

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
ATWOOD BUILDING
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BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2011

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 Atwood Building conference room 1860.

Thursday, Nov 10, 2011

Agenda Item 1 CALL TO ORDER

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

- Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, Anchorage
- Erin Pringle, MS, RN, Secretary, Anchorage
- Denise Valentine, MS, RN, ANP, Anchorage
- Kevin Dougherty, Public Member, Anchorage
- Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage, via audio conference
- Julie Gillette, Public Member, Wasilla via telephone conference
- LaVern Valdez, LPN, Fairbanks, via audio conference

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

- Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator
- Don Habeger, Director

Agenda Item 8A ORGANIZATION

The Board had a discussion with Division Director Don Habeger.

Agenda Item 8A1 Sunset Legislation

The Director stated Senator Mike Hawker would be introducing the Sunset Bill. No problems with passage of the Bill is anticipated.

Agenda Item 8A2 Budget

The Board expressed concern about increases in indirect costs and contractual expenses. The Board would like more involvement & better information on the budget. The Director stated it is the goal of the Division to provide more detailed reports to all Boards. The legislative audit identified that 15.9% of costs were to be redirected to business licensing and corporations. Director Habeger said other boards saw a decrease but that was not apparent on the budget report for the BON. Director Habeger suggested that hopefully the BON will see an adjustment next quarter. The Director was complimentary to the Board's adherence to the budgeted travel expenses.

Agenda Item 8A3 CNA Fee analysis/Renewals

The Director stated the Division is still in the process of gathering data for the fee analysis. Since the Board does not meet until January 18, 2012, the Board expressed concern about the 30 day public notice and the delay of the beginning renewal period on February 1st.

Agenda Item 8A4 Board Support for legislation

The Director stated the Board may endorse legislation at the discretion of the Board provided Division letterhead is not utilized. A short discussion indentified the Board does not want to become political. Board members are able to voice support for themselves on issues. If an issue is good for the nursing profession, a resolution could be written.

Agenda Item 8A5 Retired Nurse Status

The Board will explore the 'Retired Nurse Status'. Nancy Sanders will follow up with Vern Jones with Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors who have a retired status.

Agenda Item 8A6 Board Liability for decisions

Board members are protected from lawsuits provided they are acting in the best interests of the Board. Board members are seen as state employees in their capacity as Board members. The Department of Law will defend the Board member as long as gross negligence is not involved. The Director will send a "thumb nail" report to Dr. Sanders with more details.

Agenda Item 8A7 Status of nurses working in Native Health facilities

No decision has been made on this matter.

Agenda Item 8A8 FBI compliance with CBC results

Dr. Sanders will consult with Gordon Brown, who is in charge of state records.

Agenda Item 3 ADJUDICATION

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Erin Pringle, 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 3:31 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 3:43 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Denise Valentine, seconded by Erin Pringle, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having received Exhibit 1 to this Order consisting of a notice of a finding under AS 47.05.055 by an agency that Ana Christina Kennedy holding Certificate Number NUA-A-10472, has committed patient abuse, hereby provides notice that the certification as a nurse aide previously issued to Ana Christina Kennedy by the Board is immediately revoked without a hearing pursuant to AS 08.68.333 (c) and (f). The Board further orders that the finding and this revocation shall be entered into the registry of certified nurse aides maintained by the Executive Administrator for the Board.

On a motion duly made by Erin Pringle, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having received Exhibit 1 to this Order consisting of a notice of

a finding under AS 47.05.055 by an agency that Kathleen V. Verschueren holding Certificate Number NUA-A-713, has committed patient abuse, hereby provides notice that the certification as a nurse aide previously issued to Kathleen V. Verschueren by the Board is immediately revoked without a hearing pursuant to AS 08.68.333 (c) and (f). The Board further orders that the finding and this revocation shall be entered into the registry of certified nurse aides maintained by the Executive Administrator for the Board.

On a motion duly made by Kevin Dougherty, seconded by Erin Pringle, and carried unanimously, it was

RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Surrender of certificate #NUA T 3398, Leslie R. Pridgen, Case # 2011-001005, by the parties hereby adopts the permanent surrender of certificate # NUA T 3398 in this matter.

Board chair signed all originals.

The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska adjourned at 3:46 p.m. until January 18, 2012 in Anchorage Alaska.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN
Executive Administrator

Approved by:

Beth Farnstrom, BS, RN
Chair, Board of Nursing

Date