

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING  
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**Nursing Education and Nursing Practice Advisory Committee  
Minutes – February 25, 2008**

The Nursing Education and Nursing Practice Advisory Committee to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing met on February 25, 2008. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State's office and notice/agenda was posted on the Oklahoma Board of Nursing web site. A notice/agenda 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, 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Place of Meeting: Basement Conference Room, Cameron Building

Time of Meeting: 1:30 p.m.

Members Present: Joseph Catalano Baccalaureate Nursing Deans Council  
Ragina Holiman Oklahoma Nurses Association  
Marietta Lynch Oklahoma Assoc. of Health Care Providers  
Linda Thrasher Oklahoma Association of Home Care  
Gina Doyle Practical Nursing Directors Council  
Karen Tomajan Oklahoma Nurses Association  
Liz Klingensmith Oklahoma Organization of Nurse Executives

Members Absent: VACANT Oklahoma State Association of LPNs  
Nina Kirk Associate Degree Nursing Directors Council  
Cindy Rauh Oklahoma Organization of Nurse Executives  
Chris Weigel Oklahoma Organization of Nurse Executives

Board Representatives: Jackye Ward  
Louise Talley

Staff Representatives: Gayle McNish  
Louise Drake

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jackye Ward 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: Karen Tomajan announced that the Institute for Safe Medication Practices has published a “Medication Safety Alert” (October 18, 2007) with an article titled “Error-Prone Conditions That Lead to Student Nurse-Related Errors”. She distributed copies to the committee members and ask them to share it with the organizations they represent to stimulate discussion of this issue.
- 2.0 Committee Decision Regarding Approval of July 23, 2007 Committee Meeting Minutes: The minutes were reviewed. A motion was made (R. Holiman) and seconded (K. Tomajan) to approve the minutes.

Voting:

- Yes: (7) J. Catalano, R. Holiman, K. Tomajan, L. Thrasher, M. Lynch, L. Klingensmith, G. Doyle
- No: (0)
- Absent: (4) N. Kirk, C. Rauh, C. Wiegel, OSALPN Representative

Motion carried.

3.0 Verbal Reports Requiring No Action by Committee

3.1 Board of Nursing Update:

- G. McNish reported that the Board approved revisions to the Refresher Course Policy, based on the recommendations of the Nursing Education and Practice Advisory Committee and the refresher course program directors. The Board decreased the required minimum number of clinical hours from 160 to 80 and deleted the option for a preceptorship.
- G. McNish reported that requirements for evidence of citizenship/qualified alien status, as required by HB 1804, were implemented on November 1, 2007.
- G. McNish reported on rule changes approved by the Board at the January 2008 meeting. The rules must be approved by the Governor and not disapproved by the Legislature to become effective July 1, 2008.
- G. McNish reported that the Board’s FY2007 Annual Report is now available on the Board’s website. She summarized some of the relevant statistical information from the report.

3.2 Advanced Practice Advisory Committee: L. Drake reported on changes in certification credentials approved by APN certifying bodies, as well as changes in certifying body names. The Advanced Practice Advisory Committee has approved changes to the *National Certifying Bodies and NON-APN Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing Policy*, which will be reviewed by the Board at the March 2008 meeting.

3.3 Formulary Advisory Committees: L. Drake reported that the Formulary Advisory Committee met in August 2007 and recommended minor revisions to the formulary, which were approved by the Board. The CRNA Formulary Advisory Committee has not met since the last Nursing Education and Practice Advisory Committee meeting.

4.0 Review and Committee Decision Regarding Recommendations to the Board for Revisions to the Following Policies:

4.1 *Preceptor Policy, #E-02:* A motion was made (K. Tomajan) and seconded (G. Doyle) that a statement be added regarding the difference in the role of the student and the role of the Nurse Technician/Practical Nurse Technician. G. McNish will develop the statement and present it to the Board for approval.

Voting:

Yes: (7) J. Catalano, R. Holiman, K. Tomajan, L. Thrasher, M. Lynch, L. Klingensmith, G. Doyle

No: (0)

Absent: (4) N. Kirk, C. Rauh, C. Wiegel, OSALPN Representative

4.2 *Determining Appropriate Faculty-Student Ratios in the Clinical Area in Board-Approved Nursing Education Programs Guidelines, #E-09:* The committee members had no recommendations for change.

4.3 *Guidelines for the Registered Nurse in Administering, Managing, and Monitoring Patients Receiving Analgesia; Anesthesia by Catheter Techniques (Epidural, Intrathecal, Spinal, PECA Catheters), #P-03:* L. Drake presented proposed revisions to the guidelines, which clarify language but do not change the intent of the guidelines. The committee members had no further recommendations for change.

4.4 *Guidelines for the Registered Nurse Monitoring Obstetrical Patients Receiving Analgesia/Anesthesia by Catheter Techniques (Epidural, Intrathecal, Spinal, PECA Catheters), #P-04:* L. Drake presented proposed revisions to the guidelines, which clarify language but do not change the intent of the guidelines. The committee members had no further recommendations for change.

5.0 Review and Committee Decision Regarding Proposed Revisions to Nursing Education and Practice Advisory Committee Bylaws: The committee reviewed the current bylaws and discussed issues with obtaining appropriate representation if an organization is not active. It was moved (L. Thrasher) and seconded (R. Holiman) that a statement be added under “Membership” allowing the Board to appoint a representative from the specialty area if the organization is requested to make an appointment but does not notify the Board of an appointment after two meetings have passed.

Voting:

Yes: (7) J. Catalano, R. Holiman, K. Tomajan, L. Thrasher, M. Lynch, L. Klingensmith, G. Doyle

No: (0)

Absent: (4) N. Kirk, C. Rauh, C. Wiegel, OSALPN Representative

The bylaws will be presented to the Board for its approval at the May 2008 meeting.

- 6.0 Review of 2007 Oklahoma NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN Pass Rates and Committee Recommendations: The committee reviewed the 2007 NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN Oklahoma pass rates. They noted the significant decrease in the 2007 NCLEX-RN pass rate and discussed possible reasons. The committee made no recommendations for further actions at this time.
- 7.0 Discussion Regarding Program Expansions and Clinical Placement Options: The committee discussed the increase in enrollment in existing programs and the number of new programs and additional campuses. It was noted that BSN program enrollment has increased by 75%, ADN program enrollment by 33%, and PN program enrollment by 7% in the past five years. While the potential increase in the number of new nurses is welcome, there are concerns regarding the ability of nursing education programs to continue to provide quality clinical experiences for their students. The committee members encouraged the Board to continue to evaluate requests for new programs carefully to ensure adequate clinical space is available.
- 7.0 Date for Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for Monday, June 9, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.
- 10.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.