

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES
JANUARY 3, 2008

A Board meeting was held at the office of the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses at 101 Dee Drive, Suite 102, Charleston, WV 25311, on January 3, 2008.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

PAMELA ALDERMAN, MSN, RN, PRESIDENT By conference call

CYNTHIA PERSILY, PhD, RN, SECRETARY

ROBIN WALTON, EdD, MSN, RN	Conference call at 2:40pm Due to accident on Interstate
LINDA WILLIAMS, CRNA, J.D.	By conference call

DIANA W. BOYLE, MSN, RN, CS, FNP	By conference call
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BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

JUDY NYSTROM, PUBLIC MEMBER

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

LAURA S. RHODES, MSN, RN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ALICE R. FAUCETT-CARTER, JD, GENERAL COUNSEL & DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLINE
By Conference Call
CYNDY R. HAYNES, MSN, RN, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION & PRACTICE

The Board minutes reflect agenda item numbers.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Pamela Alderman, Board President, at 1:40 p.m.

2. QUORUM

With the required number of members being present a quorum was established.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

3. A motion to rearrange the agenda by switching items four (4) and five (5) was made by Cynthia Persily. The second was offered by Diana Boyle. The motion carried.

4. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

4. The Board discussed the following legislative issues:

A. Prescriptive Authority

1. The Board President directed Laura Rhodes, Executive Director to review the proposed Prescriptive Authority Rule changes and points discussed during the Stakeholder meeting held December 18, 2007. Discussion ensued. Cynthia Persily made a motion to approve the revisions to the Prescriptive Authority Rule and to circulate the document to stakeholders for comment. The second was offered by Diana Boyle. The motion carried.
2. The Board discussed their current plan to pursue a change in the education requirements for Limited Prescriptive Authority. The motion was made by Cynthia Persily to not pursue this legislation during the 2008 Legislative Session. The second was offered by Diana Boyle. The motion carried.

B. West Virginia Nurses Association (WVNA) Legislative Agenda

The Board reviewed the WVNA Legislative Agenda. Specifically the Board provided the following direction to staff:

1. Achieving a school nurse to student ratio of 1:750 - Board supports
2. Advanced Practice Nurse Related Legislation
 - a. Do Not Resuscitate Orders - Board supports. Based upon the current definition of advanced practice nurse (APN) writing a DNR order falls within the scope of practice as long as the APN demonstrates competencies in this area.
 - b. Authority to sign the certification portion of a death certificate - Board supports.
 - c. Prescriptive Authority Rule Changes - Board supports.
 - d. Staffing Ratios - Board will need to see the Bill
 - e. Mandatory overtime - Board will need to see the Bill

6. TITLE PROTECTION

6. Laura Rhodes presented a concern expressed by the Honorable Delegate Barbara Hatfield regarding having the Bill related to exemption from licensure for those practicing according to religious tenets and the Bill related to title protection for the word "nurse" going through the Legislative Session at the same time, and ask the Board to consider waiting to do the title protection for the word "nurse" until next year. Discussion ensued. The Board decided to continue with the proposed legislation for title protection. A drafted bill was reviewed by the Board and LPN Board representatives present during the meeting.

5. MOUNTAIN STATE UNIVERSITY

Linda Williams exercised her right to recuse and disconnected from the phone call. Robin Walton joined the call. Quorum was maintained.

5. Mountain State University Elkins Cohort was visited last October. There was a concern about the credentials of the faculty person teaching the support courses at that time. The Board directed further investigation. The investigation is complete. Findings support that the individual was qualified to teach the courses, and that it was misrepresented to the Board that the instructor was completing an online medical school program. A motion was offered by Diana Boyle to approve the Elkins Cohort of Mountain State University. The second was offered by Robin Walton. The motion carried.

Linda Williams returned to the conference call.

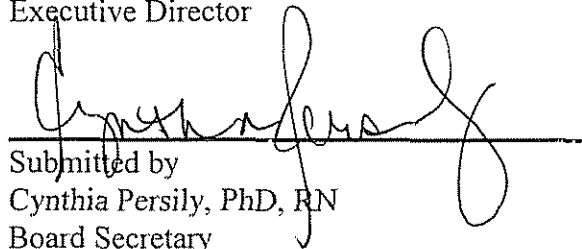
ADJOURN

Cynthia Persily made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. The second was offered by Diana Boyle. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.



Minutes taken and prepared by
Laura Skidmore Rhodes, MSN, RN
Executive Director



Submitted by
Cynthia Persily, PhD, RN
Board Secretary

VISITORS:

Lanette Anderson, Executive Director, West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses

Michelle Winters, Associate Executive Director, West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses

Steve McElroy, Executive Director, West Virginia Nurses Association

Beth Baldwin, Advanced Practice Nurse present by conference call for a portion of the meeting