

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
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DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
THE STATE OFFICE BUILDING
333 WILLOUGHBY STREET CONFERENCE ROOM A
JUNEAU, AK
BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING MINUTES

April 7-9, 2010

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 conference room A.

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Agenda Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Vice Chairperson, Anchorage
Denise Ekstrom, MS, RN, ANP, Secretary, Anchorage
Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
Agnes Jack, LPN, Kotzebue
Kevin Dougherty, Public Member, Anchorage
Nancy Bienvenue, RN, Fairbanks

Janine McCready, Public Member, Fairbanks was excused.

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

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator

Via teleconferencing:
Rebecca Pauli, ALJ
Ken Weimer, Investigator
Colleen Nelson, Investigator

Agenda

The agenda was adopted as amended.

Introductions

There were 2 new Board members introduced: Kevin Dougherty, JD, public member and Nancy Bienvenue, RN.

Guests present in the room and on the teleconference offered self-introductions. Some of those introduced included:

Pat Reynaga, RN, Providence Alaska Medical Center
Debbie Thompson RN, Executive Director, AaNA
Dory Lukas, Nurse Consultant, Alaska Pioneer Home
Jo-Anne Sullivan, RN, Hope Community Resources
Pat Senner, RN, ANP, Covenant House

Ethics Report

Dr. Nancy Sanders submitted the Ethics Disclosure Form for a grant from NCSBN to attend the NCSBN 2010 Midyear Meeting in Chicago, IL. This was reviewed by Beth Farnstrom, Board Vice Chair and Board's ethics supervisor, and deemed to not be an ethical violation.

Beth Farnstrom submitted the Ethics Disclosure Form for a grant from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Midyear meeting in Chicago, IL. The Ethics Disclosure Form was submitted to Linda Perez, the Vice-Chair's ethics officer.

All other Board members in attendance reported no ethics violations since January 2010.

Election of Officers

By authority of AS 08.68.070, the Board shall annually elect a chairman and secretary from among its members.

For secretary: Beth Farnstrom nominated and Agnes Jack seconded the nomination of Denise Ekstrom, ANP to serve as secretary for the Board of Nursing in 2010-2011. Denise Ekstrom was elected secretary by acclamation.

For chairperson: Thomas Hendrix nominated, and Denise Ekstrom seconded, the nomination of Beth Farnstrom, RN to serve as chairperson for the Board of Nursing in 2010-2011. Beth Farnstrom was elected chairperson by acclimation.

Agenda Item 2 Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the consent agenda.

On a motion duly made by Kevin Dougherty, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and passed unanimously,

RESOLVED the Board adopted the Consent Agenda.

Agenda Item 2B INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Informational items were reviewed and discussed by the Board.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION

Agenda Item 3 A-D Probation Report/Investigative/Litigation Report/Cases from Investigator

Investigator Ken Weimer and Investigator Colleen Nelson joined the Board via teleconference.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, 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 the cases and reports presented by the investigative team.

The Board entered into executive session at 9:42 a.m. Guests left the room, the door was closed, and the tape recorder was turned off.

The Board came out of executive sessions at 10:58 a.m.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:58 a.m.

The Board reconvened after a break at 11:04 a.m.

Rebecca Pauli, ALJ joined the Board via teleconference. Dan Branch, Assistant Attorney General, joined the Board in person.

On a motion duly made by Kevin Dougherty, seconded by Denise Ekstrom, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, enters into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(d) (1) for the purpose of reviewing an administrative law judge decision.

The Board entered into executive session at 11:06 a.m. Executive Administrator Nancy Sanders left the room. Guests left the room, the door was closed, and the tape recorder was turned off.

The Board came out of executive session at 11:53 a.m.

On a motion duly made by Kevin Dougherty, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, 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 the cases and reports presented by the investigative team and paralegal.

The Board went into executive session at 11:55 p.m. Guests left the room, the door was closed, and the tape recorder was turned off.

The Board came out of executive session at 12:15 p.m. and recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened from lunch at 1:15 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, 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 the cases and reports presented by the investigative team and paralegal.

The Board went into executive session at 1:18 p.m. Guests left the room, the door was closed, and the tape recorder was turned off.

The Board came out of executive session at 1:50 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2356-10-007, Deina R. Davis, CNA applicant, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2356-10-003, Jocelyn L. Mendoza, CNA certificate # NUA A 11566, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2352-09-003, Summerbreeze Hutchins, CNA certificate # NUA A 5883, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Agnes Jack, seconded by Denise Ekstrom, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2356-10-002, Lee Sanders, temporary CNA certificate # NUA T 2913, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of

Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2306-09-009, Ashley J. Ingram, CNA certificate # NUA A 10441, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Nancy Bienvenue, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2300-09-024, Warren I. Adams, RN license # NUR R 26163, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Kevin Dougherty, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2350-10-002, Lenora R. Rodgers, temporary RN license # NUR T 8879, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2300-10-008, Debra L. Sanner, RN license # NUR R 18110, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2300-09-022, Mary L. Stancil, RN license # NUR R 29698, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Surrender of LPN license # NUR P 5378, Sherri R. Bowman-Pouncey, Case No. 2302-05-006 by the parties hereby adopted the surrender of license in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2304-10-002, Maureen A. Brown, RN license # NUR R 20269 and ANP authorization # NUR U 645, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Surrender of RN license # NUR R 19714, Patricia M. Morrison, Case No. 2300-10-005 by the parties hereby adopted the surrender of license in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2300-09-021, Eric L. Hall, RN license # NUR R 19592, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2302-10-004, Treva L. Mickeal, RN license # NUR R 20451, adopted

the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing adopted the decision of Board Case No. 2304-08-002, J. Dette Avalon, ANP, OAH No. 08-0636 NUR, as final under the authority of AS 44.64.060(e)(1). Judicial review of this decision may be obtained by filing an appeal in the Alaska Superior Court in accordance with AS 44.62.560 and Alaska R. App. P. 602(a)(2) within 30 days after the date of distribution of this decision.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Voluntary Surrender of RN license # NUR R 25822, Michelle M. Johnson, Case No. 2300-10-004 by the parties hereby adopted the surrender of license in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing has examined the Consent Agreement, Decision and Order under Case No. 2302-09-019, Jacqueline Spitznogle, LPN license # NUR P 5797 and agreed to by the parties. This Board originally adopted the aforementioned agreement and that adoption was subsequently rescinded in order to allow time to review continuing education documentation submitting by the respondent. The continuing education has been approved by the executive administrator and the Board now re-adopts the Consent Agreement, Decision and Order in Case No. 2302-09-019, in the matter of Jacqueline Spitznogle, LPN, respondent.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Alaska Board of Nursing declines the CNA certification for April Higgins, Temporary

**CNA certificate # NUA T 2656, Case No. 2356-10-009
under authority AS 08.068.334(1).**

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2356-10-006, Elise Demello, Temporary CNA certificate # NUA T 3017, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Agnes Jack, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2356-10-005, Giovanni Ortiz, CNA certificate # NUA A 11728, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order as amended on page 2, Case No. 2302-10-005, Kimberly M. Harrington, Temporary LPN license # NUR L 8883, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2350-09-004, Christeen G. Hobbs, RN applicant by endorsement, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2300-10-010, Cynthia J. Premo, RN license # NUR R 8995, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Nancy Bienvenue, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order as amended on page 3 reducing the probation period from 3 years to 1 year, Case No. 2302-10-003, Elecon S. Reformado, RN license # NUR R 30254, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

Beth Farnstrom, RN, Chairperson, signed all original documents related to the investigative and paralegal cases.

Agenda Item 6 Education

Agenda Item 6B Certified Nurse Aide Program evaluation reports

The Board reviewed the report submitted by Cathy Winfree, RN, Certified Nurse Aide program evaluator, regarding her recommendations for Covenant Life College. CNA program. The Board also reviewed the response from the Petersburg CNA program who received a letter of concern related to their annual pass rate. As stated in 12 AAC 44.858(b), Petersburg CNA program had 90 days to respond to the letter of concern by submitting a report to the Board that sets out the programs plan to achieve at least an 80% cumulative pass rate.

On a motion duly made by Denise Ekstrom, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Alaska State Board of Nursing denies the approval of the Covenant Life College CNA program under authority AS 12 AAC 44.840(d).

Dr Sanders will send a letter to the Covenant Life College instructor, Carol Dufendach about the program denial. If they wish

to reapply making the changes that were recommended by Ms. Winfree, the Board will consider the program.

The Board recessed for a break at 2:57 p.m.

The Board reconvened from the break at 3:15 p.m.

Agenda Item 4 Licensure

Agenda Item 4A SB 251 – Nurse Licensure Compact

On a motion duly made by Nancy Bienvenue, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that in accordance to the mission of the Alaska Board of Nursing, which is to actively promote and protect the health of the citizens of Alaska through safe and effective practice of nursing, as defined by law, the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska opposes the joining of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) for the reasons set forth in the February 2010 memorandum from Dr. Nancy Sanders to the Senate HSS Committee.

This will be added to the Advisory Opinion.

Agenda Item 6 Education

Agenda Item 6A Medication Administration Course

Jo-Anne Sullivan, RN and Pat Senner, RN, joined the Board telephonically to present the further documentation requested by the Board at the January 2010 meeting. The Board reviewed the materials.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Nancy Bienvenue, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska under the authority of AS 08.68.100(4) and 12 AAC 44.950-970 approved the standardized Medication Administration Course developed by the Consortium. The Board will need to approve agency specific additions to the core curriculum.

Dr. Nancy Sanders will post the course on the website.

Agenda Item 4 Licensure

Agenda Item 4B LPN/RN Renewal Survey draft

Dr. Sanders presented a draft renewal survey that will be part of the LPN/RN renewals in order to gather workforce information throughout the state. The Board had some questions regarding the survey and asked Dr Sanders to attempt to contact Beth Langdon, a person who worked on the draft, to answer some of the Boards questions.

Agenda Item 2 Information Exchange

Agenda Item 2B5 NCSBN Sexual Misconduct pamphlet

Beth Farnstrom, Chairperson, asked the Board to review and save the Practical Guidelines for Boards of Nursing on sexual misconduct cases by NCSBN. This pamphlet is a good resource for discipline cases involving sexual misconduct.

The Board recessed at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday 4/8/10 at 9:00 a.m. The Board was reminded to arrive at the State Office Building at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow for interviews by the Sunset Auditor, Kelly Ludwig-Johnson.

Thursday, April 8, 2010

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 Ekstrom, MS, RN, ANP, Secretary, Anchorage
Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
Agnes Jack, LPN, Kotzebue
Kevin Dougherty, Public Member, Anchorage
Nancy Bienvenue, RN, Fairbanks

Janine McCready, Public Member, Fairbanks was excused.

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

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator

Review the Agenda

The Board reviewed and approved the agenda with changes.

Introduction of guests

Guests in attendance:

Pat Reynaga, RN, Providence Alaska Medical Center, Anchorage
Debbie Thompson, RN, Executive Director, AaNA, Anchorage
Kelly Ludwig-Johnson, Auditor, Juneau
Patricia Atkinson, SEARHC

Teleconference:

Marsha Scott, SEARHC
Faith Allard, DHSS
Pat Carr
Donna Miller, Administrator, Alicia Roberts Medical Center
Marcia Scott, Administrator, Haines Health Center
Sherri Cox, Director of Nursing, Crossroads
Donna Rufsholm
Faith Allard, DHSS
Pat Carr, DHSS
Dr. Jean Ballantyne, Director UAA School of Nursing.

Public Testimony

Public testimony began at 9:05 a.m. and ended at 9:35 a.m.

Debbie Thompson, RN, Anchorage thanked the Board for their work. She presented the Board with a list of organizations who wish to contribute to the information regarding continued competency. There were a variety of nursing organizations on the list that was presented and given to the Chairperson for her review.

Agenda Item 4

Licensure

Agenda Item 4B

LPN/RN Renewal Survey draft

Dr Sanders reviewed a letter sent by Beth Langdon regarding the value of the survey. The Board reviewed and discussed modifications to the survey. Thomas Hendrix stated he would be willing to compile the Board's suggestions for changes and submit to Dr. Sanders when completed.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:10 a.m.

The Board reconvened from break at 10:25 a.m.

Agenda Item 5 Practice

Agenda Item 5A RN's taking x-rays – expanding RN scope of practice

In person at the meeting were Patricia Atkinson from SEARHC, Sitka, David Vastola, MD, Medical Director from SEARHC, Becky Malone, RN, Haines, and telephonically attending was Sherri Cox, Director of Nursing, Crossroads Medical Center, Glennallen, AK. The request is to expand the RN scope of practice through education regarding plain film x-rays in frontier extended stay clinics in Alaska, 1) the Haines Health Center, Haines, AK, 2) Alicia Roberts Medical Center, Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, 3) Crossroads Medical Center, Glennallen, AK, and the 4) Illuliuk Family & Health Services in Unalaska. Approval of the expansion of the scope of practice for RNs to take limited x-rays is a condition for participation in the frontier extended stay clinic through CMS. As a practical matter, a radiologic technician is not warranted by the number of x-rays to be taken.

Donna Rufsholm stated that she did not support the proposal.

- Questions that were raised included:
 - How would the RN stay current?
 - Would the expansion of scope of practice for the RN overload the nurses by increasing their patient assignment?
 - What about pediatric patients? Would they be included?
 - What about facial and skull x-rays?
 - RNs vs. LPNs?

The Board has the authority under AS 08.68.100 to consider this proposal. The Board requested additional information regarding the course of instruction at the July 2010 meeting before making a decision.

Agenda Item 6 Education

Agenda Item 6C Excelsior College

Laurie Nagelsmith, PhD, RN presented information regarding Excelsior College's competency based pre-licensure program. The program has NLNAC accreditation. Completion of the program varies but is typically around 50%. This information was for Board education only.

Agenda Item 6D Charter College

Dr. Deborah Giedosh, Dr Stephen Giedosh, Wendy Novak joined the Board to request provisional approval for an associate degree RN program through Charter College. After much discussion and through the authority in 12 AAC 44.020(b) and 030 it was decided that Dr. Sanders will send a letter to Dr. Deborah Giedosh outlining additional requirements needed for provisional approval for a nurse education program. Dr. Giedosh was reminded that the cutoff date for submission of materials to the Board for the July 2010 meeting was June 30, 2010. The Board notes that Charter College has met 12 AAC 44.040.

The Board recessed for a break at 3:09 p.m.

The Board reconvened from a break at 3:25 p.m.

Agenda Item 5 Practice

Agenda Item 5A RNs taking x-rays

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Nancy Bienvenue and carried unanimously, it was determined it is beyond the scope of practice for an ANP, RN, LPN, or CNA to perform x-ray and radiological procedures.

The Board recessed at 4:55 p.m. until Friday, April 9, 2010.

Friday, April 9, 2010

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 Ekstrom, MS, RN, ANP, Secretary, Anchorage
Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage
Agnes Jack, LPN, Kotzebue
Kevin Dougherty, LD, Anchorage
Nancy Bienvenue, RN, Fairbanks

Janine McCready, Public Member, Fairbanks was excused.

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

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator
Lynne Smith, Director
Jenny Strickler, Chief Operations Manager
Cathy Mason, Administrator Officer
Kelly Ludwig-Johnson, Sunset Auditor

Review the Agenda

The Board reviewed and approved the agenda with changes.

Introduction of guests

Guests in attendance:

Pat Reynaga, RN, Providence Alaska Medical Center, Anchorage
Debbie Thompson, RN, Executive Director, AaNA, Anchorage

Public Testimony

Public testimony began at 9:05 a.m. and ended at 9:35 a.m.

Debbie Thompson, RN from AaNA thanked the Board for our service.

Governance

Beth Farnstrom, Chairperson, addressed the Board requesting individuals to voluntarily serve the Board by doing the following:

- Completing the TERCAP forms to be sent to NCSBN
- Attend the monthly Nurse Alert System meetings.
- Keeping the discipline database current after each Board meeting

- Keeping the Advisory Opinion database current after each Board meeting.

Beth Farnstrom, Chair, also asked for those who would be interested in attending the NCSBN annual meeting/delegate assembly in Portland in August.

Board members were reminded to direct outside questions and phone calls to the Executive Administrator, Dr Nancy Sanders. The Board speaks as one voice when decisions are made at Board meetings regardless of what one's personal vote may have been during the meeting.

Discipline

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Denise Ekstrom, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska will keep the discipline database on the Board of Nursing website indefinitely.

Agenda Item 7 Governance

Agenda Item 7C October Board meeting date

The AFN Convention will be meeting in Fairbanks, AK the same week the Board is scheduled to meet. Because of availability hotel rooms, vans to rent, busy eating establishments, the Board decided to change the October meeting to October 27-29, 2010 in Fairbanks, AK.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:04 a.m.

The Board reconvened from break at 10:20 a.m.

Agenda Item 5 Practice

Agenda Item 5D Regulation work session

The Board reviewed and discussed draft revisions in regulations.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

The Board reconvened from lunch at 1:45 p.m.

Agenda Item 7

Organization

Jenny Strickler, the Chief Operations Manager and Director Lynne Smith joined the Board. Ms Strickler announced that new Board member, Kevin Dougherty, was confirmed in the Legislature today. Nancy Bienvenue, RN, was not confirmed in the Legislature. Governor Parnell will need to appoint a new RN member. Ms Strickler stated that all work that was done at the Board meeting up to this point would remain official since the votes were unanimous.

On a motion duly made by Kevin Dougherty, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approved the appointment of Nancy Bienvenue, RN, to the Board of Nursing since she is fully qualified as a registered nurse and offered professional support to the Board.

Agenda Item 7A

Budget report and review

Cathy Mason joined the Board to review the budget. The fee analysis for LPN's, RN's, and ANP's was presented and reviewed. Cathy Mason recommended reducing the LPN/RN fee from \$215.00 to \$175.00 and the ANP fee from \$75.00 to \$60.00.

The Board supports the suggested fees of RN and LPN fees of \$175 and the ANP fee of \$60.

Agenda Item 7B

Information Exchange and Issues Update

Director Lynne Smith and Chief Operations Manager Jenny Strickler were present to discuss questions by the Board.

1. Paperless meetings. A discussion took place with the conclusion that this is not feasible at this time.
2. If the Board would like a second contractor to assist Cathy Winfree with the CNA program, submit the request to Ms Strickler. Director Smith stated that a new investigator was hired in Juneau. The Department is still recruiting for an investigator in Anchorage.
3. The Board is requesting support for Board members to attend the meetings offered by NCSBN as they are very informative and assist with networking nationwide. Director Smith stated that there has been a 10% reduction in travel so there will be no

guarantee for approved funding. The Division does support the need for attendance at the NCSBN meetings.

4. What can the Board do for public relations? The Board would like to present a more positive image to nurses and public. Ms Strickler stated that the website and list serve can be used for this purpose.
5. The Board again requested to have addresses removed on the professional license information that is posted on the web. Ms Strickler will consider submitting a change to have just the city listed on the website.
6. Can the web verification for licensing be considered a primary source? Ms Strickler reports that since there is a delay in posting the discipline after meetings, verification on the web would not be “real time” so this is why the website is not a primary source. Dr. Sanders mentioned that there is a time delay with the system as it stands currently since the discipline is delayed through paper communication as well.
7. Ms Strickler was asking for clarification on the paperless licensing. The Board would not print and mail licenses any longer. Ms Strickler wondered if the receipt page were set up to look similar to the license, would this be acceptable to the Board. The Board thought this would be acceptable.
8. The Board requested an RN position that would be dedicated to the CNA program. Ms Strickler stated this request would need to be made in the FY2012 budget.

The Board recessed for break at 3:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened from break at 3:29 p.m.

Agenda Item 7 Organization

On a motion duly made by Agnes Jack, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska is requesting a full time RN position to administer the CNA program to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations.

Agenda Item 5A Practice

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska rescind the Advisory Opinion passed on 4/8/2010 regarding the nurses' expansion of their scope of practice to include x-rays.

On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Denise Ekstrom, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska , has determined it is beyond the scope of practice for an ANP, RN, LPN, or CNA to perform x-rays and radiological procedures involving the use of contrast media, use of fluoroscopic equipment, mammography, tomography, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), bone densitometry using ionizing radiation, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, or computed tomography imaging (CT scan).

Agenda Item 8A-C Governance

- A. Strategic plan will be updated.
- B. Board meeting evaluation was completed.
- C. Task list was discussed. This will be completed by the Chair and emailed to Board members.

The Board of Nursing was adjourned at 4:57 p.m. to reconvene July 21, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in Anchorage, AK.

The Board reconvened at 4:58 p.m.

Agenda Item 8A-C Governance

Board members completed the evaluation tool for Executive Administrator Nancy Sanders. The results will be sent to Jenny Strickler.

The Board of Nursing was adjourned at 5:07 p.m. until July 21, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in Anchorage, AK.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Sanders, Executive Administrator
Board of Nursing

Approved:

Beth Farnstrom, Chair
Board of Nursing

Date
