

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES

Practice Committee Meeting
Minutes

June 6, 2019 1:00PM

Members present:

Ann Bostic, DNP, APRN CRNA, Board Member
Doris Burkey, DNP, APRN FNP-BC, Board Member
Nancy Atkins, MSN, APRN WHNP-BC, Board Member

Members Absent:

John Martin, Board Public Member

Staff Present:

Robin A. Lewis, Ed. D, MSN, APRN FNP-BC, NP-C

- I. Call to Order
- II. Quorum
- III. Announcements and Introduction of Members, Staff and Guests
- IV. Review and Consideration of Agenda

A. Motion regarding accept/reorder agenda

Ann Bostic made a motion to accept the agenda. Doris Burkey seconded. Motion passed.

- V. Review and Consideration of Minutes
 - a. March 7, 2018

Doris Burkey made a motion to accept the minutes. Ann Bostic seconded. Motion passed.

- VI. Follow-up from March 7, 2019 meeting
 - a. Review and Consideration of Scope of Practice Document

Ann Bostic made a motion to recommend to the full Board that members propose the following changes to the scope of practice document:

- Insert updated WV Code 30-7-1 et seq. definitions for registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurse on page 4.
- Upload new Code of Legislative rules 19-03 Appendix E and 19-10 to Appendix F on page 70.
- Remove RN Board Position Statement in Appendix A Role of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Registered Professional Nurse, and Licensed Practical Nurse in Intravenous Therapy page 20. Adopted March 1983. Reference not used in the Scope of Practice document.
- Move LPN Board Statements on Administration of Intravenous Fluids and Verbal and Telephone Orders in Appendix B to Appendix A. Adopted June 1977. Reference not used in the Scope of Practice document.
- Remove Board Guidance in Appendix C Delegation by School Nurses of Administration of Medications in Emergency Situations. Could not locate reference use in the Scope of Practice document page 44. The law pertaining to providing nursing care in the school setting falls under West Virginia Code chapter 18-5-22. School nurses have a policy book that provides all policies and procedures approved by the Department of Education. Adopted March 1993. Reference not used in the Scope of Practice document.
- Remove Board Position Statement in Appendix D Emergency Medical Service Personnel Paramedics Employed in Hospital Emergency Departments or change to Board Guidance or statements. Adopted March 1993. Reference not used in the Scope of Practice document.
- Add reference source to the definition of responsible page 5.
- Add reference source to the Delegation/Assignment Decision Model page 12.
- Add reference source to Five Rights of Delegation/Assignment page 14.
- Add reference source to Delegation/Assignment Model Page 19. Remove asterisks after Board position statements? for Decision 2 question list. Remove double asterisks after West Virginia Code and Rules? for Decision 2 question list. Remove double asterisk for Decision 3 after the word Rules.

Doris Burkey seconded. Motion passed.

VII. Complaint #1 – Medical Malpractice Payment Report – Patient Death

The Board received a medical malpractice payment report from Proassurance Casualty Company of Birmingham, Alabama regarding a NP indicating a 66-year-old male patient presented for treatment with right arm pain. NP performed emergency department evaluation and treatment. Action or claim was based on failure to diagnose impending MI and enact cardiac protocol. A single payment settlement of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) was paid prior to trial with no admission of negligence. NP denies that any malpractice occurred.

Notes: WV RN Board initiated complaint investigative report provided.

Action: Committee agrees to dismiss.

Motion made by Ann Bostic to recommend to the full Board that complaint #1 be referred for discipline review with recommendation to dismiss the complaint. Doris Burkey seconded. Motion passed.

VIII. Complaint #2 – Medical Malpractice Payment Report Notification – Incompetent Practice

The Board received a medical malpractice payment report from West Virginia Mutual Insurance Company regarding an NP failure to diagnose and treat an 8-year-old female pediatric patient for acute appendicitis. NP performed evaluation and treatment for abdominal pain on 2 occasions. Insurance company settled case for \$175,000 and there was no admission of negligence or fault by NP.

Notes: WV RN Board initiated complaint investigative report provided.

Action: Committee agrees to defer complaint #2 to the full Board.

Motion made by Doris Burkey to recommend to full board that complaint #2 be referred for discipline review with no recommendation. Ann Bostic seconded. Motion passed.

IX. Miscellaneous

X. Adjourn

Doris Burkey made a motion to adjourn. Ann Bostic seconded. Motion passed.

XI. Debrief