

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
February 23, 2021

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 1535 Conference Room, in Anchorage, Alaska.

February 23, 2021
CALL TO ORDER

Chair Danette Schloeder, called the meeting to order at

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, Cathy Hample, RN
- Public Member: Julie Tisdale, Wasilla

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

- Joan Green, Nurse Consultant
- Madeleine Henderson, Licensing Examiner
- Lisa Maroney, Licensing Supervisor
- Jun Maiquis, Regulation Specialist
- Sara Chambers, Division Director

Members of the Public in attendance telephonically:

Jessica Gibbons, Coordinator for Valdez CNA program

Dorothy Kinley

MatSu CNA training program

Luz Lelis

Lynn Van Vactor, ASHNHA
Marsha Bailey, UAA
Connie Beemer ASHNHA
Suzy Snowflake
Jane Erickon, AANA
Ester Jeffries
Kathy Craft, UAA
Melisa Dutkiewicz, Hearts and Hands of Care
Tina Rein,
Morgan Lim
Angela
Sheri Whitehorn
Brenda Vicent, DHSS
Tina Rein, Denali Center

The first Agenda item for the board was to discuss the emergency regulations to evaluate the proposed changes To CNA regulation 12 AAC 44.

RESOLVED on a motion made by Wendy Monrad and seconded by Cathy Hample and carried with 5 ayes,

The Board of Nursing finds that an emergency exists under AS 44.62.250 and that an emergency regulation change is necessary to 12 AAC 44, dealing with training and certification requirements for certified nurse aides, and delegation of the administration of medication, for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare. The facts constituting the emergency include the following:

The restrictive nature of the regulations could negatively impact the health of the public by decreasing healthcare worker availability by impeding the license application process during this public health emergency.

The proposed changes are necessitated by challenges to staffing training facilities and engaging instructors qualified under the existing regulations.

They will streamline training for CNAs, speeding the process for CNA candidates to achieve certification as well qualified professionals ready to enter the critical care workforce.

Approved as written under Section 12 AAC 44. 840, 850, 860, 862, 965

12 AAC 44.840. Program instructors. (a) **In a non-facility based program** an instructor must be either a registered nurse or practical nurse licensed under AS 08.68 and have completed a course in teaching adults or have experience in teaching adults or supervising nurse aides. **The program instructor or the program director must have at least one year in the provision of long-term care facility services.**

(b) In a facility-based program, the training of nurse aides may be performed under the general supervision of a registered nurse who has at least two years of nursing experience or by the director of nursing for the facility who has at least one year of experience in a long-term care facility, but who may be prohibited from performing the actual training. Other persons may assist **the instructor to meet program objectives for specific topics** in training nurse aides, including registered nurses, licensed practical/vocational nurses, pharmacists, dietitians, social workers, sanitarians, fire safety experts, nursing home administrators, gerontologists, psychologists, physical and occupational therapists, activities specialists, speech/language/hearing therapists, and resident rights experts; persons assisting an instructor must have at least one year of experience in their fields.

12 AAC 44.850 Nurse aide competency evaluation adding E and F

(e) In addition to the requirements of this section, the board may allow the competency evaluation examination to be conducted at the facility in which the nurse aide is or will be employed, provided that all requirements are met.

(f) The board may advise individuals who successfully completed the competency evaluation examination that a record of their successful completion of the evaluation will be included in the nurse aide registry.

12 AAC 44.860. Discontinuation of a training program adding b

(b) Students who have started a training and competency evaluation program from which approval has been withdrawn may complete the course and receive any credits earned

12 AAC 44.862. Withdrawal of approval adding e

(e) Students who have started a training and competency evaluation program from which approval has been withdrawn may complete the course and receive any credits earned.

12 AAC 44.965. Delegation of the administration of medication adding b(4) and (c)

or (4) long-term care facilities licensed and certified by the Health Facilities Licensing and Certification.

(c) is amended to include: The training course in administration of medication approved by the board in this subsection must be reviewed by the board every two years.

The second agenda item for the board was to consider if the Certified nurse aide training program could continue with the use of simulation or primary Care Clinics

On a motion made by Shannon Connelly seconded by Julie Tisdale and carried with 5 ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska BON that the Alaska Board of Nursing approve CNA training programs use of simulation or primary care clinics as clinical options during the time where healthcare facilities do not allow students due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Director Sara Chambers provide a quick update to the board:

Thanked the board for moving the CNA regulation changes forward.

The Nurse License Compact (NLC) bill is starting to move in the Legislature. Chair Schloeder will testifying this week. Director Chambers also thanked the boards chair Danette Schloeder for her leadership with the NLC bill and participating in the hearing.

Also provided the board with a brief overview of how the RN and APRN renewal are going as well as a reminder that renewal end at the end of the month. License renewals for RNs and APRNs is down by 25%. This is the last week to renew, after being given a 3-month extension. Chair Schloeder asked to have another Listserve notice sent out.

On a motion made by Cathy Hample and seconded by Julie Tisdale and carried with 5 ayes the Board of Nursing adjourned at 10:38

Respectfully submitted,



Licensing Supervisor, Alaska Board of Nursing

Approved:



Board Chair, Alaska Board of Nursing

Date: 3-12-21