

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

THE ATWOOD BUILDING
550 WEST 7TH AVENUE, SUITE 102
ANCHORAGE, AK
BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING MINUTES

March 9-10, 2016

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, 1st Floor, Conference Room 102, in Anchorage, Alaska.

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Agenda Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Julie Gillette, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

- Julie Gillette, Chair, Public Member, Fairbanks
- Jennie Grimwood, Secretary, Public Member, Cordova
- Sharyl Toscano, PhD, MS, BS, RN-CPN, Anchorage
- Tina Gillis, RN, Bethel
- Jennifer Stukey, LPN, Wasilla
- Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
- Gail Bernth, Executive Administrator

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

- Jasmine Bautista, Investigator III
- JoAnne Williamson, Investigator III
- Michelle Wall-Rood, Investigator III
- Sonia Lipkur, Probation Monitor
- Jen Jensen, Licensing Examiner
- Lisa Maroney, Licensing and Records Supervisor
- Danielle Curry, Licensing Examiner
- Sandi Fredrickson, RN, Nurse Consultant Board Staff

Agenda

Sharyl Toscano said agenda Item 6D was incomplete.

On a motion duly made by Sharyl Toscano, seconded by Tina Gillis and carried unanimously with 5 ayes.

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, remove agenda item 6D.

On a motion duly made by Sharyl Toscano, seconded by Tina Gillis and carried unanimously with 5 ayes.

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska accepts the amended agenda.

Introductions

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

- Beth Farnstrom, RN, Alaska Nurses Association Representative
- Pat Reinaga, RN, Anchorage, Providence Alaska Medical Center
- Laura Sarcone, CNM, APRN Alliance Co-Chair
- Dennis Murray, Senior Program Officer, ASHNHA
- Katherine Hanf, APRN Alliance
- Randall Burns, Alaska Division of Behavioral Health
- Jeff Jessee, Mental Health Trust
- Chelsea Gulling, AFACT
- Edwin Osowski, AFACT
- Catherine Ewing, CNE, YKHC
- Mary Holman, APRN
- Sister Mary Peter, AFACT
- Rebecca Lang, CITCI
- Richard Atuk, AFACT
- Jane Atuk, AFACT
- Melissa Freemon
- Margaret LaTocha, Native Catholic Ministry
- Gemma Caudio, Catholic Native Ministry
- Jim Bell, Catholic Native Ministry
- Sherikaa Mills, AFACT
- Courtney Eppler, AFACT
- Heidi Jensen, First Covenant Church
- Annette Alfonsi, AFACT

- Lisa, Reiger, CITC
- Katie Schneider, CITC, SCF

Agenda Item 1 Ethics Report

Board Member, Sharyl Toscano, attended the CORE NCSBN meeting in Chicago and filled out the appropriate paperwork.

No other members had ethics reports to submit.

Agenda Item 2A CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was discussed and accepted as written.

Agenda Item 2A1. Licensing Quarterly & Program Reports

The Board reviewed the NCLEX Quarterly report and Licensing Examiner's Report.

Agenda Item 2A2. Nurse Aide Licensing Examiner's Quarterly & CNA Program Reports

Sandi Fredrickson, Nurse Consultant, reported. The reports were reviewed and discussed. There were no questions or concerns expressed.

Agenda Item 2B INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Core Report by Sharyl Toscano who attended Core NCSBN.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION

On a motion duly made by Sharyl Toscano, seconded by Tina Gillis, and carried unanimously with 5 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing cases and reports by the investigative team and the paralegal (if

appropriate). Board staff members Lisa Maroney & Gail Bernth remained during the session.

The board entered into executive session at 9:26 am

The board came out of executive session for break at 10.28 am.

On a motion duly made by Sharyl Toscano, seconded by Jennie Grimwood, and carried unanimously with 5 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(d)(1), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing cases and reports by the investigative team. Board staff members are to remain during the session. Board staff members Lisa Maroney & Gail Bernth remained during the session.

The board entered into executive session at 10:45 am.

The board came out of executive session at 11:40 am.

On a motion duly made by Sharyl Toscano, seconded by Tina Gillis, and carried unanimously with 5 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(d)(1), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing cases and reports by the investigative team. Board staff members are to remain during the session. Board staff members Lisa Maroney & Gail Bernth remained during the session.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:00 pm.

The board reconvened from lunch at 1:00 pm.

Agenda Item 4 LICENSURE

Agenda Item 4A APRN Alliance Report

Katherine Hardy, FNP, ANP, said that SB 53 may go to the floor next week. The Board requests that the Executive Administrator for the Board to attend the hearing and voice their support for the bill. The Alliance proposes repealing 2 AAC 44.440(f) & (i). Laura Sarcone, CNM, ANP, past co-chair APRN, said their next meeting will be March 24th. SB 74 is a combined bill of telemedicine and tele-prescriptions.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION (Continued)

On a motion duly made by Tom Hendrix, seconded by Tina Gillis, and carried with 5 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 # 2015-002120, Stefano R. Deluca, License Practical Nurse #101209, 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 Sharyl Toscano, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried with 5 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 # 2013-002260, Joseph D. Hall, License number NUR-R-27357, 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 Tom Hendrix, seconded by Tina Gillis, and carried with 5 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the License Surrender, Case #2015-000684, Rebecca Harvey, License #NUR R 3845, adopted the License Surrender in this matter.

This License 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 Sharyl Toscano, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried with 5 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 #2015-000737, Gina Huseman, license number NUR R 37935, 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 Gina Huseman'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 Jennifer Stukey, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried with 5 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the License Surrender, Cases #2015-000265 and #2016-000228, Wendy S. McCaleb, License #NUR R 20389, adopted the License Surrender in this matter.

This License 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 Jennie Grimwood, seconded by Sharyl Toscano, and carried unanimously with 5 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska denies the application for licensure for Thomas Routh, LPN Case #2015-001819 based on Sec 08.68.270 (1), 12 AAC 44.770 (31)

On a motion duly made by Tina Gillis, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2016-000124, Jodi J. Wolcuff, Certified Nurse Aide #NUA-A-12512 and applicant for Practical Nurse License, 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 Sharyl Toscano, seconded by Tina Gillis, and carried unanimously with 5 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 # 2016-000227, Florian R. Carino, Certified Nurse Aide certification number NUA-A-5865, 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 Tom Hendrix, and carried unanimously with 5 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska denies the application for licensure for Beaulah Gomez, CNA Case #2015-001169 based on AS 08.68.334 and 12 AAC 44.818

On a motion duly made by Jennifer Stukey, seconded by Tina Gillis, and carried unanimously with 5 ayes, it was

Resolved that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the certificate surrender, case number 2013-001040, Martha D. Kaiakokonok, certificate number NUR-A-13692, adopted the certificate surrender in this matter.

This certificate surrender takes effect immediately upon signature of this Order in accordance with the approval of the Board.

On a motion duly made by Sharyl Toscano, seconded by Tina Gillis, and with 4 ayes and 1 nay it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case # 2015-002043, Lauren J. Talbert, applicant for Certified Nurse Aide certification, 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 Sharyl Toscano, seconded by Tina Gillis, and carried with 5 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 # 2015-001829, Diane Bartlett, Registered Nurse's License No. 19140, 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.

On a motion duly made by Tom Hendrix, and seconded by Tina Gillis, and carried unanimously with 5 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 # 2015-001569, Allana Hefley, Registered Nurse's License No. 31744, 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.

On a motion duly made by Jennifer Stukey, seconded by Tina Gillis, and carried unanimously with 5 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Registered Nurse License, in the matter of Barbara Keller, Registered Nurse License No. 26935, Case Number 2015-001227, hereby adopts the surrender in its entirety, effective immediately.

On a motion duly made by Sharyl Toscano, and seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried unanimously with 5 ayes, it was

Resolved that The Alaska Board of Nursing, having examined the Consent Agreement, Decision and Order, under Case # 2015-001073, in the matter of Suzanne Piette, Registered Nurse's License No. 28409, adopts this Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

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

On a motion duly made by Jennie Grimwood, and seconded by Sharyl Toscano, and carried unanimously with 5 ayes, it was

Resolved that the Alaska Board of Nursing, rejects the order presented to the board against Registered nurse Linda Preller, license No. 32786 in Case No. 2014-001573.

On a motion duly made by Jennifer Stukey, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried unanimously with 5 ayes, it was

Resolved that The Alaska Board of Nursing, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Registered Nurse License, in the matter of Sandra Tolman, Registered Nurse License No. 33083, Case Number 2015-001694, hereby adopts the surrender in its entirety, effective immediately.

On a motion duly made by Tom Hendrix, seconded by Tina Gillis, and carried unanimously with 5 ayes, it was

The Alaska Board of Nursing, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Registered Nurse License, in the matter of Crucelina Vrabel, Registered Nurse License No. 14488, Case Number 2015-001256, hereby adopts the surrender in its entirety, effective immediately.

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

Let the record reflect there were no Ex-Parte communications during the discussion of these orders.

Agenda Item 5 PRACTICE

Agenda Item 5B Regulation Project

Telehealth regulations are to be reviewed at the next board meeting, as there is a current bill in the legislature regarding telehealth.

There is a proposal for the Temporary Permit fee of \$50 specified in 12 AAC 02.280 to be repealed. This has the support of administration as a cost savings measure.

The Clinical Nurse Specialists proposed regulations were discussed. The regulation changes are to address Clinical Nurse Specialists that currently do not have a national certification exam available to meet the current regulation. Board members did not express any concerns to these regulation changes.

The proposed regulation change for Examination 12 AAC. 44.290 (3) (D) if English is not the primary language of the country of origin or a school in the United States where English is not the primary language was discussed. The

proposed regulation changes are to verify passing an English proficiency examination. Board members did not express dissent to these regulation changes.

Agenda Item 4B

ASHNHA & AaNA update

Beth Farnstrom, AaNA, and Dennis Murray, ASHNHA, spoke about the ongoing concern with the application process. ASHNHA has two goals:

1. To simplify the application process
2. To decrease the delays in obtaining licenses

ASHNHA proposes the following:

- To use the regulations contained in 7 AAC 10.905 in making determination if the nurse applicant meets the requirement of AS 08.68.270.
- To delete the requirement of the applicant's history of any nursing related employment for the five years immediately before the date of application. It is redundant and covered by requiring a reference letter from a past employer.
- To delete the requirement for verification by an official licensing jurisdiction or NCSBN.
- To include a release of information with the application to allow the staff of the Board of Nursing to discuss any aspect of the nurse's application with a facility representative.

Lisa Maroney reported on what has been done to solve the delay of licenses. Changes implemented resulted in no delayed licenses since the last Board meeting.

- 1.) The licensing staff has developed an expedited form for employers to request that a license be expedited to serve for an emergency need at the facility. Employers have used this and in all cases a license has been issued within one to two days.
- 2.) A check list is enclosed with the application resulting in more completed applications being submitted and fewer status letters being sent.
- 3.) The licensing staff has been working with travel companies and the companies have been supplying a release of information to their employees.
- 4.) Currently, the licensing staff is creating a draft of the nursing application to make the required items clearer and easier to complete.

Danielle Heyl, AaNA, believes a 60-day temporary license pending a background check would be helpful.

The Board discussed the proposed regulations; no motions were made. A subcommittee consisting of two Board members and the Executive Administrator was formed to work in the development of new nursing licensing application forms for the July Board meeting.

The board recessed for break at 2:38 pm.

The board reconvened from break at 2:50 pm.

Agenda Item 5 PRACTICE (continued)

**Agenda Item 5A AFACT Task Force Representative
LPNs performing CIWA and COWS
Ernie Turner Center**

Sister Mary Peter Diaz, Director of Catholic Hispanic Ministry and Catholic Native Ministry for the Archdiocese of Anchorage, and other members from Anchorage Faith & Action Congregation Together (AFACT) addressed the Board. Testimony was received about the many families who have been impacted by the lack of detox availability in Anchorage following a clarification from a 2012 Nursing Board meeting that required RN's to conduct the initial admission assessment at detox facilities. AFACT understands that reduced quality and access to patient care was never the Board's intention and are trusting that today's wider perspective may allow the Board to advise that it is within the scope of practice for an LPN to conduct the initial intake process at detox facilities.

Lisa Rieger, CITC, stated there was an increased need for heroin detox. Approximately 60 people call per day for detox.

Rebecca Ling, Director of Recovery Services, CITC, stated that it was difficult to retain RNs who prefer to work in a hospital rather than a detox center. She requested that LPNs perform CIWA and COWS.

Randall Burns, Division of Behavioral Health suggested a new designation be developed to fill this need.

Melinda Freeman worked at Salvation Army detox for over 10 years. LPNs were the backbone of detox, and were supervised by an RN. The state has growing level of addictions and detox is increasing in importance.

The Board discussed the testimony and asked questions. The Board stated that LPNs are not educated or prepared to provide a comprehensive assessment but can perform ongoing and focused assessments. LPNs can do ongoing and focused CIWAs. Tom Hendrix emphasized the important of a continuum of care from hospital to detox clinic. The Board agreed that only an RN can provide a comprehensive patient assessment and LPNs can do a focused assessment. The CIWA and COWS are tools used in both comprehensive and focused assessments.

On a motion duly made by Sharyl Toscano, seconded by Tina Gillis and carried unanimously with 5 ayes.

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, has determined that LPN's may complete focused and ongoing CIWA and COWS assessments.

The board recessed at 4:53 pm to resume the meeting on March 10, 2016.

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Agenda Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Julie Gillette, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

- Julie Gillette, Chair, Public Member, Fairbanks
- Jennie Grimwood, Secretary, Public Member, Cordova
- Sharyl Toscano, PhD, MS, BS, RN-CPN, Anchorage
- Tina Gillis, RN, Bethel
- Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
- Gail Bernth, Executive Administrator

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

- Sara Chambers, Operations Manager, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
- Ed Riefle, Senior Investigator
- Marilyn Zimmerman, Paralegal Juneau Office (telephonically)
- Lisa Maroney, Licensing and Records Supervisor
- Madeleine Henderson, Licensing Examiner
- Jen Jensen, Licensing Examiner
- Sandi Fredrickson, RN, Nurse Consultant Board Staff
- Martha Hewlett, Administrative Officer
- Harriet Milks, Assistant Attorney General

Agenda

The agenda was amended with up to 3 additional executive sessions scheduled. Time restraints may require discussion on regulations to be tabled until July 2016 meeting.

On a motion duly made by Sharyl Toscano, seconded by Tina Gillis and carried unanimously with 5 ayes. The amended agenda was passed.

Introductions

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

- Beth Farnstrom, RN, Alaska Nurses Association Representative
- Pat Reinaga, RN, Anchorage, Providence Alaska Medical Center (telephonically)
- Danette Schloeder, RN
- Edwin Osowski, member of the public AFACT
- Catherine Ewing –RN, Chief of Nursing, YKHC, Bethel
- Laura Sarcone, CNM, APRN Alliance Co-Chair
- Dennis Murray, Senior Program Officer, ASHNHA
- Leeann Hore, ASHNHA
- Sara Lang, NP, student
- Carrie Doyle, AK Nurse Practitioner Association
- Bidney Turner, Heart & Hands of Care
- J. Keenan Casteel, RN, PhD

Public Testimony

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

Danette Schloeder, RN, spoke to the CNS regulation changes. She graduated May 12, 2011 and to be licensed as a CNS, the regulations need to be adjusted to reflect her graduation date. Current graduation date requirement is not within 5 years in the proposed regulation change.

Edwin Osowski, AFACT, would like a solution to LPN/RN situation in Detox centers. Julie Gillette said that LPNs can't do initial assessment or complete assessments but they can do CIWAS and COWS.

Catherine Ewing, Chief Nursing Exec at YKHC, Bethel –She noted concerns about speed of Licensure causing delays in hiring. Employer verification needed original document and she assumed that email copy was sufficient. It caused delayed hiring. The instructions in the packet could be clearer.

Beth Farnstrom – Alaska Nurse's Association - Those who phone-in are having trouble hearing.

Jennifer Bryner, CNO for ASHNHA, called in telephonically concerning length of time for incomplete applications. She advocated for continued discussion on the temporary permit. Working with Beth Farnstrom and Danielle Heyl, AaNA they feel that the 60-day temporary permit would be adequate time for those that have a delay such as the employment verification form. She thanked the Board for their willingness to help and ensure that the patients in Alaska have an adequate number of qualified nurses to care for them.

LeeAnn Horne, ASHNHA DON committee, spoke to the delays in nurse licensure and would like changes made to improve the process. She thanks the board for being willing to look at temporary licensure.

Carrie Doyle is looking forward to CNS specialists being licensed in the state of Alaska.

Public testimony ended at 9:35 am.

Agenda Item 4 LICENSURE (continued)

Agenda Item 4C The board reviewed the RN application. Lisa Maroney said that more applicants had mental/emotional issues than physical disabilities on the application. Sharyl says that she often gets questions about the mental/emotional illness question. Joanne Williamson, Investigator, says the application needs to be clearer. A committee consisting of two Board members and the Executive Administrator was formed to discuss application revisions and will report to the board in July.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION (continued)

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

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing in accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310 (c)(3), go into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential. Harriet Milks, Assistant Attorney General, and staff members Gail Bernth and Lisa Maroney attended.

The board entered into executive session at 10:19 am.

The board came out of executive session at 11:04 am.

Agenda Item 5 PRACTICE (continued)

Agenda Item 5B Regulation Projects

The Board discussed CNS regulation change.

12 AAC 44.400 (a)(3) replace within the last 5 years to after January 1, 2011.

12 AAC 44.290 (3) (D) replace With graduated from a registered nurse or practical nurse program offered by a

school of nursing outside of the United States including territories or Canada, except Quebec, Canada, where English is not the primary language of their country or a school in the United States and Territories where English is not the primary language.

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

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, approve the following regulation changes:
12 AAC44.320(b)(2)(e)(3) amended;
Chap 2 12 AAC.02.280 added
Chap 2 12AAC.02.280(4) repealed;
Chap 44 12AAC44.320(b)(2) amended;
12 AAC.44.320(e)(3) amended;
12 AAC.44.290(3)(D) amended;
12 AAC.44.400(a)(3) CNS amended**

On the record, the Board of Nursing paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION (continued)

On a motion duly made by Tom Hendrix, seconded by Tina Gillis, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing in accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310 (c)(3), go into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential. Board staff member Lisa Maroney and Gail Bernth, and a member of the public remained.

The board entered into executive session at 11:36 am.

The board came out of executive session and recessed for lunch at 11:55 am.

The board reconvened from lunch at 1:04 pm.

Agenda Item 6 EDUCATION

Agenda Item 6A Medication Administration Training Course

Bidney Turner, BSN, Hearts and Hands of Care, seeks approval for for non-licensed caretakers to take a medication administration training course. It is 4-hour training with certificate. English as a Second Language (ESL) participants had trouble with the previous test, so the current test was re-worded. Sharyl Toscano said this rewording created repetition of test questions in the training. Exact test questions should not be in the instructional material.

On a motion duly made by Sharyl Toscano, seconded by Tina Gillis, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, provide approval for Medication of Administration Training Course at Hearts and Hands of Care, on condition, they exclude exact test questions from instructional material.

Agenda Item 6B CNA Programs

Sandi Frederickson, RN Nurse Consultant, and Danielle Curry, Licensing Examiner, presented CNA updates for the Wrangell, Cordova, Valdez, Bethel, Petersburg and Ketchikan training programs. Corrective action plans for Petersburg, Bethel, Cordova, Ketchikan, and Chugiak/Eagle River were presented to the Board.

Sandi reported on the Healthcare Compliance Conference. She plans to attend Montana Continuing Education Update Alaska by Montana Nurse's Association.

The board recessed for break at 2:04 pm.

The board reconvened from break at 2:15 pm.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION (continued)

On a motion duly made by Tina Gillis, seconded by Sharyl Toscano, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing in accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310 (c)(3), go into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential. Board staff member Lisa Maroney and Gail Bernth remained.

The board entered into executive session at 2:15 pm.

The board came out of executive session at 2:39 pm.

Agenda Item 7A ORGANIZATION

On a motion duly made by Julie Gillette, seconded by Sharyl Toscano, and carried unanimously with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing give authority to Gail Bernth to review audits that are worked through Division (paralegal) for continuing competency completion.

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

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing remove the approval of the Michigan State University RN refresher course from the website.

The Oct. 26-28, 2016 board meeting will be in Fairbanks.

The Board met with Martha Hewlett to review the budget. The Board discussed future travel locations. Cutting costs is a priority before changing locations. Our board has a surplus; however, the state restricts the amount used per year. Travel spending is allocated ahead of time.

The Board met telephonically with Sara Chambers, Operations Manager, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. Sara Chambers informed board that it is helpful to inform the travel office of change in travel plans as soon as possible in order to get reimbursed. She recommended taking advantage of Travel Office for booking Board travel.

The Board discussed the budget. Ms. Chambers thanked the Board for its motion on temporary license fees. The Board is in an excellent fiscal position.

Agenda Item 8 GOVERNANCE

Assignments were delegated.
Meeting evaluation forms were completed.

The board adjourned at 4:50 pm until July 6-8, 2016 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Bernth
Executive Administrator
Alaska Board of Nursing

Approved:

Julie Gillette, Chair
Alaska Board of Nursing

Date: _____

The Board discussed the budget. Ms. Chambers thanked the Board for its motion on temporary license fees. The Board is in an excellent fiscal position.

Agenda Item 8

GOVERNANCE

Assignments were delegated.
Meeting evaluation forms were completed.

The board adjourned at 4:50 pm until July 6-8, 2016 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Bernth
Executive Administrator
Alaska Board of Nursing

Approved:



Julie Gillette, Chair
Alaska Board of Nursing

Date: 4-4-16