

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 11, 2006. 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: Thursday, May 11, 2006

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

Time of Meeting: 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chris Weigel, Oklahoma Hospital Association
Gloria Peck, Oklahoma Home Health Association
Susan Boyd, Oklahoma State Department of Health
Kim Frank, Oklahoma Nurses Association
Jan O'Fields, Oklahoma Board of Nursing
Cynthia Schneider, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology
Education (Representing Lara Skaggs)
Debbie Blanke, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Members Absent: Casey Dumas, Oklahoma State Association of LPN's
Marietta Lynch, Oklahoma Association of Health Care Providers

Staff Representatives: Gayle McNish, Deputy Director for Regulatory Services
Louise Drake, Associate Director for Nursing Practice

1.0 Preliminary Activities

- 1.1 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by G. McNish at 3:00 p.m.
- 1.1 Quorum: A quorum was declared present.
- 1.2 Review and Decision on Approval of Minutes of the May 3, 2005 Meeting: The minutes were reviewed. It was moved (C. Wiegel) and seconded (G. Peck) to approve the minutes as submitted.

Voting:

Yes: (6) C. Weigel, K. Frank, S. Boyd, G. Peck, C. Schneider, D. Blanke

No: (0)

Absent: (3) M. Lynch, C. Dumas, J. O'Fields

2.0 Reports

- 2.1 Board Update: L. Drake reported on new guidelines for rapid sequence intubation and revisions to the declaratory ruling on RN First Assistants, which will both be reviewed by the Board at its May meeting. G. McNish reported that there are three Board members who have completed their terms. The Governor's office is taking nominations for appointment for an advanced practice nurse, an RN to represent nursing education, and an LPN. G. McNish reported that a new position for a Licensing Specialist has been approved and applications are being taken through May 24.
- 2.2 Update on CMA Rule Changes: L. Drake reported to the committee the changes to **Chapter 677 Nurse Aide Training and Certification**. The amendments to Subchapter 13 of the State Board of Health Rules (310:677:13-1 to 11) established competency and practice standards for **medication aides**, created a list of skills and functions that medication aides may perform, specified certification and recertification requirements for medication aides, provided criteria and procedures for approval of training programs and established procedures for administrative sanctions against certified medication aides.

Emergency adoption of these rules and all necessary documentation were signed by the Governor on December 22, 2005. These rules permit certified nurse aides ("CMA") with **advanced** training and demonstrated competency and under certain conditions, to perform the following skills: administer insulin injections; administer medications and nutrition via nasogastric and gastrostomy tubes; and administer oral metered dose inhalers and nebulizers. The advanced training must

complete the initial certification program prior to completing the advanced training program.

A CMA is eligible to perform the duties of a CMA for the following employers: nursing facility or continuum of care facility, specialized facility; residential care home, adult day care facility, assisted living center and correctional facilities [which was just added with a new Statute change.] Each CMA must function under the supervision of a licensed nurse or physician. The new rules also identify duties the CMA shall not perform. CMA's skills shall be reviewed annually for performance competency. The amended rules for CMAs may be accessed online at: <http://www.health.state.ok.us/prc/677CM102105W95.pdf>.

In addition to the CMA Rules change, another Board of Health Rules (310:675: 19-1 to 8) created a new chapter (Subchapter 19) to establish standards for training and registration of **feeding assistants** in Oklahoma. Emergency adoption of these rules and all necessary documentation were signed by the Governor on December 22, 2005.

"Feeding assistant" means an individual who is paid to feed residents by a facility or who is used under an arrangement with another agency or organization and meets the requirements of the law. The facility must ensure that a feeding assistant only assists residents who have **no complicated feeding problems**, such as difficulty swallowing, recurrent lung aspirations or tube or parental/IV feedings. The facility must base resident selection on the charge nurse's assessment and on the resident's latest assessment and plan of care.

The new **feeding assistants** rules specify training requirements and documentation of successful completion of an approved training course for the feeding assistant. A Feeding Assistant Registry will be maintained by the State Department of Health. The new rules may be accessed online at: <http://www.health.state.ok.us/prc/675feeding.pdf>.

- 2.3 Update on Certified AUAs and Training Programs: G. McNish reported that, in FY 2005, there were 546 certified AUAs, an increase of 47% in the last five years. 125 new certifications were issued in FY 2005, an increase of 135% from FY 2001. There are currently nine approved training programs.
- 2.4 Update on Development of New AUA Examination: G. McNish reported that the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education developed and piloted a new AUA examination in 2005. The new examination was offered for certification in October, 2005. The pass rate has remained stable and there have

been no major problems. The AUA Test Development Task Force will meet in June to review the first six months of implementation and to discuss an issue with skills testing on urine specific gravity.

- 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. There have been no requests received for the committee to consider for revision of the skills list. The committee made no recommendation for revision.
- 4.0 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).
- 5.0 Review of Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act and Rules and Committee Decision on Recommendation for Revision: G. McNish clarified that, at the May 3, 2005 meeting, the committee voted 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. The recommendations have not yet been reviewed by the Board because they will need to be added to the *Act*, which has not been opened since the recommendation was made. If the *Act* is opened in 2007, these recommendations will be reviewed by the Board.

The committee reviewed the *Act* and *Rules*. It was moved (S. Boyd) and seconded (C. Wiegel) to recommend to the Board that the definition of Advanced Unlicensed Assistant be clarified in the Act.

Voting:

Yes: (6) C. Weigel, K. Frank, S. Boyd, G. Peck, C. Schneider, D. Blanke, J. O'Fields

No: (0)

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

- 6.0 Next Meeting The next meeting was scheduled for May 10, 2007, at 3:00 p.m.
- 7.0 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.