

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 1550
ANCHORAGE, AK
BOARD OF NURSING

TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2020

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 by teleconference in the Atwood Building, Suite 1550 Conference Room, in Anchorage, Alaska.

April 6, 2020
CALL TO ORDER

Chair Danette Schloeder, called the meeting to order at 2:01

ROLL CALL

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

- Chair RN Member: Danette Schloeder, RN Anchorage
- Public Member: Shannon Connelly, Palmer
- APRN Member: Wendy Monrad, APRN, RN, Anchorage
- Educator, Catherine Hample, RN, MSN, Wasilla
- Lena Lafferty, RN, Anchorage joined at 2:23pm

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

- Marianne Murray, Executive Administrator
- Lisa Maroney, Licensing Supervisor
- Sara Chambers, Division Director
- Joan Green, Nurse Consultant
- Danielle Curry, Licensing Examiner
- Sonia Lipker, Senior Investigator

Members of the Public in attendance telephonically:

- Alisha Jones, Medical Board Executive Administrator
- Megyn Weigard, AAG

2:05pm

On a motion made by Cathy Hample seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 4 ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approves the March 30,2020 meeting minutes.

2:07pm

SIGMA – Return to Nursing refresher program

Marianne Murray briefly discussed the SIGMA – Return to Nursing refresher program. Future discussion was tabled until the April 13th meeting and board members had more time to review.

2:18pm

Emergency Regulation change 12 AAC 44.318

Motion started by Catherine Hample then withdrawn.

2:20 pm

On a motion made by Danette Schloeder and seconded by Shannon Connelly and carried with 5 ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska amend regulation 12 AAC 44.318 to read:

12 AAC 44.318. **Courtesy License.** (a) In an urgent situation, the board will issue a courtesy license to practice nursing to an applicant who meets the requirements of this section. The board may restrict the license to only those nursing services required to respond to the urgent situation. The licensee may not practice nursing outside the scope of the limited purpose for which the courtesy license is issued.

(b) An applicant for a courtesy license under this section must submit to the department a completed [, NOTARIZED] application on a form provided by the department. A complete application includes

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted.)

(1) the applicable application and licensing fees established in 12 AAC 02.280;

(2) the personal identification information requested on the form **and, unless the form is notarized, two forms of government issued identification;**

(3) [CERTIFICATION FROM THE APPLICANT THAT THE APPLICANT IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE;]

(4) information on the applicant's physical and mental health related to the grounds for license denial, suspension, or revocation in AS 08.68.270;

(5) information on any criminal convictions related to the grounds for license denial, suspension, or revocation in AS 08.68.270;

(6) [A DESCRIPTION OF THE URGENT SITUATION FOR WHICH THE COURTESY LICENSE IS NEEDED, THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF NURSING REQUIRED TO RESPOND TO THE URGENT SITUATION, AND THE REQUESTED PRACTICE LOCATION AND DURATION OF PRACTICE]; and

(7) a verification of a current license in good standing to practice nursing in another state or other jurisdiction [WITH LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AT LEAST EQUIVALENT TO THOSE OF THIS STATE] at the time of application under this section, and that the applicant is not under investigation in the state or other jurisdiction in which the applicant is licensed;

(8) repealed 5/16/2018.

(c) The board may issue one courtesy license to an individual within a consecutive 18-month period. A courtesy license issued under this section is valid for the period specified by the board and may not exceed 180 [30 CONSECUTIVE] days. A courtesy license may be renewed for one additional period specified by the board, not to exceed 180 [30 CONSECUTIVE] days.

(d) The board will not issue, and a courtesy license holder may not use, a courtesy license

(1) repealed / / _____ [FOR LOCUM TENENS COVERAGE];

(2) as a substitute for a temporary license or other license required under AS 08.68; or

(3) to evaluate employment opportunities.

(e) While practicing under a courtesy license issued under this section, the holder of the courtesy license must comply with the standards of practice set out in AS 08.68 and this chapter and is subject to discipline for actions taken or omitted while practicing under the courtesy license.

(f) The board may refuse to issue a courtesy license for the same reasons that it may deny, suspend, or revoke a license under AS 08.68.270.

(g) In this section, "urgent situation" means a health crisis affecting all or part of the state that requires an immediate supply of additional nurses or nurses with specialized education. (Eff. 11/19/2008,

Register 188; am 5/16/2018, Register 226; am ___/___/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 08.01.062 AS 08.68.170 AS 08.68.275

AS 08.68.100 AS 08.68.270 2:22pm

12 AAC 44.600 CEU and Volunteer hours

Danette Schloeder questioned both Lisa Maroney and Marianne Murray about the total number of nurses worried about being able to finish their volunteer or CEU's. Total number approximately 12 nurses. Based on the number board will revisit this topic at the May meeting. The Board will continue to discuss options for Nurses to meet the Continuing Competency regulation 12 AAC 44.600-620. Specifically, the volunteer and continuing education hours. Options will be discussing in detail at the May 2020 board meeting.

2:26pm

Finger print options

Marianne Murray discussed with the Board a meeting that took place with HSS and DPS to discuss options on how to obtain finger print cards. Currently, there are no places open that offer finger printing services. Danette Schloeder suggested that Marianne reach out to the bigger facilities who may start offering finger print services for students.

2:30pm

Pearson Vue NCLEX update

The NCLEX exam will be opened on April 9, 2020.

2:40pm

NCSBN

The Board will review what NCSBN has published regarding what other states are doing to help get Nurses back in the work force during the COVID19 emergency.

2:45pm

Options for Nurses who are Lapsed or are in Retired Status

The Board discussed the retired status licensees and what options might be helpful to allow them to work again.

2:51pm

On a motion made by Danette Schloeder and seconded by Shannon Connelly carried with 5 ayes the Board of Nursing the board would like to waive the \$100.00 temporary permit fee and the \$50.00 courtesy licensure fee at this time.

2:59pm

On a motion made by Wendy Monrad and seconded by Shannon Connelly and carried with 5 ayes the Board of Nursing adjourned at 2:59 pm.

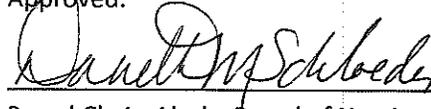
Next meeting scheduled by teleconference April 13, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Murray, DNP, MSN, RN
Digitally signed by Marianne Murray, DNP, MSN, RN
Date: 2020.04.15 13:27:36 -08'00'

Executive Administrator, Alaska Board of Nursing

Approved:



Board Chair, Alaska Board of Nursing

Date: 4-17-20