

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

THE ATWOOD BUILDING
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ANCHORAGE, AK
BOARD OF NURSING

TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 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 13, 2020
CALL TO ORDER

Chair Danette Schloeder, called the meeting to order at 2:00

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
- RN Member Lena Lafferty, RN, Anchorage

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

- Marianne Murray, Executive Administrator
- Madeleine Henderson, Licensing Examiner
- Lisa Maroney, Licensing Supervisor
- Joan Green, Nurse Consultant
- Danielle Curry, Licensing Examiner

Members of the Public in attendance telephonically:

- Linda Masolini, RN
- Director Gina Ritacco, Boards and Commissions

On a motion made by Wendy Monrad seconded by Lena Lafferty and carried with 4 ayes, it was

RESOLVED that The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approves the April 6, 2020 meeting minutes.

Joan Green- Board recommendations on Prestige Care in person visit and notification of new CMS COVID declaration

CMS has put out a new 28-page COVID declaration. Of interest is a blanket waiver for all facility types regarding training and certification of CNA's. After taking an 8-hour online course a certificate can be obtained. Marianne contacted legal and the CNA's with the waiver training have a different scope of practice and the Board does not have any oversight.

Prestige LTC is due for their in-person review after starting their first class March 16-April 17 per regulation 44.830. They are not currently allowing visitors. Joan is familiar with the facility and would like to conduct a review via video conference and emailed documentation. This would allow the program to go to the May Board meeting for potential approval instead of waiting until August. It was decided by the Board that all the documentation can be gathered now and if possible, an in person visit can be conducted in May.

Wendy Monrad- Responses by other state regulatory Boards to COVID emergency

NCSBN put together a breakdown of all the state Board's responses to the COVID emergency. Wendy reviewed the information and provided a summary by state. Some states are allowing verification by employers, some are allowing any state license or any compact license. New Mexico is allowing 30 days practice without a license. The difference for us is we have no neighboring states and anyone coming in would be quarantined for 2 weeks. Washington has a volunteer nurse network registry. Legal protection with limited supplies and triage situations would be needed. What would be done about discipline is someone were working under something like the 30 days without a license. These are things to consider when discussing change for Alaska. Virginia has waived fees and CE's. Iowa restricts retired and lapsed licensed to care of COVID emergency patients only. This was removed from HB 241 because if this is too restrictive then patients like diabetics may not get the care they need. Some states have extended expiration dates, but Alaska RN/APRN and LPN expiration dates are still far out. Licensure for telehealth has been waived for APRN in Maryland. HB241 has been signed. The Board would like to see statements for when disaster is declared, more than just for COVID. Something that would work for any emergency. Getting APRNs included in emergency provisions can be more complicated. APRNs may be vital to care if COVID gets out into the villages.

Wendy Monrad- Ethical considerations during COVID

Wendy reviewed and shared the ANA statement regarding ethics, law and a nurse's duty to respond in a disaster. The biggest question is what happened when a nurse refuses to treat a COVID patient. People are frightened but there is a responsibility to duty, this is nothing new, it is not battlefield nursing. Nurses deal with infection daily. The issue right now is PPE and how to safely reuse it. The responsibility and commitment as a nurse are to the patient but also the have to same commitment to oneself. Always be prepared for what can come. Resources considered are employer's response plan, community plan, be aware of possible ethical situations, know resources (ANA, Board of Nursing, etc.). There is a Uniform emergency provider response that 19 states have enacted. It was discussed that as a board being more

supportive in the nursing community, providing resources. Danette would like to see a committee to compile resources. Washington Board of Nursing has been sending out material for their nurses, Danette asked Marianne to share provide the information that she has forwarded to the rest of the Board,

Courtesy License/Expedited applications update Danielle and Marianne

We have had one courtesy license application on the old application. 4 expedited applications have been issued and 4 more are pending. 2 are actively working with Danielle and two have stalled. The emergency courtesy application is almost ready. Regular courtesy application is ready but requires a fingerprint card. Hopeful that once the emergency application is up more application will be received since it does not require a fingerprint card.

SIGMA – Return to Nursing refresher program

Wendy briefly discussed the SIGMA – Return to Nursing refresher program. They have a \$300 option for 54 CE's and a \$150 option for 18 CE's. The problem is that regulation requires clinical hours. To be further discussed at May meeting.

Finger print options

Marianne Murray discussed with the Board that Alaska Tactical is open and available for fingerprinting. The large facilities have been contacted to see if they can do fingerprinting but no responses yet.

PearsonVue NCLEX update

NCLEX testing is open.

Danette Schloeder- NCSBN meeting updates

Three states (AL, LA, FL) have reported imposter nurses this week. They were discovered through NURSYS. Marianne and Danette will report in May on the mid year NCSBN meeting and the NCLEX planning meeting. The education meeting will discuss simulation for clinical and how to get students back into facilities.

It was discussed whether teleconference would be needed next week as May meeting is close and emergent issues have been discussed. Option left open in case issues present.

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty and seconded by Shannon Connelly and carried with 4 ayes the Board of Nursing adjourned at 2:56 pm

Next Meeting Scheduled by teleconference May 6-7, 2020.

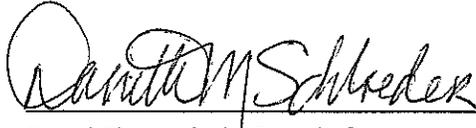
Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Murray, DNP, MSN, RN
Digitally signed by Marianne Murray, DNP, MSN, RN
Date: 2020.05.01 16:44:18 -0800

Executive Administrator, Alaska Board of Nursing

Approved:

Date: 3/7/20


Board Chair, Alaska Board of Nursing