

# **BOARD OF NURSING**

## **Open Session Agenda**

**December 4, 2019**

**9:00 am**

**BOARD MISSION STATEMENT:**

“The mission of the Board of Nursing is to safeguard the public’s health and well-being by assuring safe quality care in the District of Columbia. This is achieved through the regulation of nursing practice and education programs; and by the licensure, registration and continuing education of nursing personnel.”

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<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	
Meedie Bardonille, RN (MB)	
Layo George, RN (LG)	
Elizabeth Lamme, RN (EL)	
Laverne Plater, RN (LP)	
Nancy Uhland, RN, DNP (NU)	
Rick Garcia, RN, PhD (RG)	
Margaret Green, LPN (MG)	
Monica Goletiani, Consumer (MG)	
Crystal Johnson, Consumer (CJ)	
Thedith Moore, LPN (TM)	
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Frank B. Meyers, JD, Interim Executive Director	
Bonita Jenkins, EdD, RN, CNE	
Cathy Borriss-Hale, RN, MHA	
Joanne Drozdoski, JD	
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	
Van Brathwaite, JD	

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<sup>1</sup> The order in which the following agenda items are listed does not necessarily reflect the order in which the items will be discussed during the meeting.

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>		
OS-19-12-01 ALL	<u><b>INTRODUCTIONS</b></u>  <b>A. BOARD MEMBERS</b>  <b>B. BOARD STAFF</b>	MB

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS**

<p>OS-19-12-02 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>i. January 2020 Meeting</b> Currently the January 2020 meeting of the Board of Nursing is scheduled for January 1<sup>st</sup>. As this is a holiday, staff is requesting guidance on what date to move the meeting to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup></li><li>b. Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup></li><li>c. Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup></li><li>d. Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup></li><li>e. Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup></li></ul> <p><b>C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p>	<p>FM</p>
<p>OS-19-12-03 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the November 6, 2019 meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Open Session Minutes are a record of the Board’s past meeting(s), describing the events, list of attendees, a statement of the issues considered and related responses or decisions of the Board.</p>	<p>FM</p>

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<b>MISC. ITEMS</b>		
OS-19-12-04 ALL	<p><b><u>TELEHEALTH PRESENTATION</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To view the presentations from representatives of Mary’s Center and the DC Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) on the topic of telehealth.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Previously the Board directed staff to reach out to both St. Mary’s Center and DHCF to have them present on the topic of telehealth, specifically as to how telehealth is being implemented in the District and how telehealth is being</p>	FM
OS-19-12-05 ALL	<p><b><u>APRN REGULATIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the draft APRN regulations.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Board of Nursing previously reviewed and approved draft updated regulations governing APRNs in the District. As it has been some time since the draft regulations were approved, and several members of the Board have changed, the current membership requested the draft regulations be brought back for further review. A copy of the most recent draft regulations are provided.</p>	FM
OS-19-12-06 ALL	<p><b><u>CE REQUEST</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the request for continuing education (CE) approval from DC Health, Community Health Administration (CHA).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The DC Department of Health (DC Health), Community Health Administration (CHA) held a “Vaccines for Children Adolescent Health Meeting” on November 4, 2019, for the purpose of educating vaccination training to various providers. CHA is now requesting CE credits for the course.</p>	FM

<p>OS-19-12-07 ALL</p>	<p><b><u>SIGNING AUTHORITY</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the request from Ms. Laura Worby for the Board of Nursing to issue a letter clarifying nursing signing authority.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> In 2017 the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) was amended, allowing for nurses to sign all documents that a physician may sign for. Specifically, DC Official Code § 3-1206.04(5) was amended to state:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>An advanced practice registered nurse may:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(5) Sign, certify, stamp, or endorse all documents that require a signature by a physician, in place of a physician, provided it is within the scope of their authorized practice.</i></p> <p>Despite this change, staff has received several complaints that various health care entities are not accepting nurse signatures, most notably death certificates. Staff worked with the Office of Vital Records to clarify this issue, following which it was confirmed that nurses can sign death certificates. However, it appears this remains an issue, and so a request was received for the Board of Nursing to issue a letter informing the public of the ability of nurses to sign death certificate and other healthcare related documents. A copy of the request and draft letter is being provided to the Board for review.</p>	<p>FM</p>
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**MOTION TO CLOSE**

OS-19-12-08 ALL	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a);</li><li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6);</li><li>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9);</li><li>4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14).</li></ol>	FM
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**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

OS-19-12-09 ALL	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> At the end of every a meeting a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p>	FM
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**This ends the Open Session Agenda.**

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