

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING
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Advanced Unlicensed Assistive Personnel Advisory Committee
Minutes

The Advanced Unlicensed Assistive Personnel Advisory Committee to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing met on May 3, 2005. Written notice of the meeting was filed with the Office of Administrative Rules, Secretary of State's Office. A notice was posted on the Board's website. A notice was also posted on the Cameron Building front entrance at 2915 North Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, as well as the Board office, Suite 524, 2915 North Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 24 hours prior to the meeting, setting forth thereon the date, time, place and agenda for the meeting.

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Place of Meeting: Cameron Building
Basement Conference Room
2915 N. Classen
OKC, OK 73106

Time of Meeting: 1:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chris Weigel, Oklahoma Hospital Association
Gloria Peck, Oklahoma Home Health Association
Lisa McAlister, Oklahoma State Department of Health
Michelle Pace, Oklahoma Nurses Association
Cynthia Foust, Oklahoma Board of Nursing
Ruth Eckenstein, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology
Education (Representing Lara Skaggs)

Members Absent: Casey Dumas, Oklahoma State Association of LPN's
Marietta Lynch, Oklahoma Association of Health Care Providers
Debbie Blanke, Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education

Guest: Peggy Warner, RN

Staff Representative: Gayle McNish, Deputy Director for Regulatory Services

1.0 Preliminary Activities

1.1 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by G. McNish at 1:30 p.m.

1.1 Quorum: A quorum was declared present.

1.2 Review and Decision on Approval of Minutes of the May 2, 2004 Meeting: The minutes were reviewed. It was moved (M. Pace) and seconded (R. Eckenstein) to approve the minutes as submitted.

Voting:

Yes: (6) C. Foust, C. Weigel, M. Pace, L. McAlister, G. Peck, R. Eckenstein

No: (0)

Absent: (3) D. Blanke, M. Lynch, C. Dumas

2.0 Reports

2.1 Board Update: G. McNish reported that there have been changes in the organizational structure at the Board office. All licensing, practice, and education functions are now under the Regulatory Services Division. Louise Drake has been appointed Associate Director for Nursing Practice and Carla Petty has been appointed Licensing Manager.

2.2 Update on Certified AUAs and Training Programs: G. McNish reported that, in FY 2004, there were 463 certified AUAs. 101 new certifications were issued.

2.3 Update on Development of New AUA Examination: G. McNish reported that the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education was awarded the contract to develop and administer the AUA examination. The examination is being developed and will soon be ready for pilot testing.

3.0 Review of *Approved Skills List for Performance by Board-Certified Advanced Unlicensed Assistants* and Committee Decision on Recommendation for Revision: The committee reviewed the approved skills list and a letter regarding the ability of unlicensed assistants who are not Board-certified as AUAs to perform oral suctioning. It was moved (R. Eckenstein) and seconded (G. Peck) to recommend to the Board that a statement be added in parentheses to E. #1 Oral Suctioning, to read "Oral suctioning may be implemented by the non-Board-certified unlicensed assistant during the performance of oral care".

Voting:

Yes: (6) C. Foust, C. Weigel, M. Pace, L. McAlister, G. Peck, R. Eckenstein

No: (0)
Absent: (3) D. Blanke, M. Lynch, C. Dumas

These recommendations will be reviewed by the Board at the May, 2005 meeting.

- 4.0 Review of Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act and Rules and Committee Decision on Recommendation for Revision: The committee reviewed the Act and Rules. It was moved (C. Weigel) and seconded (R. Eckenstein) to recommend to the Board that 1) language be clarified regarding the need for supervision of the AUA by the licensed nurse and regarding the settings in which the AUA is trained to work; and 2) a requirement for a criminal background check be added.

Voting:

Yes: (6) C. Foust, C. Weigel, M. Pace, L. McAlister, G. Peck, R. Eckenstein
No: (0)
Absent: (3) D. Blanke, M. Lynch, C. Dumas

- 5.0 Review of Committee Bylaws and Committee Decision on Recommendations for Revision: The committee reviewed its bylaws. No recommendations for revision were made, pending statutory change on committee composition (as recommended by the committee on May 2, 2004).
- 6.0 Next Meeting No meeting date was set at this time.
- 7.0 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.