

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING
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**Nursing Education and Nursing Practice Advisory Committee
Minutes – February 27, 2006**

The Nursing Education and Nursing Practice Advisory Committee to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing met on February 27, 2006. Notice was posted on the Oklahoma Board of Nursing web site.

A notice was also posted on the Cameron Building front entrance at 2915 North Classen Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as well as the Board office, Suite 524, setting forward thereon the date, time, place and agenda for the meeting.

Place of Meeting: Basement Conference Room, Cameron Building

Time of Meeting: 1:30 p.m.

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| Members Present: | Linda Fly | Associate Degree Nursing Directors Council |
| | Joseph Catalano | Baccalaureate Nursing Deans Council |
| | Ragina Holiman | Oklahoma Nurses Association |
| | Lisa Griffiths | Oklahoma Organization of Nurse Executives |
| | Chris Wiegel | Oklahoma Organization of Nurse Executives |
| | Karen Tomajan | Oklahoma Nurses Association |

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| Members Absent: | Melinda Laird | Oklahoma Organization of Nurse Executives |
| | Judy Unruh | Oklahoma Assoc. of Health Care Providers |
| | Linda Thrasher | Oklahoma Association of Home Care |
| | VACANT | Oklahoma State Association of LPNs |
| | LaDonna Selvidge | Practical Nursing Directors Council |

Board Representatives: Absent

Staff Representatives: Gayle McNish
Louise Drake

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

1.1 Declaration of a quorum: A quorum was declared present.

1.2 Introductions: Introductions were made.

1.3 Announcements: There were no announcements.

- 2.0 Committee Decision Regarding Approval of October 10, 2005 Committee Meeting Minutes:
G. McNish identified two corrections for the minutes. Under 2.0, the individuals making the motion and second for approval of the minutes are incorrect. A motion was made (J. Catalano) and seconded (K. Tomajan) to approve the minutes with corrections as noted.

Voting:

Yes: (8) J. Catalano, R. Holiman, L. Fly, L. Griffiths, C. Wiegel, K. Tomajan

No: (0)

Absent: (3) M. Laird, L. Thrasher, J. Unruh, OSALPN Representative

Motion carried.

3.0 Verbal Reports Requiring No Action by Committee

- 3.1 Board of Nursing Update: L. Drake reported that, at the November Board meeting, the Board approved the revisions to the *Guidelines for the Registered Nurse Managing and Monitoring Conscious Sedation* as recommended by this committee.

- 3.2 Advanced Practice Advisory Committee: L. Drake reported the committee voted to recommend adding the following statement, or the intent of the statement as determined by the Board attorney, to the Declaratory Ruling for Registered Nurse First Assistant: **“Certified Nurse Midwives, whom the Oklahoma Board of Nursing recognizes, may complete the American College of Nurse-Midwives (“ACNM”) process for incorporating first assistant responsibilities for obstetrical and/or gynecological procedures into their scope of practice in lieu of completing a course/program accepted by the Competency and Credentialing Institute (formerly the Certification Board of Perioperative Nursing) and in lieu of meeting the AORN Recommended Education Standards for RNFA Programs. The certified nurse midwife who first assists is doing so under the provision of advanced practice certification and not as an RN First Assistant, pursuant to individually expanding practice beyond the Core Competencies for basic midwifery practice, and in compliance with the ACNM Guidelines for the Incorporation of New Procedures into Nurse-Midwifery Practice and the ACNM Position Statement on Certified Nurse-Midwife/Certified Midwife as First Assistant at Surgery.”**

Board staff plans to reorganize the National Certifying Bodies list and to submit it for approval at the July 2006 Board meeting. Currently, the list is inconsistent with some certification exams listed and others are not. This document should not only contain the national certifying bodies but lists the names of the exams. In addition, there are some exams listed that **are not** advanced practice certification

examinations. We want to recommend to the Board to delete non-APN exams, if an advanced certification exam is available. The APN Advisory Committee members agreed to provide input into this review of the approved National Certifying Bodies list.

3.3 Review of Rule Revisions Adopted by Board: G. McNish reported that the Board voted to adopt the rule revisions presented at the January Board meeting. These revisions will go through the administrative rulemaking process and if approved, will be effective July 1, 2006.

4.0 Discussion and Decision Regarding Recommendations About *Guidelines on the Use of Paralytics, Sedatives, and Analgesics in Rapid Sequence Intubation and Management of the Ventilator Patient*:

A third revision of the *Rapid Sequence Intubation Guidelines* was distributed and reviewed. L. Drake presented information and answered questions from committee members. On page 4, #6, lines 2 of the third revision, the words “the licensed practitioner is in direct contact with the registered nurse” were omitted accidentally and need to be added.

It was moved (C. Wiegel) and seconded to recommend to the Board the approval of the *Rapid Sequence Intubation Guidelines* as corrected.

Voting:

Yes: (8) J. Catalano, R. Holiman, L. Fly, L. Griffiths, C. Wiegel, K. Tomajan
No: (0)
Absent: (3) M. Laird, L. Thrasher, J. Unruh, OSALPN Representative

Motion carried.

5.0 Review and Discussion on Role of the Nurse Related to Infiltration of Local Anesthetic:

L. Drake reviewed the history of this agenda item. In June 2005, Nursing Education and Nursing Practice ("NE & NP") Advisory Committee reviewed the question of whether it is within the scope of practice for a licensed practice nurse to perform local anesthetic infiltration blocks in a Dermatology Clinic setting on both military and civilian patients prior to the dermatologist excising a skin mole/lesion. The decision by the committee was as follows: “LPNs are not taught skills in the LPN schools of nursing to prepare them for this advanced nursing skill. It was the feeling of the NE & NP Advisory Committee this type of local anesthetic blocks required a thorough assessment of the area involved, and LPN cannot perform comprehensive assessment in accordance with the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act. **It is outside the scope of practice for LPNs to administer local anesthetic infiltration blocks in a Dermatology Clinic setting on both military and civilian patients prior to the Dermatologist excising a skin mole/lesion.**”

In November 2005, another request was submitted asking the NE & NP Advisory Committee reconsider its decision on the matter. Additional information regarding training materials, training test and the Dermatology Clinic Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Biopsies and Excisions were submitted by the dermatologist and distributed to advisory committee members. L. Drake was present to answer questions from committee members.

After reviewing the materials and discussion, the advisory committee members declined to re-consider the previous decision on this matter, asserting it is beyond the scope of a licensed practice nurse to administer local anesthetics in the manner prescribed in the submitted SOP because of the comprehensive assessment skills needed. The dermatologist and the licensed practical nurse will be referred to the Board's Decision Making Model.

6.0 Discussion and Committee Decision on Recommendations for Revisions to *Declaratory Ruling on RN First Assistant*:

L. Drake presented information and answered questions from committee members. It was moved (C. Wiegel) and seconded to:

1. Delete the reference to the date the AORN Official Statement on RN First Assistants as approved by AORN Board of Directors.
2. Revise statement #2 as follows: "The role and scope of responsibilities of the Registered Nurse to perform the duties of the Registered Nurse First Assistant shall be as established by the Association of periOperative Nurses ("AORN"), Inc., Official Statement on RN First Assistants and shall meet the AORN Standards for RN First Assistant Education Programs, copies of which are attached to this Ruling and made a part hereof."
3. Add "This Ruling should read to incorporate the AORN Official Statement on RN First Assistants and the AORN Standards for RN First Assistant Education Programs as so modified by that association should the official statement and standards be further modified."

Voting:

Yes: (8) J. Catalano, R. Holiman, L. Fly, L. Griffiths, C. Wiegel, K. Tomajan

No: (0)

Absent: (3) M. Laird, L. Thrasher, J. Unruh, OSALPN Representative

Motion carried.

L. Drake reported the recommendations from the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee and the above recommendations by this committee will be discussed with the Board attorney to determine the process for amending the RNFA Declaratory Ruling.

7.0 Review and Discussion on Definitions and Requirements for Clinical Experience in Nursing Education Programs:

G. McNish discussed frequently-asked questions regarding clinical experience in nursing education programs, which include questions regarding definitions of clinical experience, use of simulations as clinical experience, and minimum hours of clinical experience. She requested the committee's input on current rules and guidelines related to clinical experience and the need to address the answers to these questions in a formal way. A recently-published National Council of State Boards of Nursing position paper on clinical instruction in prelicensure nursing programs was shared with the committee in the agenda packet. After discussion, the committee recommended that a subcommittee be formed to further explore this issues and make recommendations back to this committee at its June meeting. J. Catalano, L. Fly, C. Weigel, K. Tomajan, and L. Griffiths volunteered to be a part of the subcommittee. L. Selvidge will also be asked to participate as the practical nursing program representative.

8.0 Discussion Regarding Out-of-State Program Campuses and Committee Decision on Recommendations for Revisions to *Guidelines for Nursing Education Programs Offering Non-Traditional Learning Options*:

G. McNish discussed issues with regulation of Oklahoma programs offering education at distant sites outside Oklahoma. The committee requested that the subcommittee also address this issue and bring recommendations to the next committee meeting.

9.0 Next Meeting: Monday, June 12, at 1:30 p.m.

10.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.