

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

ATWOOD BUILDING
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ANCHORAGE, AK

BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING MINUTES

January 28-30, 2015

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the professions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a meeting of the Board of Nursing was held in the Atwood Building, Suite 1270, Anchorage, Alaska.

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Agenda Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Denise Valentine, RN, ANP, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

- Denise Valentine, MSN, RN, ANP, Chairperson, Anchorage
- Erin Evans, MS, RN, Vice Chair, Anchorage
- Julie Gillette, Secretary, Public Member, Fairbanks
- Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Anchorage
- Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage, joined telephonically
- Jennie Grimwood, Public Member, Cordova
- Carrie Miller, LPN, Juneau, joined meeting at 09:07am

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

- Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator
- Colleen Nelson, Investigator III
- Jasmine Bautista, Investigator III
- JoAnna Williamson, Investigator III

- Ed Riefle, Senior Investigator

Staff present from the Department of Administration:

- Lawrence A. Pederson, Administrative Law Judge
- Kathleen Frederick, Chief Administrative Law Judge

Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Introductions

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

- Lynn Hartz, FNP, Alaska Nurse Practitioners' Association
- Pat Reynaga, RN, Providence Alaska Medical Center
- Laura Sarcone, APRN Alliance
- Carrie Doyle, DNP, Alaska Clinical Nurse Specialist Association
- Alexis Klapproth, DON, AVTEC Health Programs

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

Agenda Item 1D

Ethics Report

Beth Farnstrom reported attending the NCSBN IRE conference in January. She will submit an ethics form to her supervisor, Denise Valentine for approval. No other Board members had anything to report.

Agenda Item 2A

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Erin Evans, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approves the October 2014 Board of Nursing minutes as presented.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Erin Evans, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska accepts the consent agenda, and will withdraw items 2A2 (Licensing Examiner's Report) and 2A3 (Nurse Aide Licensing Examiner's Quarterly Reports) for further discussion.

Agenda Item 2B INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The Board reviewed various topics of interest during the information exchange. Dr. Sanders reported that 92% of RN's renewed on-line during the last renewal period. Other topics discussed included the Criminal Background Check Workgroup report to the legislature and the Board Chair Report.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Julie Gillette, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, 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 11:00 am.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Carrie Miller, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, enters into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(d)(1) for the purpose of reviewing the Administrative Law Judge's Decision.

The Board returned to executive session at 11:00 am.

The Board came out of executive session at 11:23 am.

The Board recessed for break at 11:23 am.

The Board reconvened from break 11:29 am.

Agenda Item 3**ADJUDICATION (Continued)**

The Board was joined by Kathleen Frederick, Chief Administrative Law Judge, for the purposes of receiving education on the mediation process. Mediation is a voluntary method of dispute resolution. Whether or not a case can go to mediation depends on the nature of the offense and how recent the issue was. Judge Frederick was reminded that the BON strives for consistency in its decisions. This was an open session and no decisions were made.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Erin Evans, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, 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 11:50 am.

The Board came out of executive session at 12:07 pm.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:07 pm and reconvened from lunch at 1:00 pm.

Agenda Item 4**LICENSURE****Agenda Item 4A****APRN Alliance**

Laura Sarcone, ANP, CNM, updated the Board on issues related to the APRN Alliance. She addressed the issue of APRN's signing death certificates. It was noted that the Board is supportive of the APRN Alliance pursuing this topic as a separate bill to present to the legislature. The APRN Alliance will work with ANPA and Senator Giessel for a statute change.

Shannon Hilton, ANP, presented a position statement on APRN's performing within their scope of practice in the role of surgical first assist. One requirement is that APRN in the first assistant role has to be credentialed at the facility. Denise Valentine will draft an Advisory Opinion related to this topic and present it to the Board at a later time.

Agenda Item 4B**Update - Draft Statute Change**

The Board reviewed draft version "H" of the proposed bill related to advanced practice registered nursing. Amendments & corrections were discussed.

Agenda Item 4C Mandating Practice Hours for ANP Renewals

Laura Sarcone, ANP, CNM presented the Board with comments from the APRN Alliance on a proposed regulation mandating practice hours for APRN's. The APRN Alliance does not support this proposed regulation. No decisions were made at this time.

Agenda Item 4D Women's Health Care CNS Certification Examination

Dr. Carrie Doyle, CNS and Danette Schlater, CNS addressed the board requesting special consideration for Women's Health Clinical Specialists in Alaska. It is noted that one group of Clinical Nurse Specialists (Women's Health) do not have a certification examination, and are therefore unable to be authorized as ANPs. This issue has previously been brought to the Board. The Board is willing to consider this problem, and notes that perhaps, a regulation change is needed. It was decided that Dr. Sanders would contact Maureen Cahill at NCSBN to obtain advice on the matter.

Agenda Item 4E Southcentral Foundation - Clarification of ANP Roles

Brenda Cook, RN addressed the Board with a document clarifying ANP roles at their institution. The clarification consisted of ANPs educated in primary care practicing in an in-patient setting to meet the unmet primary care needs of the patients. The focus of the ANP practice will be primary care vs. acute care. The Board will send a letter indicating support of ANP roles at Southcentral Foundation.

Agenda Item 5 PRACTICE

Agenda Item 5A Increasing Scope for RN Delegation

Carrie Doyle, CNS, Amy Meyer, CNS from Pre-Op and Lisa Lannet from the Endoscopy unit came before the Board with a proposal for Delegation of Medications by an RN to the GI Technologist at Providence Alaska Medical Center. The techs inject medications whether in the tissue or not. They operate at the delegation of the RN. Discussion occurred. The Board stated that the endo MD could delegate to the endo techs. The Board did not make a decision at this time and will readdress the topic at the April meeting.

Let the record reflect that public member Julie Gillette left the meeting at 2:55pm. Board member Tom Hendrix is no longer on the phone with the Board.

Agenda Item 5B Southcentral: Update to Medication Administration Training

Brenda Cook, RN addressed the Board to review updates to the medication administration training and test for Certified Medical Assistants (CMA's) working at Southcentral Foundation. This training is specific to the Behavioral Health Division.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Erin Evans, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, approves the Medication Administration Training Program submitted by Southcentral Foundation. The program includes additional training on the following medications: Risperdal Consta, Fluphenazine, Haloperidol Decanoate, Vivitrol, Invega Sustenna, & Abilify Maintenna, which may be administered per the guidelines in 12 AAC 44.966(h)(3). South Central Foundation will provide the board with an update of medication errors at the January, 2016 meeting.

The Board recessed for break at 3:15 pm.

The Board reconvened from break 3:25 pm.

Agenda Item 5C RN PICC Insertion - Ketchikan General Hospital

Thomas Day, RN addressed the Board by telephone requesting approval for an RN Educational Program.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Carrie Miller, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, approves the educational program submitted by Ketchikan Medical Center, called 'RN PICC line insertion with ultrasound guidance, micro introducer, assessment of chest radiographs for PICC line tip placement, with subsequent clearance of the catheter for use by RN'

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION (Continued)

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Jennie Grimwood, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having reviewed the request for early release of probation from Maureen Brown, NUR R 20269, NUR U 645, case #2010-000698, denies the request.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Carrie Miller, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-002175, Sandra Merica-Nazuruk, CNA applicant, adopts 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 Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Jennie Grimwood, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, revoke by default Certified Nurse Aide Certificate # NUA A 10436 (expired 3/2010) held by Anthony S. Pelaia, Case # 2012-001472, in accordance with AS 44.62.530, AS 08.68.334(2), 12 AAC 44.705(a)(16)(19), and 12 AAC 44.870(a)(b)(8)(9)(22).

On a motion duly made by Jennie Grimwood, seconded by Beth Farnstrom, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2013-001926, Brenda J. Barton, RN license #NUR R 17452, adopts 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 Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Erin Evans, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-002174, Jennifer R. Bliss, RN applicant, adopts 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 Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Jennie Grimwood, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-002184, Connie L. Bonilla, RN License # NUR R 22536, adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter. This Consent Agreement includes a 6 month suspension of her license.

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 Jennie Grimwood, seconded by Carrie Miller, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-002169, Rachel M. Crandall, Lapsed License # NUR P 6055, adopts 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 Carrie Miller, seconded by Beth Farnstrom, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-002112, Cynthia J. Goldberg, License # NUR P 6007, adopts 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 Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Jennie Grimwood, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-001371, Judy N. Graves, License # NUR P 6829, adopts 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 Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Erin Evans, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2013-002355, Eric B. Halterman, License # NUR R 18192, adopts 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 Jennie Grimwood, seconded by Carrie Miller, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-001519, Amy S. Henderson, License # NUR R 36908, adopts 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 Carrie Miller, seconded by Beth Farnstrom, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed

Decision and Order, Case # 2014-002173, Rhett C. Jackson, License # NUR R 19447, adopts 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 Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Erin Evans, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-001820, Wendy S. McCaleb, Lapsed License # NUR R 20389, adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter, noting the one year suspension will include a six month stay.

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 Jennie Grimwood, seconded by Beth Farnstrom, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2013-002119, Rebecca J. Morrissey, License # NUR R 32510, adopts 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 Erin Evans, seconded by Beth Farnstrom, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-002253, Alicia M. Papoi, License # NUR R 28551, adopts 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 Carrie Miller, seconded by Erin Evans, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-002294, Holly M. Renner, Lapsed License # NUR P 7006, adopts 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 Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Erin Evans, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Administrative Law Judge decision, Case

2011-000856, OAH # 14-0979-NUR adopts the decision in the matter of Aime Crow, RN license # NUR R 32829. This is a fact specific holding based on the elapsed time since the original application and the institution of disciplinary sanctions.

On a motion duly made by Erin Evans, seconded by Beth Farnstrom, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2015-000073, William J. Sauchuk, RN applicant, adopts 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 Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Jennie Grimwood, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-002156, Charlene M. Sauerbrey, License # NUR P 5852, adopts 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 Carrie Miller, seconded by Beth Farnstrom, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-001305, Margo R. Wesley, lapsed License # NUR R 13519, adopts 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 Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Jennie Grimwood, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-002341, Shelley K. Williams, lapsed License # NUR P 4203, adopts 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 Jennie Grimwood, seconded by Carrie Miller, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-002374, Wendy A. Williams, License # NUR R 21698, adopts 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 Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Carrie Miller, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2015-000059, Bonnie D. Zientek, RN applicant, adopts 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 Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Jennie Grimwood, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-001284, Marlene C. Zorabedian, License # NUR R 32354, adopts 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.

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

Let the record reflect the Board considered all letters & requests submitted by respondents. There were no Ex-Parte communications during the discussion of these orders.

Let the record reflect that Board member Tom Hendrix has rejoined the meeting telephonically.

Agenda Item 2B INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The Board reviewed various topics of interest during the information exchange. The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) was discussed, and it was noted that the Board is not in favor of Alaska joining the NLC at this time.

The Board reviewed Prescription Monitoring Program questions raised by NCSBN, and also a letter of support to ACEN related to the DNP program at the University of Alaska.

The Board recessed at 4:35 pm to resume the meeting on January 29, 2015.

Thursday, January 29, 2015

Agenda Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Denise Valentine, RN, ANP, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

- Denise Valentine, MSN, RN, ANP, Chairperson, Anchorage
- Erin Evans, MS, RN, Vice Chair, Anchorage
- Julie Gillette, Secretary, Public Member, Fairbanks, joined telephonically
- Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Anchorage
- Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
- Jennie Grimwood, Public Member, Cordova
- Carrie Miller, LPN, Juneau

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

- Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator

Staff present from the Department of Law:

- Harriet Milks, AAG, joined telephonically

Agenda

The agenda was adopted as amended.

Introductions

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

- Jana Shockman, RN, Alaska Nurses Association, President
- Laura Sarcone, CNM, APRN Alliance Co-Chair
- Lynn Hartz, FNP, Alaska Nurse Practitioners Association
- Pat Reynaga, RN, Providence Alaska Medical Center
- Angelia Clark Trujillo, DNP, UAA School of Nursing
- Debra Booyesen, RN, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, joined telephonically

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

Public Testimony

The Board entered into public testimony at 9:08 am.

Laura Sarcone, CNM, informed the Board that approximately 31% of deliveries in the state of Alaska were attended by CNM's.

Wendy Monrad, CRNA, provided the Board with an update on the use of Nitrous Oxide in labor patients. It was emphasized that RN's would not be administering the drug, and that CNM's would be setting up the equipment, evaluating patients & providing informed consent prior to initiation of the treatment. There would be a scavenger system for the Nitrous Oxide with a demand valve.

Debra Booyesen, RN, joined the Board telephonically to provide her viewpoints on this topic as well. It was noted that clarification of scope of practice for RN's is needed when patients use Nitrous Oxide. This was an informational item only Board members did not comment on the topic.

Suki Miller, a Constituent Relations Specialist from the Office of the Governor, updated the Board on the issue of domestic violence & assault as related to health care professionals. She and Dr. Angelia Trujillo from UAA are proponents of mandatory education & awareness training for nurses. This topic will be placed on the agenda for the April meeting.

Public testimony ended at 9:35 am.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION (Continued)

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Erin Evans, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, 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 legal matters with the AAG.

The Board entered into executive session at 9:39 am.

The Board was joined telephonically by Harriet Milks, AAG, for legal advice regarding investigative matters.

The Board came out of executive session at 10:28 am.

The Board recessed for break at 10:28 am.

The Board reconvened from break 10:43 am.

Agenda Item 5E LPN IV Administration Proposal

The Board was joined telephonically by Jamie Noble, LPN, and Robert Anderson, RN from Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center. He presented a proposal for a LPN IV course. There were questions about whether LPNs would be able to start IVs on pediatric patients. Ms. Noble said that IVs for pediatric patients occur very seldom. LPNs would not do central lines.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Julie Gillette, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, approves the LPN Intravenous Course for patients over the age of twelve.

Agenda Item 5F RN Administration of Nitrous Oxide in the Pediatric Patient

Haley Anthes, RN, from Fairbanks Memorial Hospital joined the board to present a practice change proposal. The topic generated spirited debate. The treatment with nitrous oxide is to reduce fear, anxiety and pain when

the pediatric patient is having a lumbar puncture, joint reduction. It would not be used in neonates. The RNs would need to be PALS certified.

On a motion duly made by Tom Hendrix , seconded by Jennie Grimwood, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, approves the educational program for RN administered Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen in the pediatric patient at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. The proposal is approved with an amendment noting administration of a maximum 60% concentration of Nitrous Oxide.

2016. The Board requests an update on the progress of this program in January

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION (Continued)

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Jennie Grimwood, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, 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 11:45 am.

The Board came out of executive session at 12:03 pm.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:03 pm.

The Board reconvened from lunch 1:00 pm.

Agenda Item 6 EDUCATION

Agenda Item 6A Charter College Annual Report

Janice Floyd, Director of Nursing at Charter College, presented the 2014 annual report to the Board. The following are the highlights:

Cohort 1 with 19 students graduates in April

Cohort 2 with 25 students started in 11/2014

Cohort 2 with 12 students started 2/2015.

Accreditation process with ACEN. Results of the ACEN recommendations:

Added 5 FT faculty

Added a clinical coordinated
Decreased the curriculum from 125 credits to 108 credits
Added a classroom with 27 computers for student use.
Right now, simulation is used as lab hours. They may propose the use of simulation as clinical hours in the future.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, approves the Charter College 2014 Annual Report with the 108 credit hour change.

Agenda Item 6B AVTEC Annual Report

The Board was joined by Ben Eveland, Director, Dick Harrell, Deputy Director and Alexis Klapproth, Director of Nursing. It was reported that no major changes have been made to the LPN program as it is doing well. The Associate program admitted a fifth cohort in September 2014, and is using the HESI testing program, among other things, to improve NCLEX pass rates, which are reported at 56% for the year 2014.

AVTEC is continuing to pursue accreditation through ACCSC, and then ACEN, despite recent news that extreme budget cutbacks may potentially result in the discontinuation of all allied health programs at AVTEC. The board verbalized support of the AVTEC CNA and LPN programs and will write a letter to indicate this. It is noted that this letter of support was not solicited by the AVTEC representatives.

Agenda Item 6C UAA Programs Annual Report

Dr. Barbara Berner, Director, and Dr. Maureen O'Malley, Assistant Director, addressed the Board. They stated there is a decreased operating budget at the University level, which has negatively impacted their ability to hire new faculty. The NCLEX pass rate for 2014 for the Baccalaureate Program is reported at 68%. This deficiency is being addressed in a 3-pronged approach, which includes changes to curriculum, student enrollment, and faculty teaching effectiveness. A detailed report on the substantive changes being planned to address this issue was provided to the Board and to ACEN. There has been no response to date from ACEN.

The AAS program is doing well and operates state wide. However, there are faculty vacancies in Ketchikan, Sitka and Bethel. A graduate degree in nursing is required to qualify as a faculty member and teach in the AAS program. The Anchorage AAS program currently has 2 vacancies: one in

pediatrics and one in medical-surgical nursing. One of the issues is competitive salary.

The RN to BSN program is going well; it is offered as a distance program. The DNP program was approved by the Board of Regents and will admit five students (Master's to DNP) in the fall of 2015. By 2018, the program will be BS to DNP.

On a motion duly made by Tom Hendrix, seconded by Erin Evans, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, gives ongoing approval to the AVTEC LPN Program, and UAA Associate, Baccalaureate, RN to BSN, and Graduate Programs.

The Board recessed for break at 2:25 pm.

The Board reconvened from break 2:41 pm.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION (Continued)

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, it was

RESOLVED at its meeting of October 22-24, 2014, the Alaska State Board of Nursing (hereinafter Board) resolved to approve a Consent Agreement, Decision and Order (hereafter Agreement) in the above case, resolving the audit of Valerie Beacom's (hereinafter Beacom) continuing competency activities.

At its meeting of January 28-30, 2015, the Board resolved to modify that Agreement as follows:

- 1) The \$2,000 fine due within 90 days of the date the Board adopted the Agreement (October 22, 2014) is now due within 180 days of the date the Board adopted the Agreement.**

All other provisions of the Agreement remain as written.

This Order modifying the Agreement is a public action of the Board and shall be reported to entities as required by law.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Jennie Grimwood, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-001604, in the matter of LeeAnne Mercier, ANP authorization # NUR U 235, adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement, Decision and Order take immediate effect upon signature of the Order in accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing.

On a motion duly made by Tom Hendrix, seconded by Beth Farnstrom, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-001609, in the matter of James Poirier, NUR R 29373, adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Agreement shall be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Board.

On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2014-001602, in the matter of Christina Sotelo, Registered Nurse License # NUR R 32928, adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

This Consent Agreement, Decision and Order take immediate effect upon signature of the Order in accordance with the approval of the Board of Nursing.

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

Agenda Item 5 PRACTICE (continued)

The Board addressed questions & concerns about Ketamine and the various advisory opinions in place related to sedation & anesthetic agents.

On a motion duly made by Erin Evans, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, has reviewed and re-adopted the advisory opinion entitled ‘Registered Nurse Administration of Sedating and Anesthetic Agents.’

The following points of clarification are added to the Advisory Opinion: 1) RN’s may not perform deep sedation. 2) The medication used to accomplish minimal or moderate sedation is left to the clinical judgment of the LIP.

The Board will remove the following sentence from the Advisory Opinion: “Anesthetic agents (such as Propofol, Etomidate, etc...) would not be appropriate for the purpose of anxiolysis.

Agenda Item 5H Proposed Regulation Changes

The Board reviewed draft version “H” of the proposed bill related to advanced practice registered nursing. Amendments & corrections were discussed & reviewed with the input of Laura Sarcone from the APRN Alliance.

The Board recessed at 4:30 pm to resume the meeting on January 30, 2015.

Friday, January 30, 2015

Agenda Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Denise Valentine, RN, ANP, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

- Denise Valentine, MSN, RN, ANP, Chairperson, Anchorage
- Erin Evans, MS, RN, Vice Chair, Anchorage
- Julie Gillette, Secretary, Public Member, Fairbanks, joined telephonically
- Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Anchorage
- Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
- Jennie Grimwood, Public Member, Cordova
- Carrie Miller, LPN, Juneau

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

- Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator
- Sara Chambers, Director
- Martha Hewlett, Administrative Officer

Agenda

The agenda was adopted as amended.

Introductions

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

- Jana Shockman, RN, Alaska Nurses Association, President
- Laura Sarcone, CNM, APRN Alliance Co-Chair
- Lynn Hartz, FNP, Alaska Nurse Practitioners Association
- Pat Renaga, RN, Providence Alaska Medical Center

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

Public Testimony

The Board entered into public testimony at 9:05 am.

Pat Reynaga, RN, speaking for herself, made a plea for the Women's Health Clinical Nurse Specialists in Alaska who do not have a certification exam. She encouraged the Board to move forward in helping & supporting these individuals.

Lynn Hartz, RN, addressed the Board with suggestions/recommendations for regulation changes related to practice hours for re-certification and initial certification of advanced practice nurses.

Public testimony ended at 9:36 am.

Agenda Item 5G Practicing Telemedicine/Telehealth

The Board was joined telephonically by Nicholas White, ANP for a discussion on Telemedicine/Telehealth. At the end of the discussion, the following were agreed upon:

- The provider has to be licensed in Alaska to provide care to Alaska residents.

- The initial patient encounter between the ANP and patient needs to be in person and documented prior to being treated through telehealth.

The Board recessed for break at 10:25 am.

The Board reconvened from break 10:39 am.

On a motion duly made by Erin Evans, seconded by Carrie Miller, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, adopts the following Advisory Opinion:

Telehealth for the Advanced Nurse Practitioner

Telehealth nursing for the purpose of this advisory opinion is defined as: “The delivery of health-related services & information via telecommunications technologies, encompassing preventive, promotive, and curative aspects.”

Telehealth advanced practice nursing requires the healthcare provider to hold an active unencumbered license in the state of Alaska.

Before the initiation of telehealth nursing care, a patient/provider relationship must be established which includes a comprehensive health assessment by a Licensed Independent Practitioner who may or may not be the telehealth provider.

Agenda Item 7A ORGANIZATION

The Board was joined telephonically by Martha Hewlett, Admin Officer & Director Sara Chambers. Budget issues and concerns were addressed. It was noted that the CNA Nurse Consultant Position is at the classification stage, and recruitment for the position will begin soon.

The Board recessed for lunch break at 12:04 pm.

The Board reconvened from lunch break 2:00 pm.

Let the record reflect that Tom Hendrix had an approved early dismissal from the meeting.

Agenda Item 5H Proposed Regulation Changes

The Board reviewed draft version “H” of the proposed bill related to advanced practice registered nursing. Amendments & corrections were discussed & reviewed with the input of Laura Sarcone, CNM from the APRN Alliance.

Discussion of proposed regulation changes was delayed until the April Board of Nursing meeting.

Agenda Item 8

GOVERNANCE

The Board discussed a few other issues pertaining to Board business.

The Board filled out their Board Meeting Evaluations and assignment reminder list.

The Board adjourned at 3:06 pm until April 1st, 2015 in Juneau, Alaska.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved:

Denise Valentine, RN, ANP, Chair
Alaska Board of Nursing

Date: _____

