

SC DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 29, 2007

President Suzanne White called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2007 at 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC. The meeting notice was properly posted at the Board offices and provided to requesting persons, organizations and news media in accordance with the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times. The Board’s mission was read: *The mission of the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina is the protection of public health, safety, and welfare by assuring safe and competent practice of nursing.*

CALL TO ORDER
PLACE OF
MEETING
AND FOIA
COMPLIANCE

Suzanne K. White, RN, MN, FAAN, FAHA, FCCM, CNAA, President
Congressional District 4..... Present

Brenda Y. Martin, RNC, MN, CNAA, Vice-President
Congressional District 5.....Absent

C. Lynn Lewis, RN, EdD, MHS, Secretary
Congressional District 3..... Present

Debra J. Doria, LPN
Region II, Congressional District 4..... Present

Carrie H. James, RN, MSN, CNA-BC, CCE
Congressional District 6..... Present

Mattie S. Jenkins, LPN
Region I, Congressional District 1..... Present

Rose Kearney-Nunnery, RN, PhD, CNE
Congressional District 2..... Present

Trey Pennington, MBA, MS
Public Member..... Present – In at 11:00 a.m.

Sylvia A. Whiting, PhD, APRN-BC
Congressional District 1..... Present

One Public Member Vacancy

BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT AND
VOTING

Joan K. Bainer, RN, MN, CNA BC, Board Administrator
David Christian, III, Program Coordinator – Licensure / Compliance
Maggie S. Johnson, RN, MSN, Program Nurse Consultant-Practice
Nancy G. Murphy, RN, MSN, Program Nurse Consultant-Education
Dottie M. Buchanan, Administrative Assistant
Judy C. Moore, Administrative Specialist
Theresa Richardson, Administrative Assistant
Lynne W. Rogers, General Counsel
Richard P. Wilson, Deputy General Counsel
Dwight G. Hayes, Litigation Counsel
H. Rion Alvey, Assistant Deputy Director - Office of Investigations & Enforcement
Shirley Robinson, Hearing Counsel

BOARD AND LLR
STAFF MEMBERS
PRESENT FOR
CERTAIN AGENDA
ITEMS

The March 29, 2007 Board of Nursing meeting agenda was presented to the Board for review and approval.

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the March 29, 2007 meeting agenda as presented. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

The following items were adopted on the consent agenda:

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT AGENDA

- For Information: Pre-Condition Language for Agreements and Orders
- For Information: Health Affairs Article
- For Information: CGFNS - Visa Screen News Release
- For Information: NCSBN News Release – Collaborative Scope of Practice Document
- For Information: NCSBN and ANA - Joint Statement on Nursing Delegation
- For Information: NCSBN APRN Summit
- For Information: Legislation
- For Information: NCSBN Proposed Bylaw Revisions
- For Information: NCLEX RN and PN Summary Statistics for 2006
- For Information: Schools with Deficient NCLEX Pass Rate for Test Year 2006
- For Information: Spartanburg Comm. College -Practical Nursing Program Vol. Closing
- For Information: Denmark Tech. College - Establishing PN Program Proposal
- For Information: Contact Hour Equivalencies
- For Information: Legal Aspects Workshop Evaluation – Buchanan
- For Information: February 2, 2007 Advanced Practice Committee Meeting Minutes
- For Information: December 14, 2006 Nursing Practice & Standards Committee Minutes
- For Information: February 15, 2007 Nursing Practice & Standards Committee Minutes
- For Information: Masters Level NNP Online Program from University of Alabama
- For Information: Changes in Healthcare Prof. Scope of Practice –Leg. Considerations
- For Approval: Pharmacology Courses
- For Approval: CSF Sampling from Proximal Port of Extraventricular Drainage System
- For Approval: Removal/Replacement of Moss Dual Port Gastronomy Tube
- For Information: Investigation Statistics –Buchanan
- For Approval: Full Evidentiary Panel Member
- For Information: Statistics – Disher
- For Information: Applications Approved by Prog. Coordinator & Administrator – Christian
- For Information: Update / Status on Monitoring – Christian

A motion was made to adopt the Consent Agenda with the removal of the October 17, 2006 Advisory Committee on Nursing Minutes, Community Health Representative-Nursing Practice and Standards Committee, Certified Nurse Midwife Representatives-Advanced Practice Committee and Written Protocol and Guideline Suggestions. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

The January 25-26, 2007 Board of Nursing Meeting Minutes were presented to the Board for review and approval.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the January 25-26, 2007 Board of Nursing Meeting Minutes with one editorial correction. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously

MOTION

The Board was provided with the March 12, 2007 Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Meeting Minutes and recommendations for review and approval.

IRC MEETING
MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the March 12, 2007 Investigative Review Committee recommendations for Dismissals as presented. The motion received a second. The motion

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carried unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the March 12, 2007 Investigative Review Committee recommendations for Formal Complaint as presented. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made to approve the March 12, 2007 Investigative Review Committee recommendations for Letters of Concern as presented. The motion received a second. The motion carried with four affirmative votes and two nay votes.

MOTION

The Board was provided with the February 8, 2007 Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC) Minutes for review and approval.

DRC MEETING
MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the February 8, 2007 Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC) minutes as presented. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

The Board reviewed cases as well as the Hearing Panel's findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendations for disciplinary actions. Memoranda of agreement regarding violation of previous orders were also presented for review and determination of sanctions. Respondents appeared before the Board to answer to questions regarding their Memorandum of Agreement.

PANEL REPORTS
AND MEMORANDA
OF AGREEMENT

Respondent Victor G. Basily, RN, was properly notified but did not appear before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. A Recovering Professional Program (RPP) representative was present to respond to questions from the Board. On July 27, 2006, the Board reviewed a memorandum of agreement signed by the Respondent and ordered that Respondent's registered nurse license to remain suspended from the initial suspension for one year until March 2007, that he appear before the Board in March 2007 and complete a Legal Aspects of Nursing Workshop. The suspension will continue until Respondent petitions and appears before the Board.

Respondent Gwendolyn R. L. Faulling, RN, was properly notified and appeared before the Board without legal counsel. A Recovering Professional Program (RPP) representative was present to respond to questions from the Board. On July 27, 2006, the Board reviewed a memorandum of agreement signed by the Respondent and ordered that Respondent's registered nurse license to remain suspended from the initial suspension for one year until March 2007, that she appear before the Board in March 2007 and complete a Legal Aspects of Nursing Workshop.

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A motion was made to reinstate Respondent Gwendolyn R. L. Faulling's registered nurse license, that the license be placed on one year probation, in a board approved work setting with no home health or agency employment, a narcotics restriction, quarterly reports, continue in the Recovering Professionals Program and on site / on shift registered nurse supervision. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Respondent William E. Jordan, RN, was properly notified but did not appear before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. On July 27, 2006, the Board reviewed a memorandum of agreement signed by the Respondent and ordered that Respondent's registered nurse license remain suspended from the initial suspension for one year until March 2007, participate fully in the South Carolina Recovering Professionals Program (RPP), that he appear before the Board in March 2007 and complete a Legal Aspects of Nursing Workshop,

if documentation is received that this workshop has been completed in the past six months this will be considered completed. The suspension will continue until Respondent petitions and appears before the Board.

Respondent Kelly D. Stone, RN was properly notified and appeared before the Board without legal counsel. A representative from the Recovering Professional Program (RPP) was present to respond to Board questions. Respondent signed a memorandum of agreement admitting to a violation of the Nurse Practice Act and waiving a disciplinary panel hearing.

MOTION

A motion was made to place Respondent Kelly D. Stone's registered nurse license on one year probation with narcotics restriction during that year, no agency or travel, no home health, quarterly reports, biannual reports from mental health professional, participation in RPP with possibility of discharge after reevaluation in one year. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Respondent Chelcea N. Moore, LPN was properly notified and appeared before the Board without legal counsel. A Recovering Professional Program (RPP) representative was also present to respond to questions from the Board. Respondent signed a memorandum of agreement admitting to a violation of the Nurse Practice Act and waiving a disciplinary panel hearing.

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A motion was made to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made to return to public session. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to continue the suspension of Chelcea N. Moore's licensed practical nurse license for an additional 6 months beginning March 29, 2007, continue in the Recovering Professional Program (RPP) with documented compliance, license maybe reinstated after documented compliance and recommendation of the Recovering Professional Program (RPP), upon reinstatement the license will be placed on probation for one year, with Board approved work setting with no home health or agency and on-site/on-shift registered nurse supervision, quarterly employer reports for at least one year, and completion of a Legal Aspects Workshop. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Respondent Jennifer E. Bouckhuyt, RN was properly notified and appeared before the Board without legal counsel. A Recovering Professional Program (RPP) representative was present to respond to questions from the Board. Respondent signed a memorandum of agreement admitting to a violation of the Nurse Practice Act and waiving a disciplinary panel hearing.

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A motion was made to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made to return to public session. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to indefinitely suspend Jennifer E. Bouckhuyt, RN's privilege to practice nursing in South Carolina with the stipulation that Respondent may petition to reinstate upon Recovering Professional Program (RPP) recommendation. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Respondent Kelly Marie Floyd, RN was properly notified. A continuance was requested in this matter.

Respondent Kelly L. Hill, LPN, was properly notified but did not appear before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. A Recovering Professional Program (RPP) representative was present to respond to questions from the Board. The panel hearing in this case was held on December 5, 2006. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Disciplinary Hearing Panel found that Respondent violated S.C. Code Ann. §40-33-110(A)(10), 1976, as amended. The Disciplinary Hearing Panel recommended that Respondent Kelly L. Hill's license be indefinitely suspended with the possibility of a stay after Respondent provides documentation from the South Carolina Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) affirming that Respondent is an active participant and is able to return to active practice, that upon reinstatement of Respondent's license be placed on two years probation and until further order of the Board, that Respondent participate in the RPP, with registered nurse on site / on shift supervision, no home health, locum tenens, traveling or per diem agency, quarterly employer reports, and that in accordance with the Nurse Licensure Compact, Respondent shall not practice nursing in any party-state without prior written approval from both boards of nursing.

MOTION

A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation that Respondent Kelly L. Hill's licensed practical nurse (LPN) license be indefinitely suspended with the possibility of a stay after Respondent provides documentation from the South Carolina Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) affirming that Respondent is an active participant and is able to return to active practice, that upon reinstatement of Respondent's license be placed on two years probation and until further order of the Board, that Respondent participate in the RPP, with registered nurse on site / on shift supervision, no home health, locum tenens, traveling or per diem agency, quarterly employer reports, and that in accordance with the Nurse Licensure Compact, Respondent shall not practice nursing in any party-state without prior written approval from both boards of nursing and that Respondent to complete a course in ethics. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Respondent Susan D. Robinson, LPN, was properly notified but did not appear before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The panel hearing in this case was held on December 5, 2006. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Disciplinary Hearing Panel found that Respondent violated S.C. Code Ann. §40-33-110(A)(7), 1976, as amended. The Disciplinary Hearing Panel recommended that the suspension of Respondent Susan D. Robinson's license may be stayed upon Respondent providing documentation that she completed the Legal Aspects of Nursing Workshop as previously ordered.

MOTION

A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and that the suspension of Respondent Susan D. Robinson's licensed practical nurse license continue, that prior to reinstatement of her license, Respondent must provide documentation that she completed the Legal Aspects of Nursing Workshop as previously ordered, pay a civil penalty of \$500 and be required to appear before the Board. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Respondent Aimee K. Rawlinson, LPN, was properly notified but did not appear before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. A Recovering Professional Program (RPP) representative was present to respond to questions from the Board. The panel hearing in this case was held on December 5, 2006. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the

Disciplinary Hearing Panel found that Respondent violated S.C. Code Ann. §§40-33-110(A)(10) and (13), 1976, as amended. The Disciplinary Hearing Panel recommended that Respondent Aimee K. Rawlinson's licensed practice (LPN) nurse license be indefinitely suspended, however the Board may consider a stay of suspension after Respondent has re-enrolled in the South Carolina Recovering Professionals Program (RPP), established a period of compliance and that Respondent personally appear before the Board prior to the suspension being stayed and the license reinstated for the Board to make a determination as to what appropriate conditions should be placed upon Respondent's license.

MOTION

A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation that Respondent Aimee K. Rawlinson's licensed practice nurse license be indefinitely suspended with the possibility of a stay of suspension after Respondent has re-enrolled in the South Carolina Recovering Professionals Program (RPP), established a period of compliance of not less than six months, that Respondent personally appear before the Board prior to the suspension being stayed and the license reinstated for the Board to make a determination as to what appropriate conditions should be placed upon Respondent's license. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Respondent Wendy K. Littlejohn, LPN, was properly notified and appeared before the Board without legal counsel. A Recovering Professional Program (RPP) representative was present to respond to questions from the Board. The panel hearing in this case was held on January 9, 2007. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Disciplinary Hearing Panel found that Respondent violated S.C. Code Ann. §40-33-110(A)(7), 1976, as amended. The Disciplinary Hearing Panel recommended that Respondent Wendy K. Littlejohn's licensed practical nurse license remain indefinitely suspended with a provision for a stay upon Respondent signing a contract with the South Carolina Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) and evidence that she has enrolled in outpatient treatment, upon reinstatement the Respondent's license be placed on two year probation requiring participation in RPP, with registered nurse on site / on shift supervision, no home health, locum tenens, traveling or per diem agency, quarterly employer reports, and that in accordance with the Nurse Licensure Compact, Respondent shall not practice nursing in any party-state without prior written approval from both boards of nursing

MOTION

A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation that Respondent Wendy K. Littlejohn's licensed practice nurse license remain indefinitely suspended with a provision for a stay upon Respondent signing a contract with South Carolina Recovering Professionals Program, that with at least six months of documented compliance and evidence that she has enrolled in outpatient treatment she may petition for reinstatement, upon reinstatement the Respondent's license be placed on two year probation requiring participation in RPP, with registered nurse on site / on shift supervision, no home health, locum tenens, traveling or per diem agency, quarterly employer reports, and that in accordance with the Nurse Licensure Compact, Respondent shall not practice nursing in any party-state without prior written approval from both boards of nursing, . The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Respondent Janice A. Fennel, RN was properly notified. A representative from the Recovering Professional Program (RPP) was present to respond to Board questions. Ms. Fennel verbally requested that her case be continued to the May 2007 meeting.

A motion was made to grant a continuance on the case of Janice A. Fennel, RN to the May 2007 Board of Nursing meeting. The motion received a second. The motion carried

unanimously.

Respondent Michelle Denise Beauchaine, LPN, was properly notified and appeared before the Board without legal counsel. The panel hearing in this case was held on January 9, 2007. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Disciplinary Hearing Panel found that Respondent violated S.C. Code Ann. §§40-33-110(A)(1), (A)(14) and (15) 1976, as amended.

MOTION

The Disciplinary Hearing Panel recommended that Respondent Michelle Denise Beauchaine's licensed practice nurse (LPN) license be indefinitely suspended, that Respondent may request a stay after she has made contact with the South Carolina Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) and submits to a chemical dependency/substance abuse evaluation, and that following the evaluation, Respondent must appear before the Board for a determination as to what terms and conditions, if any, will be required for reinstatement.

A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation that Respondent Michelle Denise Beauchaine's licensed practice nurse (LPN) license be indefinitely suspended, that Respondent may request a stay after she has made contact with the South Carolina Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) and submits to a chemical dependency/substance abuse evaluation, and that following the evaluation, Respondent must appear before the Board for a determination as to what terms and conditions, if any, will be required for reinstatement. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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Respondent Lisa M. Arnette, RN was properly notified and appeared before the Board without legal counsel. A Recovering Professional Program (RPP) representative was present to respond to questions from the Board. Ms. Arnette signed a memorandum of agreement admitting to violation of the Nurse Practice Act and waiving a disciplinary panel hearing.

MOTION

A motion was made to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to return to public session. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to indefinitely suspend Respondent Lisa M. Arnette's registered nurse license pending a mental health evaluation, that she reenroll and comply with the Recovering Professional Program, that the Recovering Professional Program consider out-patient treatment in light of family responsibilities, and that the Respondent may appear before the Board in six months. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Respondent Ailene L. Bowser, RN was properly notified and appeared before the Board without legal counsel. Ms. Bowser signed a memorandum of agreement admitting to violation of the Nurse Practice Act and waiving a disciplinary panel hearing.

A motion was made to require Respondent Ailene L. Bowser, RN to complete the Legal Aspects Workshop, Medication Course and pay a \$500 civil penalty no later than June 30, 2007. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Respondent Elizabeth Elaine Gresh, RN did not sign for the notice of hearing within thirty days of the hearing. She will be served for the May 2007 hearings. A representative from the Recovering Professional Program (RPP) was present to respond to questions from the Board. Ms. Gresh signed a memorandum of agreement admitting to violation of the Nurse Practice

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Act and waiving a disciplinary panel hearing.

Respondent Brenda K. Carman, RN was properly notified and appeared before the Board without legal counsel. A representative from the Recovering Professional Program (RPP) was present to respond to questions from the Board. Ms. Carman signed a memorandum of agreement admitting to violation of the Nurse Practice Act and waiving a disciplinary panel hearing.

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A motion was made to impose all requirements contained in the October 21, 2005 Consent Agreement signed by Brenda K. Carman, RN. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Respondent Tee J. Nettles, RN was properly notified and appeared before the Board without legal counsel. A representative from the Recovering Professional Program (RPP) was present to respond to questions from the Board. Ms. Nettles signed a memorandum of agreement admitting to violation of the Nurse Practice Act and waiving a disciplinary panel hearing.

A motion was made to suspend Respondent Tee J. Nettles' registered nurse license, that she undergo a Recovering Professional Program evaluation, if return to practice is recommended by the Recovering Professional Program (RPP), suspension may be stayed, with one year probation, Board approved work setting with no home health or agency and on-site/on-shift registered nurse supervision, Respondent shall provide a copy of the order to her employer(s), quarterly employer reports for at least one year, with narcotics restriction for one year and completion of a Legal Aspects Workshop. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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Respondent Kevin G. Staley, LPN was properly notified and appeared before the Board without legal counsel. Mr. Staley signed a memorandum of agreement admitting to violation of a previous order and waiving a disciplinary panel hearing.

A motion was made to continue the suspension of Kevin G. Staley's licensed practice nurse (LPN) license, that upon payment of civil penalty of \$100 for unlicensed practice and completion of a Board approved ethics course his license may be reinstated. The motion received a second. The motion carried with one nay and one abstention.

MOTION

Respondent Marlene F. Hickman, RN was properly notified and appeared before the Board without legal counsel. Ms. White recused herself due to prior employment of Respondent. A representative from the Recovering Professional Program (RPP) was present to respond to questions from the Board. Ms. Hickman signed a memorandum of agreement admitting to violation of the Nurse Practice Act and waiving a disciplinary panel hearing.

A motion was made to reinstate Marlene F. Hickman's registered nurse license based upon the recommendation of the Recovering Professional Program (RPP), with one year probation, Board approved work setting with no home health or agency and on-site/on-shift registered nurse supervision, Respondent shall provide a copy of the order to her employer(s), quarterly employer reports for at least one year, with narcotics restriction for one year. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Sharon C. Clyburn, RN, MN, Coordinator of the Practical Nursing Program at Applied Technology Education Campus appeared before the Board to discuss continued approval of their practical nursing program as well as the Site Survey conducted by Dr. Bernice Kennedy

APPLIED
TECHNOLOGY
EDUCATION

on December 4, 2006. Both recommendations in the site survey report have been addressed.

CAMPUS

A motion was made to grant approval of the Applied Technology Education Campus Practical Nursing Program for five years. The motion received a second. The motion passed unanimously.

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Sharon A. Stafford, RN, MSN, Associate Dean of Nursing at Florence Darlington Technical College appeared before the Board to discuss the continued approval of the practical nurse program and the Site Survey conducted by Nancy Murphy on February 27, 2007. Ms. Stafford reported that Florence Darlington Technical College will no longer be offering a practical nurse exit in the associate degree program.

FLORENCE
DARLINGTON
TECHNICAL
COLLEGE

A motion was made to grant approval of the Florence Darlington Technical College Practical Nursing Program for five years. The motion received a second. The motion passed unanimously.

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Dr. James C. Williamson, President, Sandra Barbour, Vice President for Instruction, Diane Winburn-Dyches, Dean, Arts and Science and Anita T. Crawford, RN Instructor of the Northeastern Technical College Associate Degree Nursing Program appeared before the Board to discuss approval of their program and the Site Survey that was conducted by Dr. Bernice Kennedy on January 16, 2007. The Board discussed the survey findings and recommendations as well as the materials submitted. At their February 20, 2007 meeting, the Advisory Committee on Nursing recommended approval of the program with the stipulations.

NORTHEASTERN
TECHNICAL
COLLEGE ADN
PROGRAM

A motion was made to grant initial approval status for the Northeastern Technical College Associate Degree Nursing Program with the following recommendations: 1) review the math requirement and consider transferable options, 2) review the lecture/ lab hours/ ratios to allow for sufficient application time and 3) continue to revise the curriculum syllabi clarifying the progression of objectives, demonstrating increasing complexity as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Nursing at its February 20, 2007 meeting. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Dr. James C. Williamson, President, Sandra Barbour, Vice President for Instruction, Diane Winburn-Dyches, Dean, Arts and Science and Anita T. Crawford, RN Instructor of the Northeastern Technical College Practical Nursing Program appeared before the Board to discuss approval of the program and the Site Survey conducted on November 8, 2006 by a survey team selected by the Advisory Committee on Nursing. The Board discussed the survey findings and recommendations as well as the materials submitted.

NORTHEASTERN
TECHNICAL
COLLEGE PN
PROGRAM

A motion was made to grant continued approval of the Northeastern Technical College Practical Nursing Program for four years. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Dr. Stephanie Burgess, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON) appeared before the Board to discuss their Bylaws. On Item #2 under Purpose of the Bylaws, ACON recommend adding “to the Board” after “making recommendations” replacing “articulation and cost-effectiveness” with “allocation and impact on resources”. Discussion at the ACON meeting included fair trade and support by clinical facilities. Mr. Wilson provided ACON with an opinion prior to their recommendation.

ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON
NURSING BYLAWS

A motion was made to approve the recommended change on Item #2 under Purpose of the

MOTION

Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON) Bylaws, to add “to the Board” after “making recommendations” replacing “articulation and cost-effectiveness” with “allocation and impact on resources”. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Muriel Horton, Dean of Nursing and Cathy Schleicher, Instructor of Trident Technical College appeared before the Board to request approval to offer a clinical skills application class in Kenya. Ms. Horton reported that National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) does not consider this a substantive change. The Nursing Council of Kenya and the Medicine and Dental Board of Kenya sanction the facility. Ms. Horton feels that this will be a great opportunity to expose students to another culture. Students would be performing the same tasks as students taking the course in the normal setting during the summer. There will be an affiliation agreement with Sister Freda founder of Sister Freda’s Cottage Hospital. Cathy will be going on another mission trip in May and will be able to see the setting. Library materials would be available on a personal digital assistant (PDA). The Board reviewed requirements in Regulations 91-29 and 30, which includes affiliating agencies being licensed by the appropriate legal, designated state authorities.

TRIDENT
TECHNICAL
COLLEGE-
CLINICAL COURSE
IN AFRICA

A motion was made to approve Trident Technical College’s request to offer a clinical skills application class in Kenya. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

The Board’s strategic planning retreat will be held on April 19, 2007 in the Fire Marshal’s conference room. Items discussed to place on the agenda in addition to criminal background checks, absolute barriers, and National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Strategic Initiatives from the Mid-Year Meeting included usual sanctions, unlicensed practice policy, and a presentation from Visual Research on Sanction Reference Points (SRP).

REVIEW OF
RETREAT AGENDA

The Board reviewed the following nominations for representatives for Urban Hospital, Continuing Education, Educator at Large and Practical Nurse Educator submitted by the Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON). The Board commented on the strength of the nominees. For Continuing Education, Dianne E. Jacobs and Donna Jean W. Phillips were nominated. Janet Fuller was nominated and Marilyn Brady was nominated for reappointment for the Educator at Large position. For Practical Nurse Educator, Jeanne Gue’ was nominated and for Urban Hospital, Catherine Gegaris was nominated. The following designees for the nursing organizations were provided to the Board as information: Gwendolyn J. Davis for the SC Nurses Association and Karen L. Carroll for the SC Organization of Nurse Executives.

ACON
NOMINATIONS

A motion was made to appoint Catherine Gegaris as Urban Hospital Representative on Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON). The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made to appoint Jeanne Gue’ as Practical Nurse Education representative on Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON). The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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Dr. Lewis recused herself on the vote on Educator at Large due to employment of one of the candidates.

A motion was made to reappoint Marilyn Brady as Educator at Large on Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON). The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

A motion was made to appoint Dianne Jacobs for Continuing Education Representative on

Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON). The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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The Board asked that letters be sent to the nominees not selected encouraging to apply for other committee positions as they become available.

At the January 2007 Board of Nursing meeting, Ms. Johnson reported that the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee (NPSC) had reviewed a question from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University Medical Group, at Greenville Hospital Systems regarding the administration of Zoladex by registered and licensed practical nurses in their OB/GYN offices. Zoladex is a pre-filled hormonal drug given by a 16 gauge needle in the abdomen subcutaneously for endometriosis and prostate cancer. NPSC consulted with the manufacturer due to language in the insert stating “under the supervision of the physician.” The pharmaceutical company informed the committee that registered nurses across the country were administering the drug and that the language was included to assure that there was a physician’s order. NPSC recommended approval for this particular group and not as an advisory opinion, stating that the registered nurse with special education, training as well as written policies and procedures can administer Zoladex but that the licensed practical nurse may not administer this medication. The Board reviewed the letter received from AstraZeneca on February 27, 2007 stating that “under the supervision of a physician” was not meant to require direct physician supervision for administration but rather to conform to general principles of delegated medical acts. They further state that the physician should be readily available but that it is not necessary for the physician to be physically present during the administration of Zoladex. The Board at their January 2007 meeting sent the recommendation back to NPSC to include licensed practical nurses as well. NPSC reviewed this at their next meeting and recommended the LPNs be included as long as there was special education and training regarding the administration of Zoladex for both groups. (Some how this needs to be reworded to make clear that in January 2007, the BON denied the recommendation of NPSC because they also wanted the LPN included and that it went back to NPSC for review and NPSC at this meeting approved both groups).

ZOLADEX
INJECTIONS

A motion was made to approve administration of Zoladex by specially educated and trained registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

The Nursing Practice and Standards Committee reviewed a question from a pediatric nurse manager who stated that she had been taught to aspirate prior to injecting a vaccine. Newer nurses are coming into the practice stating that aspiration was discouraged and that the Board said they could not aspirate. There is not an advisory opinion or position statement regarding aspiration. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines dated December 1, 2006 state that aspiration is not needed because the vaccination if given properly goes into a large muscle mass. The Nursing Practice and Standards Committee recommended a new advisory opinion citing the CDC guidelines.

NEW ADVISORY
OPINION
ASPIRATION WITH
VACCINATIONS

A motion was made not to issue an advisory opinion but to publish this information in our newsletters and to provide the information to the Board’s committees, Deans and Directors Council, Board of Medical Examiners, South Carolina Organization of Nurse Executives, and other groups emphasizing the need to stay up to date on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

The Board asked that all new advisory opinions or changes to current advisory opinions be placed on the agenda for discussion.

WRITTEN
PROTOCOL &
GUIDELINE
SUGGESTIONS

Ms. Johnson reported that there has been discussion about information included with advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) applications as to what needed to be updated and included when an APRN had written protocols between the APRN and the precepting physician. There was also discussion that certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) were not working under written guidelines as required by Section 40-33-34 of the Nurse Practice Act. The language of §40-33-34 was used to develop a checklist. Sam McNutt the CRNA representative on the Advance Practice Committee shared the list with the South Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists (SCANA) and simplified the checklist for CRNAs.

A motion was made to approve the checklist as presented. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

The Nursing Practice and Standards Committee reviewed several resumes for the Community Health representative on their committee. Jo Ann Price is an advanced practice registered nurse currently employed as South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) Region 4- Director of Public Health and Nursing for the. Ms. Price was recommended to the committee by DHEC.

COMMUNITY
HEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE-
NPSC

A motion was made to appoint Jo Ann Price as Community Health representative on the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

At their January 2007 meeting, the Board reviewed and approved a Sanctions Guidelines chart to be used by its disciplinary committees and panels. The Board reviewed various types of violations and sanctions to include but not limited to reprimands, suspension, probation, civil penalties, education, narcotics restrictions, evaluations, evaluation and if indicated participation in the Recovering Professional Program (RPP), employment restrictions, and Board appearances. These guidelines will be provided to the disciplinary committees and panels. It was noted that these are guidelines and that the facts of the case and mitigating circumstances may warrant different sanctions. The Board reviewed recommended changes to the Disciplinary Sanctions Guidelines Chart from Dwight Hayes. Most changes were in the area of drug related offenses. Mr. Hayes made his suggestions based on current and past cases.

DISCIPLINARY
SANCTIONS
GUIDELINES
CHART

A motion was made to approve the changes made to the Disciplinary Sanctions Guidelines Chart during the meeting. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

Mr. Hayes will make the appropriate edits and provide a copy to Board staff for dissemination.

Ms. Johnson provided the Board with a report on the random continued competency audit. Ms. Johnson suggested not doing a large group at one time in the future, to set a specific date for response, and to not performing audit during summer months when many are taking vacations. It was suggested that records be “flagged” on the computer system (ReLAES) so that a nurse could not go inactive due to not meeting the requirements for their renewal and then try to reinstate at later date. The employer certification form needs to be reviewed. The Board asked that this topic be added to the Strategic Planning Retreat agenda.

AUDIT REPORTS

The October 17, 2006 Advisory Committee on Nursing Minutes were removed from the

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consent agenda. It was requested that CAT on page three be changed to CAC - Catalog of Approved Courses.

The Advanced Practice Committee (APC) reviewed several resumes for Certified Nurse Midwife representatives on their committee. Tom Chappell, CNM announced that he was resigning from the APC. There are two Certified Nurse Midwife positions currently open.

CERTIFIED NURSE
MIDWIFE
REPRESENTATIVE

A motion was made to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

A motion was made to return to public session. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

A motion was made to approve Faye J. LeBoeuf, CNM, SANE-A to serve as a Certified Nurse Midwife representative on the Advanced Practice Committee (APC). The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION

The Board requested to see a copy of Patricia Smith, CNM's current certification information from her specialty board. This information is to be presented at the Strategic Planning Retreat.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. on March 30, 2007. The motion received a second. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,
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