

**BOARD OF NURSING  
PRACTICE COMMITTEE**

Professional and Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor as required by Section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

Date: Thursday, August 2, 2012

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Members Present: Matthew Bishop, MS, APRN, Practice Co-Chair  
Amy Stone Murai, MS, APRN, Practice Co-Chair  
Jaeda Elvenia, MS, RN

Staff Present: Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer ("EO")  
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")  
Faith Nishimura, Secretary

Call to Order: Co-Chair Stone Murai called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Amendments to and Approval of the Agenda: There being no amendments, upon a motion by Co-Chair Bishop, seconded by Ms. Elvenia, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the agenda as circulated.

Approval of Minutes: Co-Chair Stone Murai called for a motion in regards to the minutes of the April 5, 2012 meeting.

There being no amendments, upon a motion by Co-Chair Bishop, seconded by Ms. Elvenia, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2012 meeting as circulated.

Old Business: **APRN Certifications**

Co-Chair Stone Murai reported on the chart of sub-specialties she researched that included the current NP and CNS specialties as well as other sub-specialties for which national certificate is no longer issued, but may still have APRNs practicing under that sub-specialty, and new or future sub-specialties that are in place or being considered. Her recommendation was to update the list of APRN sub-specialties on the APRN application.

Co-Chair Stone Murai also reported on her research of national certifying organizations and determined that there are three (3) additional national certifying organizations currently not included in the administrative rules or application. She asked the DAG if the Board could recognize other national certifying organizations, by reflecting its approval in the minutes, or do the administrative rules have to be amended before the Board can recognize other national certifying organizations.

The DAG responded that HAR §16-89-85 lists six (6) different national certifying organizations and also allows the Board to “recognize other national certifying bodies accredited by the ABNS or the NCCA, which provide competency-based certification examinations reflective of APRN knowledge of an expertise in their nursing specialties.” so that any additional approvals may be reflected in the Board minutes.

Co-Chair Stone Murai stated that she will work with the EO on updating the APRN application.

Correspondence:

**Wound Treatment Training, Letter from Ed Lataro**

The Committee reviewed a letter from Mr. Lataro in which he expressed his concerns with the treatment of his mother in several nursing homes and how “nurses” would not properly refer his mother to a physician for debridement, but would only change her bandages.

After some discussion, the Committee directed the EO to respond to Mr. Lataro, acknowledging receipt of his recommendations and that they will be taking it under advisement. The Committee also recommended that since Mr. Lataro referred to nursing homes, assuming the nursing homes are located in this State, to also refer him to the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services.

**RN’s Interpreting the ECG to Confirm Placement of the PICC, Inquiry from Isabelle**

The Committee reviewed a faxed email inquiry regarding the above mentioned matter. It was their informal interpretation that, based solely on the information provided, the nursing practice does not specifically address this task. The Committee referred her to the definition of “The practice of a registered nurse” and noted that the scope of nursing practices established in the laws and rules serve as general guidelines and are not intended to address the appropriateness of the use of specific procedures in any particular work setting or to authorize specific procedures in any particular work setting.

This is an informal interpretation for informational and explanatory purposes only and is not an official opinion or decision of the Board. Therefore, it is not to be viewed as binding on the Board.

**Draft of VA Nursing Policy Document, NCSBN**

The Committee reviewed the VHA Policies for Nursing Practice and did not have any major concerns or issues with the draft policies.

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Next Meeting: Thursday, October 4, 2012  
8:30 a.m.  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 3rd Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Review and approved by:

Taken by:

/s/ Lee Ann Teshima  
Lee Ann Teshima  
Executive Officer

/s/ Faith Nishimura  
Faith Nishimura  
Secretary

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- [ x ] Minutes approved as is.  
[ ] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.