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BOARD OF NURSING
RETREAT MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2008

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the professions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a retreat of the Board of Nursing was held in the Natural Resources and Information Office, 3700 Airport Way, Large Conference Room, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

The Board convened at 12 noon.

The Board met in informal session to consider the mission, vision, values, guiding principles and strategic plan for its work. Prior to doing this, the Board spent several hours discussing our vision of nursing in the next 5 – 10 years.

The Board anticipates:

- Technology will increase complexity of nursing care and will be utilized in education.
- Critical thinking requires education.
- Nursing must define tasks vs. nursing care
- Licensed Practical Nurses may not survive
- Nurses want to return to 8 hours shifts
- Online nursing programs will challenge regulatory bodies identify ways to ensure clinical competence

The Board identified the “Ideal Future”:

- Portability of nursing licenses with national CBCs
- Qualified faculty with minimum of masters degrees
- Simulation labs for clinical education
- Qualified students with preparation in reading, math, chemistry, who are motivated and have a grasp of ethics
- Students would be educated in Alaska with cultural awareness, clinical standards and critical thinking skills
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurses would be the primary care providers with MDs being specialists, primarily found in hospitals.

- DNP may or may not become the level of entry for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.
- Prevention will be key feature of healthcare
- Continued competency requirements need to be raised

The Board spent several hours reviewing a draft mission, vision, values, guiding principles and strategic plan.

No decisions were made at this Retreat. All work products will be reviewed and adopted in open session of the regular Board of Nursing meeting.

The Board Retreat adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator

Approved by:

Cathy Giessel, ANP, Chairperson

Date: _____