.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska having examined the Voluntary Surrender of CNA Certificate NUA A 11080, Kay Turner, Case No. 2012-001023 and 2013-001789, adopts the Voluntary Surrender in this matter.

This Voluntary Surrender takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing.

On a motion duly made by Julie Gillette, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska having examined the Voluntary Surrender of RN License # NUR R 26064, Susan Nolte, Case No. 2013-000417, and 2013-001844, adopts the Voluntary Surrender in this matter.

This Voluntary Surrender takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing.

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Hannah Espera, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska denies the application for reinstatement of RN license NUR R 19708, Amy J. Bruner, Case # 2013-001192 based on AS 08.68.270(3), AS 08.68.270(7), and 12 AAC 44.770(8).

On a motion made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Denise Valentine, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2013-001757, Mary Alice Dewees, RN license number NUR R 34587, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing. The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license without an additional order from the Board of Nursing or without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement.

On a motion duly made by Kevin Dougherty, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska having examined the Voluntary Surrender of RN License # NUR R 34814, David L. Farahjood, Case No. 2013-000813, adopts the Voluntary Surrender in this matter.

This Voluntary Surrender takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing.

On a motion made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Julie Gillette, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2013-001039, Alicia D. Gillis, RN license number NUR R 27716, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing. The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license without an additional order from the Board of Nursing or without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement.

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska denies the application for reinstatement of lapsed CNA certificate NUA A 10882, Sophia Grzeskowiak-Amezquita, Case # 2013-0001956 based on AS 08.68.334(1).

On a motion made by Erin Evans, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2013-001124, Joseph D. Hall, RN license number NUR R 27357, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing. The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license without an additional order from the Board of Nursing or without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement.

On a motion made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2013-001041, Kim S. Johnson, RN license number NUR R 16716, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing. The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license without an additional order from the Board of Nursing or without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement.

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Hannah Espera, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska denies the application for certification of CNA applicant Jessica Moore, Case # 2013-001294, based on AS 08.68.334(5)(B), and AS 08.68.334(5)(C).

On a motion made by Julie Gillette, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2013-001748, Margaret A. Stewart, surrendered RN number NUR R 32049, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing. The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license without an additional order from the Board of Nursing or without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement.

On a motion made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2012-001322, Leeann Mercier, RN license number NUR R 8325, and ANP authorization number NUR U 235, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing. The Division may enforce the Consent Agreement by immediately suspending Respondent's license and/or authorization without an additional order from the Board of Nursing or without a prior hearing, for a violation of the Consent Agreement.

Let the record reflect that the Board Chair signed all the original documents.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Julie Gillette, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, enters into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) for the purpose of discussing an issue presented by the investigative team.

The board entered into executive session at 11:58 am.

The board came out of executive session at 12:01 pm.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:01 pm.

The board reconvened from lunch at 1:00 pm.

Agenda Item 4A 2013 NCLEX Passing Standard

The board reviewed & discussed the 2013 NCLEX-RN passing standard. The national passing rate is currently 83% reflecting a decline after the new RN passing standard was implemented. This was an informational item only.

Agenda Item 4B EO Forum – Licensure Models

The board reviewed & discussed the account of the NCSBN Executive Officer Forum on Licensure Models sent by the NCSBN President. As noted in the forum, currently there are two major licensure models in the U.S: a single state model and the mutual recognition model implemented through the Nurse Licensure Compact. Recently, interest in developing a national model of nurse licensure has increased. The Alaska Board of Nursing reiterated that, at this time, a single state model of nurse licensure is preferred for Alaska.

Agenda Item 4C New Licensure status-lapsed disability

Since nurses could be experiencing medical conditions that may temporarily cause them not to be competent to practice, a new license status could be granted. The Board discussed and will reconsider this status at a future meeting. A statute change would be required.

Agenda Item 5A APRN Consensus Model

The Board reviewed and discussed the APRN Consensus Model, section by section. In general, the Board is interested in moving forward with the APRN Consensus Model and the statute & regulation changes that would

be necessary. There are some sections of the APRN Consensus Model that would not be appropriate for Alaska, and the board will address discrepancies as they are identified. The Board, represented by Denise Valentine and Dr. Sanders will continue to work with the APRN Alliance on this project.

Agenda Item 5B Holistic Nurses Association Position on APRN

The Board reviewed a document submitted by the American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation. The document addresses their concern that the APRN Consensus Model provides limited opportunities for nurses who practice from a holistic perspective, and that it limits them to meeting the requirements of ‘traditional nursing’, thus creating a hardship for them. The Board discussed these concerns, but maintains that a nurse who would like to practice under the APRN designation would need to meet the educational requirements outlined in the Consensus Model when implemented.

Agenda Item 5C APRN Alliance Update

Lynn Hartz representing the APRN Alliance addressed the board to provide an update of APRN Alliance activities. Laura Sarcone, CNM, was introduced as the new APRN Alliance Chair, starting with the November meeting. The Alliance suggested the creation of a statute forming an *Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Advisory Committee* composed of one CNM, one CRNA, one CNS, one CNP, and one board member, for the purpose of assisting the board in evaluating standards of advanced practice nursing care and the regulation of ANP’s. While the Board is in favor of regularly consulting with advanced practice nurses and remains committed to having a presence at APRN meetings, it is not in favor of the proposed statute change. This would be perceived as advance practice nurses having special privileges not had by CNAs, LPNs and RNs. Although when asked, the ANPs did think the Board was responsive to ANP concerns.

The Board recessed for break at 3:07 p.m.

The Board reconvened from break at 3:22 p.m.

Agenda Item 5D RN Administration of Low Dose Ketamine

The Board took a first look at the proposed advisory opinion submitted by the AaNA Ketamine focus group including Pat Senner, ANP, Donna Phillips, RN and Jana Shockman, RN. One question is the dose of Ketamine considered “low dose”. The Board suggested amendments and made plans to revisit this topic later in the meeting.

Agenda Item 5E Practice while on Suboxone or Buprenorphine

The Board considered an email from Colleen Nelson, Investigator, on the topic of nurses practicing while taking medication used to treat addiction (Suboxone or Buprenorphine). It was noted that the Board may not even know if Alaska licensees were receiving this method of treatment for addiction. The board will continue to monitor this issue.

The board recessed at 4:51 pm to resume the meeting on Oct 24th, 2013.

Thursday, Oct 24th, 2013

Agenda Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

- Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, Anchorage
- Denise Valentine, MS, RN, ANP, Vice Chair, Anchorage
- Erin Evans, MS, RN, Secretary, Eagle River
- Julie Gillette, Public Member, Fairbanks
- Hannah Espera, LPN, Anchorage
- Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
- Kevin Dougherty, Public Member, Eagle River, joined the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

Staff present at various times from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing:

- Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator
- Quinten Warren, Chief Investigator

Agenda

The agenda was adopted as amended.

Introductions

Guests present in the room throughout the day offered self-introductions. Some of those introduced included:

- Pat Reynaga, RN, Providence Alaska Medical Center
- Jeff Worrell, CRNA, Alaska Regional Hospital

- Jana Shockman, RN, President, AaNA
- Lynn Hartz, RN, FNP, Anchorage, ANPA
- Patricia Senner, RN, ANP, Alaska Nurses Association
- Chris Logan, CRNA, on the telephone

See visitor sign in sheet for additional guests present throughout the day.

Public Testimony

The board entered into public testimony at 9:06 am.

Pat Senner, ANP, requested that Jeff Worrell, CRNA, be allowed to review the Ketamine proposal, specifically to consult on the dosage. The board agreed.

Jana Shockman, RN, expressed concern over the APRN Alliance proposal for a statute change forming an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Advisory Committee. She feels that if Advanced Practice nurses have a committee such as that, then other nursing specialties should be afforded the same opportunity.

The board again reviewed the draft Low Dose Ketamine Advisory Opinion noting further public comments on the document.

Public testimony ended at 9:43 am.

Agenda Item 5F

Re-aspirations to Manage Early Pregnancy Loss & Incomplete Abortions

Laura Einstein, Chief Legal Counsel, and Dr. Eric Lantzman, Medical Director for Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest addressed the Board telephonically to present a proposal for ANPs to perform re-aspirations to manage early pregnancy loss & incomplete abortions. Board members asked questions about the scope of practice, legalities, and methods of training. The Board also noted that items from the 'Education Program Approval' checklist were incomplete including no nursing policy, no facility policy, no outline of proposed training, no competency plan and tool, and no CV of Ms. Morgan. The Board requested that the presenters provide additional clarifying information for the Board's consideration at a future meeting. No decision was made at this time.

Agenda Item 5G

Review of Advisory Opinion on Sedating & Anesthetic Agents

The Board reviewed the Advisory Opinion on Sedating & Anesthetic Agents for the purpose of providing clarification and determining if policy updates are needed. It was noted that a CMS inspector on a site visit

raised a question about an RN's scope of practice relating to ASA Classifications. After discussion & consideration the board decided to remove "appropriately credentialed Advanced Nurse Practitioner" from page 2, under the heading Adult Patients. No other changes will be made to the advisory opinion. This Advisory Opinion will now reflect a review date of October 2013.

The Board recessed for break at 10:44 a.m.

The Board reconvened from break at 11:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 5H Insulin Administration by Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP)

J. Keenan Casteel, PhD, RN approached the board with the following question: "Can an unlicensed assistive person (UAP) dial a dose on an insulin injection pen for a sightless person?" The Board discussed this issue at length and heard opinions from several interested parties.

On a motion made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Julie Gillette, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska will adopt an Advisory Opinion stating: "In the specific circumstance where a blind person is receiving insulin and is unable to personally verify the dose, it is permissible that the competent blind person may request and receive assistance to dial in the dose on an insulin pen from anyone, and then the blind person may self-administer the insulin injection."

Agenda Item 6C EDUCATION

The Board reviewed CNA program evaluations submitted by Cathy Winfree, RN, CNA Program Evaluator. Ms. Winfree recommended re-approval for Job Corps, Caregiver Training Academy, and AVTEC CNA programs. Job Corps needs to update the Memorandum of Agreement with their clinical site.

Cathy has four (4) more site visits to complete for her portion of the CNA program biennial reviews.

On a motion made by Kevin Dougherty, seconded by Denise Valentine, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska re-approves the CNA program of Job Corps and

Corrine Gaither, RN and Becky Oviatt, RN, are approved as instructors.

On a motion made by Erin Evans, seconded by Julie Gillette, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska re-approves the CNA program of the Caregiver Training Academy and Cheryl Milline, RN, and Florence Cuanan, RN are approved as instructors.

On a motion made by Erin Evans, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska re-approves the CNA program of AVTEC, and Kathy Honeycutt, RN and Lisa Wilke, RN are approved as instructors.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION (continued)

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Hannah Espera, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, enters into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) for the purpose of discussing an issue with an investigator.

The board entered into executive session at 12:07 pm.

The board came out of executive session at 12:23 pm.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:23 pm.

The board reconvened from lunch at 1:01 pm.

Agenda Item 6A AVTEC Associate Degree Nursing Program Accreditation

Richard Harrell and Fred Esposito addressed the Board to provide an update on AVTEC's accreditation process. He explained that even though AVTEC is institutionally accredited by the Council on Occupational Education (COE), AVTEC is not yet eligible for accreditation through Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), as Alaska

Regulations mandate. AVTEC must first seek accreditation through Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), which will take approximately 2 years. After that, AVTEC will be eligible to pursue ACEN accreditation, but that may not happen in accordance with the deadline specified by regulation. The board encouraged Mr. Harrell to continue on with the accreditation process, despite his concerns about meeting the timelines. The board further cautioned him on the importance of keeping NCLEX pass rates above 80%. The board appreciated the update about the unique obstacle AVTEC has encountered but the board must uphold the regulations that are in place.

Agenda Item 6B Charter College Update

David Hernon from Charter College provided the board with an update on the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Charter College has secured additional MOA's for clinical training sites, and the first cohort of 30 students began coursework and is expected to graduate summer of 2015. Janet King was introduced as a new instructor. Charter College sent a letter to the Board of Nursing advising that Charter College AAS program's new DON is Renee Kusner Kalarchik.

Agenda Item 6D RN Refresher Course: "A New Day"

The Board reviewed an RN refresher course called "A New Day". The course met Alaska's requirements for clinical and theory hours, but the Board noted that the student handbook on page 11 indicated students must hold an active license or a Limited Educational License (LEL). Since Alaska does not have an LEL, students would contact the Alaska State Board of Nursing for clarification of this requirement.

On a motion made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Hannah Espera, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approves "A New Day" as an acceptable RN Refresher Course, provided that the course complies with Alaska Statute 08.68.251.

Agenda Item 6E Kodiak College CNA Program Low Pass Rates

The Board reviewed a letter from Kodiak College instructor Megan Kouremetis which addressed their low pass rates. The Board found the explanation and plan of action to be acceptable and will continue to monitor their status.

Agenda Item 3F Format of the Disciplinary Data Base

The Board discussed the format of the on-line discipline database and reviewed examples of databases from other boards. It was agreed that while less detail could be written about specific violations, the Board would continue to have the name and case number appear on the website. The Board noted that disciplinary actions taken against RN's, LPN's and ANP's are reported on the NURSYS.com website. The Board website will link to NURSYS for ANP, RN and LPN discipline. The CNA discipline database will be maintained on AK BON website. The format will be revised.

The Board recessed for break at 2:48 p.m.

The Board reconvened from break at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda item 5I Proposed Competency tool at Anchorage Endoscopy Center

Kristen Sharp, RN, from Anchorage Endoscopy Center requested approval of the 'Competency Tool for Nursing Care During Procedural Conscious Sedation at Anchorage Endoscopy Center'. The Board reviewed the proposal submitted to support the request.

On a motion made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Denise Valentine, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approves the 'Competency Tool for Nursing Care During Procedural Conscious Sedation at Anchorage Endoscopy Center'.

Agenda Item 2B INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Beth Farnstrom, Board Chair, shared the results of a NCSBN CORE survey taken by AK nurses. The comments reflected that there is confusion between what the BON and the nurses associations offer. Comments made were considered and discussed. The Board is committed to being available to nurses and brainstormed ways to increase the Board's accessibility to the public and to nurses.

Agenda Item 5F Re-aspirations to Manage Early Pregnancy Loss & Incomplete Abortions

On a request from a board member, the topic of Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest performing uterine aspirations was brought back to the table. Several concerns were discussed including training methods, lack of a full time physician on site, patient safety if unexpected complications

occurred, maintaining competency, and performing the procedure on patients under the age of 18.

On a motion made by Kevin Dougherty, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, it was

PROPOSED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, decline the petition filed by Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest.

The motion was tabled until Friday, October 25th.

The board recessed at 4:38 pm to resume the meeting on October 25, 2013.

Friday, Oct 25th, 2013

Agenda Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

- Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, Anchorage
- Denise Valentine, MS, RN, ANP, Vice Chair, Anchorage
- Erin Evans, MS, RN, Secretary, Eagle River
- Julie Gillette, Public Member, Fairbanks
- Hannah Espera, LPN, Anchorage
- Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
- Kevin Dougherty, Public Member

Staff present at various times from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing:

- Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator.
- Don Habeger, Director,
- and by telephone,
- Sara Chambers, Operations Manager, and
- Martha Hewlett, Administrative Officer

Agenda

The agenda was adopted as amended.

Public Testimony

The board entered into public testimony at 9:03 am.

Phillip Miller, RN, Providence Hospital addressed the board. He advocated for CNS's practicing to the highest scope of their education.

Lynn Hartz, ANP, addressed the board to provide information on what is considered 'common practice' for a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner. She stated it is common practice for ANP's to perform procedures that involve gathering tissue from the uterus for diagnostic purposes.

Theresa Brisky, RN, Executive Administrator of Marlow Manor addressed the board. She stated that patients in assisted living facilities are of higher acuity than they were in the past. She expressed concern about the safety of patients residing in facilities where there are no nurses. Ms. Brisky emphasized the need for safety guidelines for UAP's, especially where medication administration is concerned.

Public Testimony ended at 09:36 am.

Agenda Item 5J Regulation Project – consideration of public comments

The Board read and reviewed each comment received from the public on the proposed regulation changes.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:40 am.

The Board reconvened from break at 10:52 am.

Agenda Item 7 ORGANIZATION

The Board met with Director Don Habeger, and telephonically with Sarah Chambers, Professional Licensing Operations Manager, and Martha Hewlett, Administrative Officer to discuss various issues of concern and interest.

In reviewing the fee analysis for CNA's, the Board recommended changing the initial certification fee from \$120 to \$100, the biennial certification fee from \$120 to \$100, and the fingerprint processing fee from \$59 to \$60.

For the Nursing fee analysis, the board recommended changing the initial nursing license fee from \$175 to \$165, the Biennial nursing license fee from \$175 to \$165, the reexamination application fee from \$25 to \$50, the late renewal penalty fee from \$50 to \$100, and the fingerprint processing fee from \$59 to \$60.

Director Habeger assisted the Board as they examined the financial impact of the requested adjustments. The Director stated he would support the fee analysis changes recommended by the Board. The fee changes will go out for public comment.

In reviewing the budget report, the Board noted with concern the FY 13 increase in Indirect Expenditures. As the Board does not control these expenses, it is concerning when large amounts are assessed against the Board of Nursing's overall budget. Indirect expenditures have increased approximately 40% from FY 08 to FY13. Direct expenditures have increased by half that amount. Director Habeger and Sarah Chambers listened to the concerns of the Board.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:18 pm.

The board reconvened from lunch at 1:00 pm.

Agenda Item 5F Re-aspirations to Manage Early Pregnancy Loss & Incomplete Abortions

The Board again addressed the request from Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest to perform uterine re-aspirations to manage early pregnancy loss. Laura Einstein, Chief Legal Counsel for Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest, was present telephonically. The Board answered questions posed by Ms. Einstein. As the Board had discussed this topic twice before, board members felt ready to vote on a motion.

On a motion made by Kevin Dougherty, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, declines the petition filed by Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest.

The board requested that Nancy Sanders send a letter to Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest notifying them of the decision and explaining the reasons for denial of the petition.

Agenda Item 5 PRACTICE

The Board reviewed proposed regulation changes.

On a motion made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Thomas Hendrix and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska under the authority of AS 08.68.100(1), adopts regulation changes with changes, to 12 AAC 44:

**305(a)(1)(H),
305 (a)(1)(H)(i),
315(a),
380(a) & (b),
400(a)(6)(E),
400(a)(6)(E)(i),
440,
450(f),
610(a)(1)
610(a)(2),
770(17),
770(18),
785(a),
785(c),
800(a)(2),
800(a)(2)(A),
805(4),
805(4)(A),
830(b)(7),
858 (b) & (h)
966(c), (f) and (g)**

In considering public comments, the Board of Nursing and the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development has paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

Public comments were reviewed prior to the adoption of these regulations.

Agenda Item 5D RN Administration of Low Dose Ketamine

The Board reconsidered the proposed advisory opinion on administration of Low Dose Ketamine. Suggestions were made and the

Board continued to fine tune the document. The Board is waiting for specific dosage information and will address this topic at the January 2014 meeting.

The Board recessed for a break at 2:15 pm.

The Board reconvened from break at 2:20 pm.

Agenda Item 8 GOVERNANCE

The Board reviewed the schedule for future Board of Nursing meetings. Board members are in favor of the schedule as drafted.

Retired Nurse Status: Beth Farnstrom presented the Board with a draft of a 'Retired Nurse Status' statute change. The Board reiterated that it is in favor of pursuing Retired Nurse Status and will continue to review wording for potential statute changes as presented.

The Board filled out their Board Meeting Evaluations.

The board adjourned at 2:40 pm until January 22nd, 2014 in Anchorage, Alaska. Members of the Board then went on a tour of the new Maternity Center at Providence Alaska Medical Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN
Executive Administrator
Alaska Board of Nursing

Approved:

Beth Farnstrom, RN, Chair
Alaska Board of Nursing

Date: _____