

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING
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**Nursing Education and Nursing Practice Advisory Committee
Minutes – July 23, 2007**

The Nursing Education and Nursing Practice Advisory Committee to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing met on July 23, 2007. 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
Chris Weigel Oklahoma Organization of Nurse Executives
Judy Unruh Oklahoma Assoc. of Health Care Providers
Linda Thrasher Oklahoma Association of Home Care
LaDonna Selvidge Practical Nursing Directors Council
Karen Tomajan Oklahoma Nurses Association
Cindy Rauh Oklahoma Organization of Nurse Executives

Members Absent: VACANT Oklahoma State Association of LPNs
Nina Kirk Associate Degree Nursing Directors Council
Liz Klingensmith Oklahoma Organization of Nurse Executives

Board Representatives: None

Staff Representatives: Gayle McNish
Louise Drake

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Gayle McNish, in the absence of 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: There were no announcements.

2.0 Committee Decision Regarding Approval of June 12, 2006 Committee Meeting Minutes: The minutes were reviewed. A motion was made (L. Thrasher) and seconded (R. Holiman) to approve the minutes with one correction. On page 3, #5.0, C. Weigel's name will be deleted from those absent.

Voting:

Yes: (8) J. Catalano, R. Holiman, C. Rauh, K. Tomajan, L. Thrasher, J. Unruh, L. Selvidge, C. Weigel

No: (0)

Absent: (3) N. Kirk, L. Klingensmith, OSALPN Representative

Motion carried.

3.0 Verbal Reports Requiring No Action by Committee

3.1 Board of Nursing Update:

- G. McNish reported on conversion of application forms to an Adobe Professional 8 format, which will allow for online completion.
- G. McNish reported on HB 1804, which will significantly impact licensing procedures of non-U.S. citizens in Oklahoma. An article is planned for the upcoming newsletter. Board staff will also present information to OONE and directors' councils. Committee members suggested that an article also be placed in the Oklahoma Nurse and the OHA newsletter. G. McNish reported that changes to Board procedures and forms are in process, so that the changes can be implemented on November 1, 2007 (the date the new legislation takes effect).
- G. McNish also reported on preliminary results of a recent audit of licensure by endorsement processes, conducted by the Office of the State Auditor and Inspector. The auditors found that the Board is in compliance with statutory and rule requirements and issues licenses in an average of 6.7 days after receipt of a completed application.
- G. McNish reported on recent rule and policy changes. She reported that rule changes for 2008 are currently under consideration and that the proposed rules will be provided to the committee in October for its input.
- L. Drake reported the Board issued a declaratory ruling on laser hair removal. A copy of the ruling is available on the Board's website.

3.2 Advanced Practice Advisory Committee: L. Drake reported that the Board added Advanced Oncology Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist to the list of certification examinations recognized by the Board, based on the recommendation of the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee.

- 4.0 Review and Committee Decision Regarding Recommendations to the Board for Revisions to the Following Policies:
- 4.1 *Refresher Course Policy* – Committee members suggested providing a range of clinical hours, to be determined based on an evaluation by the faculty member of the individual’s competency. They also suggested allowing for a higher percentage of precepted hours, as determined by the faculty’s evaluation of the individual’s competency. The committee also discussed whether a graduate who has not taken the NCLEX or who has failed the NCLEX should be allowed to take the refresher course in lieu of returning to a nursing education program. A change in this requirement would necessitate rule changes. G. McNish will also obtain input from the refresher course program directors at an upcoming meeting. The committee also discussed the length of time that a nurse is out of practice before a refresher course is needed. While there was no consensus, it was suggested that the Board may want to consider one year rather than two years.
- 4.2 *Declaratory Ruling: Administration of Epidural Medications by RN* – L. Drake presented proposed revisions to the declaratory ruling, which clarify and update language but do not change the intent of the ruling. The committee members had no further recommendations for change.
- 4.3 *Declaratory Ruling: Scope of Practice of the Registered Nurse in the Role of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner* – L. Drake presented proposed revisions to the declaratory ruling, which clarify and update language but do not change the intent of the ruling. The committee members had no further recommendations for change.
- 5.0 Discussion Regarding Number of Clinical Hours Required in Nursing Education Programs and Committee Decision on Recommendation to the Board: This item was placed on the agenda at the request of program directors who asked that the committee continue to consider the need for a minimum number of clinical hours. Because there is no new information that supports the need for a change in current rules, the committee declined to make a recommendation to the Board for change. However, they indicated a desire to continue to monitor the issue.
- 6.0 Next Meeting: Monday, October 22, 2007, at 1:30 p.m.
- 10.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.