

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

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JUNEAU, AK
BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING MINUTES

April 2-4, 2014

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 State Office Building, 9th Floor, Conference Room A, in Juneau, Alaska.

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

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, Anchorage
- Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
- Julie Gillette, Public Member, Fairbanks
- Jennie Grimwood, Public Member, Cordova
- Carrie Miller, LPN, Juneau

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

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, AaNA President,
- Patricia Senner, RN, ANP, Alaska Nurses Association
- Carrie Doyle, CNS, Providence Alaska Medical Center
- Arlene Briscoe, RN, AaNA, telephonically present

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

Agenda Item 1D Ethics Report

Beth Farnstrom, Board Chair, reported attending the NCSBN IRE conference in January and the NCSBN mid-year meeting in March in Kansas City, MO. Her Ethics Disclosure form was submitted to her ethics supervisor, Guy Bell, and deemed not to be an ethical violation. No other Board members had any ethics reports to submit.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION

On a motion duly made by Julie Gillette, seconded by Denise Valentine, 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 9:13 am.

The board came out of executive session at 10:45 am.

The board recessed at 10:45 am to attend the Senate session that was voting on SB 166, which passed and was sent to the House.

The board reconvened from lunch at 1:15 pm.

Agenda Item 4 LICENSURE

Agenda Item 4A Laura Sarcone, CNM, co-chair of the APRN Alliance, addressed the Board. She reviewed the working document about proposed

statute changes to be pursued by the Alliance. The document included APRN definition language & APRN title protection language on which the Alliance has reached consensus.

Agenda Item 4B

ACLS, PALS, etc., as Renewals for Continuing Competency

The Board reviewed a Memo from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) on accreditation action that has occurred. It was noted that ANCC will award contact hours for content in “repeat” courses such as ACLS, PALS, NRP and other advanced courses. After discussion & input from Board members & interested parties in the room, two motions were made:

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska repeals the October 2010 Advisory Opinion titled “CE’s for ACLS, PALS, and Other Advanced Courses”.

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Jennie Grimwood, and carried with 5 ayes, 1 nay, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, will accept CE’s for renewals of ACLS, PALS, and other advanced courses for RN’s and ANP’s.

The board informally recessed at 2:14 pm to review documents related to the next agenda item.

Agenda Item 6

EDUCATION

Agenda Item 6D

Review of PICC Line Insertion Proposal, Bassett Army Hospital

Aleisha Ross, RN, from Bassett Army Hospital joined the Board telephonically. Ms. Ross addressed how deficiencies in the PICC Line Insertion Proposal that had been identified by the Board in the January 2014 meeting were addressed. The proposal was complete with the additional information.

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of

Alaska, approves the PICC Line Insertion Proposal from Bassett Army Hospital.

The Board noted they would like to be kept informed on the outcomes of the PICC Line program and directed Bassett Army Hospital to provide an update to the Board after their next JCAHO inspection, which is scheduled for Fall of 2015.

Agenda Item 2A CONSENT AGENDA

The Board removed all items from the consent agenda for discussion.

Agenda Item 2A1 Approval of Minutes, January 22-24, 2014

The Board reviewed minutes from the January 2014 meeting and made the following amendment (underlined) to page 17:

“The Board reiterated that per 12 AAC 44.040, full accreditation must be obtained 2 years after the graduation of the program’s first class, with a possible 2 year extension, if approved by the Board. The first RN class graduated in March 2013; therefore, full accreditation would be required by March of 2015. It is noted that the Board will not change this regulation. Mr. Harrell stated he would inform the Board if it got to a point where he felt AVTEC would be unable to comply with the regulation.”

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, 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 January 2014 meeting minutes as amended.

Agenda Item 2A2 Licensing Examiners’ Report & NCLEX Quarterly Report

The Board reviewed the NCLEX Quarterly report and noted the AVTEC Associate Degree Program and UAA Baccalaureate Program both fell below the 80% pass rate for 1st Quarter. The Board will continue to monitor these programs and their overall yearly outcomes.

Agenda Item 2A3 CNA Program Quarterly Reports

The Board reviewed & discussed the Nurse Aide Licensing Examiner’s Quarterly & CNA Program Quarterly Reports. This was informational and no action was taken.

The board recessed for a break at 3:14 pm.

The board reconvened from break at 3:27 pm.

Agenda Item 2B **INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

The Board discussed informational items. The Executive Administrator addressed the topic of telemedicine/telehealth and the regulatory implications. She noted that Executive Officers from all jurisdictions have been exploring the concept of an additional licensing option, partly due to the increasing practice of telemedicine/telehealth. It was reiterated that the Alaska Board of Nursing is not in favor of Alaska becoming a Compact State due to various concerns related to finances, statute changes, & background checks.

The Board discussed items of interest from the Chair's Report and the NCSBN Letter from the President.

Agenda Item 6 **EDUCATION (continued)**

Agenda Item 6a The Board reviewed a Program Evaluation Site Visit report submitted by Cathy Winfree, RN, CNA Program Evaluator.

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska re-approves the Heritage Place CNA program in Soldotna, Alaska. RuthAnn Truesdell is approved as an instructor.

Agenda Item 6b **Responses to Letters of Concern**

The Board reviewed & discussed responses to letters of concern from Wrangell Medical Center CNA program and the Anchorage School District CNA program at Service High School. The Board accepted both plans for improved outcomes and no further action was taken. The Board will continue to monitor the progress of both programs.

Agenda Item 6C **AVTEC AAS Program Detailed Plan**

The Board was joined telephonically by Alexis Klapproth, Director of Nursing at AVTEC. The Board reviewed & discussed the detailed plan that was submitted to address concerns related to low pass rates and accreditation of the AAS program. The Board will continue to monitor NCLEX pass rates at AVTEC. It was noted that the Board remains concerned about AVTEC's ability to achieve national nursing accreditation as mandated by the timeline in 12 AAC 44.040. This concern was addressed in detail at the January 2014 meeting. The Board requested an accreditation progress update both from Northwest Accreditation and ACEN from AVTEC at the July meeting.

Agenda Item 6D Charter College Update

The Board expressed interest in an update on recent faculty changes at Charter College. The Executive Administrator was directed to contact the Director of Nursing to see if she was available to update the Board. The topic was postponed until later in the meeting.

Agenda Item 8 GOVERNANCE

The Board discussed a teambuilding activity & reviewed a form from NCSBN about 'guiding reminders for doing board work'.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION (Continued)

On a motion duly made by Erin Evans, and seconded by Julie Gillette, and carried unanimously with 5 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Registered Nurse # NUR R 35995, Megan Algeo, Case No. 2013-001727, 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 Erin Evans, and seconded by Denise Valentine, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Registered Nurse # NUR R 5914, Donna L. Cotman, Case No. 2014-000350, 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 Thomas Hendrix, and carried with 5 ayes, 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 # 2013-001715, Shannon A. Lee, RN license # NUR R 28008, 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 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 # 2014-000434, Susan M. McIver, RN license # NUR R 26388, 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 Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Erin Evans, 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 # 2014-000335, Angela R. Price,

lapsed Nurse Aide certificate # NUA A 5547, 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 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 # 2012-001031, Colleen T. Provo, Nurse Aide certificate # NUA A 5104, 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 Erin Evans, and 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 Voluntary Surrender of Registered Nurse # NUR R 17210, Brian Ben-Israel, Case No. 2014-000485, 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 Carrie Miller, 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 # 2013-002283, Jasmine Hibbert,

Nurse Aide Applicant, 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 violation of the Consent Agreement.

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, 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 # 2012-001218, Jermiah H. Floyd, RN license # NUR R 33601, 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 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 # 2014-000249, Christina King, ANP authorization # NUR U 1205, 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 Jennie Grimwood, seconded by Thomas 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 # 2013-001274, Jodi Ulricksen-Duffield, Nurse Aide certificate # NUA A 3292, 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 Erin Evans, and seconded by Denise Valentine, and carried unanimously with 6 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of Registered Nurse # NUR R 24157, Monna Whitesell, Case No. 2013-002300, 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.

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

The board recessed at 4:54 pm to resume the meeting on Apr 3rd, 2014.

Thursday, April 3, 2014

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, Anchorage
- Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
- Julie Gillette, Public Member, Fairbanks
- 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

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
- Patricia Senner, RN, ANP, Alaska Nurses Association
- Carrie Doyle, CNS, Providence Alaska Medical Center
- Laura Sarcone, CNM, APRN Alliance Co-Chair

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

Public Testimony

The Board entered into public testimony at 9:04 am. AaNA President Jana Shockman addressed the Board to provide an update of bills in the legislature that AaNA is monitoring. Public testimony ended at 9:34 am.

Agenda Item 5A

Update on SB 166

Several versions of the Bill have been drafted since the original Bill was submitted. Whistleblowers and fingerprinting sections were removed from the original Bill. A summer work session will take place with stake holders of the fingerprinting section. SB 166, “An Act Relating to Nursing and to the Board of Nursing” has passed the Senate and was assigned to the House Labor & Commerce Committee. The Board needs to contact the House Labor and Commerce Representatives to encourage passage of this Bill without amendments. The Board expressed thanks to Senator

Giessel and her staff for assisting the Board with their first Bill in over 10 years.

Agenda Item 3

ADJUDICATION (Continued)

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, 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 9:38 am.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:50 am.

On a motion duly made by Julie Gillette, seconded by Thomas 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 # 2013-001725, Janice Ince-Miller, RN applicant, 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 Erin Evans, and carried with 5 ayes, 1 nay, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the application for certification of CNA lapsed certificate # NUA A 3291, Ivan Reutov, Case # 2013-001723, denies the application in accordance with AS 08.68.334(1) & (5)(D).

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

The board recessed for a break at 10:10 am to attend the House reading of SB 166.

The board reconvened from lunch at 1:00 pm.

Agenda Item 5B Evaluation of ANP Scope of Practice – FASD Diagnostic Team

The Board was joined telephonically by Marilyn Pierce-Bulger, FNP, who provided an informational update on the Anchorage Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Diagnostic Team. This group of specially trained Advanced Practice Nurses has completed over 120 FASD diagnoses, providing a great service to the state. She also detailed the specialized training required of all Advanced Practice Nurses who perform this service. The Board commended them for their efforts and noted that since they were practicing within their scope, no further Board action was required.

Agenda item 5c SEARHC RN's Taking X-rays, Annual Report

Gail Halston, RN, from Alicia Roberts Clinic, joined the board telephonically to listen to the presentation. She was called on to answer questions about the annual report on RN's taking X-rays since no one else was present to answer questions. After reviewing the report, the Board determined it was satisfied with the overall stability of the program & its outcomes. The Board had no concerns with their training and continued competency plans. The Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium and Crossroad Medical Center are exempted from having to provide further annual reports to the Board.

Agenda Item 5D Expired Medication Administration

The Board was joined telephonically by Andre Neptune, Pharmacist, and in person by Dr. Carrie Doyle, CNS, both representing Providence Alaska Medical Center (PAMC). The Board reviewed and discussed a new Practice Guideline on Expired Medication Administration at PAMC. Board members recommended the following items be added to the policy:

- 1- Language that protects a nurse who knows giving an expired drug is in violation of one of the 5 rights of drug administration. Providence will respect and support the nurse who chooses not to administer the expired medication.
- 2- Include language in the policy that PAMC, not the RN who administered the expired medication, will accept all of the responsibility of any consequences associated with expired medication administration.
- 3- In non-emergent situations, the MD ordering the expired medication will inform the patient about the expired drug and information associated with the risks and benefits of accepting the expired medication.

The representatives were thanked for bringing this policy before the Board for review & discussion. The Board is aware of the national problem of the increasing number of drug shortages. The Board reviewed the Alaska State Board of Pharmacy January 2014 minutes related to this topic. In addition, the Board contacted JACHO and was informed they have no stance on this issue but are aware of it. The Board does not support giving expired drugs but is aware of the need at times. It was requested that PAMC continue to provide the Board with updated information on the use of expired medications within the facility.

Agenda Item 6D Charter College Update (continued)

The Board followed up on a previous inquiry of the staffing changes at Charter College. A letter was submitted by Janet Dar King-Callis, Interim Director of Nursing at Charter College, and she was available telephonically to answer questions. The Board noted Charter College had taken steps towards hiring a new Director of Nursing, and that four adjunct faculty had also been hired. The Board had no further questions or concerns.

The board recessed for a break at 2:30 pm.

The board reconvened from break at 2:45 pm.

Agenda Item 8 GOVERNANCE

The Board reviewed, discussed, and amended the strategic plan for FY 2015.

The Board received an unexpected visit from Lt Governor Mead Treadwell. He shared information about the 'Christian Science Nurse'. The Board listened to his comments & concerns and noted that since this particular topic was not on the published agenda, it would not be appropriate to make any decisions or take action. The Board reiterated a willingness to revisit the topic at the July 2014 meeting in Anchorage should their representatives contact Dr. Sanders and request time at the meeting.

The Board took this time to address concerns about whether AVTEC will be able to meet national nursing accreditation deadlines. The Board asked Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell to assist AVTEC in any way he could.

The board recessed at 4:55 pm to resume the meeting on Friday, Apr 4th, 2014.

Friday, April 4, 2014

Agenda Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:03 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, Anchorage
- Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
- Julie Gillette, Public Member, Fairbanks
- 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

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 (AaNA) President
- Patricia Senner, RN, ANP, Alaska Nurses Association
- Carrie Doyle, CNS, Providence Alaska Medical Center
- Laura Sarcone, CNM, APRN Alliance Co-Chair
- Arlene Briscoe, AaNA, telephonically

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

Public Testimony

The board entered into public testimony at 9:03 am. Pat Senner addressed the Board to provide an updated legislative report.

The Board was joined telephonically by Gena Edmiston, CNO of Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and ASHNA representative. Ms. Edmiston addressed the ongoing topic of CNA, RN and ANP fingerprinting & the sharing of background check information. ASHNA will host a summit this summer and would include all interested stakeholders such as ASHNA, BON, DHSS and the FBI to resolve this issue.

Public testimony ended at 9:31 am.

Agenda Item 5E Ketamine Advisory Opinion Review

The Board reviewed the previously approved advisory opinion on ‘IV Drug Administration of Ketamine for the Treatment of the Post-Operative, Opioid Tolerant Patient by a Registered Nurse.’ The Board agreed on amendments and a motion was made.

On a motion duly made by Erin Evans, and seconded by Denise Valentine, and carried unanimously with 5 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, adopts the amended advisory opinion for ‘IV Drug Administration of Low Dose Ketamine for the Treatment of the Post-Operative, Opioid Tolerant Adult Patient by a Registered Nurse’ as amended.

The Advisory Opinion will be posted to the BON website and a copy will be sent to Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna.

Agenda Item 5 PRACTICE

Dr. Carrie Doyle, CNS, addressed the board on the topic of the Women’s Health CNS. She informed the Board that at this time a Women’s Health CNS Certification exam is not available, which would prevent this subgroup inclusion into the APRN consensus model. It was noted that NCSBN will likely be addressing this concern later in the month at an NCSBN State of the Consensus meeting. The Board will continue to monitor updates on this topic.

The Board addressed a practice question from an unknown source. The question was in regards to pre-operative nurses assigning diagnoses to surgery orders. The Board reiterated that it is **not** within the RN scope of practice to assign a medical diagnosis on a pre-operative order.

The board recessed for a break at 10:10 am.

The board reconvened from break at 10:29 am.

Agenda Item 8 **GOVERNANCE (continued)**

The Board continued to reviewed, discussed, and amended the strategic plan for FY 2015.

Agenda Item 7 **ORGANIZATION**

The Board met with Director Sara Chambers and Martha Hewlett, Administrative Officer. On reviewing the budget report it was noted that there was a \$3000 Membership Fee assessed to Nursing (NCSBN no longer charges a membership fee). Ms. Hewlett agreed to follow up on this concern and report back to the Board.

Board Chair Beth Farnstrom reported that the state would have saved \$340.20 in taxes on this trip had the motel rooms been charged to a government credit card. Ms. Farnstrom expressed concerns about the website and reiterated that it is the strong desire of the Board to remove personal addresses from the licensing website. Director Chambers agreed and hoped to have this resolved by January 2015.

The travel policy continues to be an expensive problem to Board members. A request to return to the original interpretation was made especially for NCSBN offerings. Too much state time is being used to micro manage this issue for no gain.

The Board inquired on the status of the CNA Evaluator position. Director Chambers stated the request for a full-time position was denied and that she planned to submit a proposal for this job to be contracted. She stated this was a high priority. She requested feedback from Dr. Sanders to help update the contract and ensure the pay would make the job a desirable position.

The Director informed the Board they would be able to have a Wi-Fi hotspot in the Atwood Building for the next Board meeting making a smoother transition to a 'paperless' meeting.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:21 pm.

The board reconvened from lunch at 1:28 pm.

Agenda Item 8 **GOVERNANCE (continued)**

The Board reviewed, discussed, and amended the strategic plan for FY 2015.

The Board held annual elections. Julie Gillette was elected Secretary, Erin Evans was elected Vice Chair, and Denise Valentine was elected Board Chair.

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 for the purpose of evaluating the Executive Administrator.

The Board entered into executive session at 2:01 pm.
The Board came out of executive session at 2:11 pm.

The Board discussed a few other issues pertaining to Board business. It was noted that the next meeting will be paperless and that Board members are to bring an electronic device of choice.

The Board filled out their Board Meeting Evaluations.

The board adjourned at 2:22 pm until July 9-11, 2014 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Approved:



Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chair
Alaska Board of Nursing

Date: July 9, 2014