

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 10, 2007. 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 10, 2007

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  
Lara Skaggs, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education  
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  
Jan O'Fields, Oklahoma Board of Nursing

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 11, 2006 Meeting: The minutes were reviewed. It was moved (C. Wiegel) and seconded (S. Boyd) to approve the minutes as submitted.

Voting:

Yes: (6) C. Weigel, K. Frank, S. Boyd, G. Peck, L. Skaggs, D. Blanke  
No: (0)  
Absent: (3) M. Lynch, C. Dumas, J. O'Fields

2.0 Reports

- 2.1 Board Update: G. McNish reported that there are two Board members who are completing their terms. The Governor's office is taking nominations for appointment for an RN to represent nursing education and an LPN. L. Drake and G. McNish reported on recent Board decisions and legislation of interest.
- 2.2 Update on Certified AUAs and Training Programs: G. McNish reported that, in FY 2006, there were 584 certified AUAs, an increase of 36% in the last five years. 162 new certifications were issued in FY 2006, an increase of 157% from FY 2002. There are currently 12 approved training programs.
- 2.2 Update on Implementation 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 for Calendar Year 2006 was 93.24% for the written examination and 79.45% for the skills examination.
- 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 Rescinding: Because the AUA Advisory Committee is a statutory committee, its operations are established in the statutes. Therefore, bylaws are redundant and the

committee has been asked to rescind them. It was moved (S. Boyd) and seconded (G. Peck) to rescind the AUA Advisory Committee Bylaws.

Voting:

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

No: (0)

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

5.0 Review of Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act and Rules and Committee Decision on Recommendation for Revision: The committee reviewed the statutes and rules related to Advanced Unlicensed Assistants. The committee has previously made recommendations for amendments to the *Act*, when it is opened (see minutes from May 3, 2005, and May 11, 2006). Committee members had no further recommendations for amendment. Committee members had no recommendations for revisions to the *Rules*.

6.0 Discussion of Use of AUAs, CNAs, and Other Unlicensed Assistants in Acute Care Settings: L. Drake reported that she has received numerous questions from nurses in acute care facilities regarding the employment of certified nurse aides. She clarified that, in Oklahoma, there is no legal requirement that nursing assistants or nurse aides employed in acute care facilities be certified. However, Long Term Care facilities/agencies are required by law to employ certified nurse aides, home health aides, etc.

In acute care facilities, there is a requirement for nursing assistants employed and performing identified skills listed on the Board's policy *Approved Skills List for Performance by Board-Certified Advanced Unlicensed Assistants* be certified as Advanced Unlicensed Assistants. Committee members indicated that they will share this information with their respective organizations to ensure interested parties understand the requirements.

7.0 Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for May 1, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.

8.0 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.