

BOARD OF NURSING OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2021
9:10 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

Virtual Meeting Notice

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Board of Nursing 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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BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Meedie Bardonille, RN (MB)	
Layo George, RN (LG)	
Elizabeth Lamme, RN (EL)	ABSENT
Laverne Plater, RN (LP)	
Rick Garcia, RN, PhD (RG)	
Margaret Green, LPN (MG)	
Monica Goletiani, Consumer (MG)	
Crystal Johnson, Consumer (CJ)	
LPN vacant	
BOARD STAFF:	
Tonoah Hampton MSN, RN, Executive Director	
Bonita Jenkins EdD, RN, CNE	
Cathy Borris-Hale MHA, RN	
Concheeta Wright BSN, RN	
Joanne Drozdoski, Investigator	
Mark Donatelli, Investigator	
Melondy Franklin, Supervisory Health Licensing Specialist	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Assistant General Counsel	

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Board of Nursing

Minutes

Wednesday, January 6, 2021
9:00 a.m.

OS-21-01-01	CALL TO ORDER	
OS-21-01-02	ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF	
OS-21-01-03	<p>Agenda Approval</p> <p>Motion: Motion by L. Plater to approve Agenda. Seconded by M. Green. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	Decision
OS-21-01-04	<p>MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL</p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the November 4, 2020 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Motion by L. Plater to approve November 4, 2020 meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Green.</p> <p>M. Bardonille, L. Plater, R. Garcia, M. Green, M. Goletiani, and C. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. L. George abstained from the vote.</p>	Decision
OS-21-01-05	<p>A. Board Chair Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder of COVID-19 public health emergency order extended through March 31, 2021. • Vaccination distribution for public begins • NCSBN Mid-Year Meeting will be held virtual. • NCSBN conducting research around remote proctoring and cybersecurity. 	Informational

	<p>B. Executive Director Report</p> <p>a. <u>License Census</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Nurse Midwives- 133 • Clinical Nurse Specialists- 42 • Home Health Aides- 8,170 • Licensed Practical Nurses- 2,065 • Nurse Practitioners- 2,289 • Registered Nurse Anesthetists- 155 • Trained Medication Employees- 1,964 <p>b. Operating Status- Board of Nursing staff continues to process applications remotely. The 899 N. Capitol St. NE building is closed to the public. Board staff email addresses are located on the website.</p> <p>c. Vaccination plan is posted on the coronavirus.dc.gov website for the most up-to-date information.</p> <p>d. Board of Nursing Executive Director met with DC Coalition on Long Term Care to collaborative on improvements to the Home Health Aide Workforce survey.</p> <p>C. Board Attorney Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing Assistive Personnel (NAP) regulations are being amended to clarify the continuing education requirements. <p>D. Education Subcommittee Report</p> <p>The Education Subcommittee met on December 2, 2020. The Subcommittee approved the Patient Care Technician Curriculum and elected Rick Garcia as the Chair of the Education Subcommittee. Decision from the Subcommittees will be added to the Consent Agenda.</p> <p>E. Discipline Subcommittee Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Discipline Subcommittee met December 2, 2020. The Board’s discipline staff will submit a quarterly report to track ongoing case status. 	
<p>OS-21-01-06</p>	<p>Interprofessional Telehealth Omnibus The Board was informed of the Interprofessional Collaboration and it desire to develop a Telehealth</p>	<p>Discussion</p>

	<p>Omnibus. The topic was open for discussion. The Board and the public offered no comments about the topic.</p> <p>No comments from Board or public.</p>	
<p>OS-21-01-07</p>	<p>Nursing Education Program Waivers</p> <p>Board Action: To consider extending the current waivers to the existing Nursing School regulations for RN and LPN programs to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow simulations to replace 50% of clinicals instead of 30% during COVID-19 public health emergency • Allow simulations with screen-based or virtual simulations during COVID-19 public health emergency • Allow the use of simulations in the areas of community health, and foundations during COVID-19 public health emergency <p>Background: On June 3, 2020, the Board issued waivers to the current Nursing School regulations for registered nurses and licensed practical programs. The programs are continuing to place students in clinical; however, there have not been enough clinical sites to open for student placements.</p> <p>Motion: 1. Motion by R. Garcia to allow simulations to replace 100% of clinicals instead of 30% during COVID-19 public health emergency plus 180 days. Seconded by M. Green.</p> <p>M. Bardonille, L. George, L. Plater, R. Garcia, M. Green, M. Goletiani, and C. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>2. Motion by R. Garcia to allow simulations with screen-based or virtual simulations during COVID-19 public health emergency plus 180 days. Seconded by</p>	<p>Informational</p>

	<p>M. Bardonille, L. George, L. Plater, R. Garcia, M. Green, M. Goletiani, and C. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. The vote passed unanimously.</p> <p>3. Motion made by L. Plater to allow the use of simulations in the areas of community health, and foundations during COVID-19 public health emergency plus 180 days.</p> <p>M. Bardonille, L. George, L. Plater, R. Garcia, M. Green, M. Goletiani, and C. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. The vote passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-21-01-08</p>	<p>NAP TRAINING PROGRAM WAIVERS</p> <p>Board Action: To consider extending the current waiver to the existing Nursing Assistive Personnel Training programs regulations to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waive the clinical rotations requirement for the CNA and HHA training program and accept virtual simulation in lieu of the clinical experiences requirement during the public health emergency • To allow additional clinical laboratory time to the curriculum to assist with the completion of the program and graduation, in lieu of the clinical experiences during the public health emergency <p>Also, DC Home Health Association requested additional items for consideration to address home health aide staffing challenges experienced by home health agencies during the public health emergency as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a Provisional License category for HHA who have completed their school but have not yet completed the skills exam. Upon successful completion of the school program, an HHA can immediately apply to the Board of Nursing for a license. Assuming the HHA has passed the criminal background check, the HHA would be issued a Provision HHA license. The 	<p>Decision</p>

provisional license would be valid for the entire period of the PHE and for 180 days afterward to ensure that the HHAs have the time to complete the additional requirements. At the time that they complete the requirements and submit proof to the Board of Nursing, their HHA license would convert to a regular license.

- Permit DC CNAs to work as HHAs

Background:

The Board issued waivers to the current Nursing Assistive Personnel (NAP) training program regulations for nursing assistants and home health aide. Some programs are continuing to place students in clinical; however, there have not been enough clinical sites to open up for student placements; especially in nursing facilities.

Motion:

1. Motion made by R. Garcia and seconded by L. Plater to extend the current waivers as follows:

- Waive the clinical rotations requirement for the CNA and HHA training program and accept virtual simulation in lieu of the clinical experiences requirement during the public health emergency plus 180 days after the public health emergency ends.
- To allow additional clinical laboratory time to the curriculum to assist with the completion of the program and graduation, in lieu of the clinical experiences during the public health emergency plus 180 days after the public health emergency ends.

2. Motion made by R. Garcia to all the Board staff to create a temporary license for home health aide who have completed their school but have not yet completed the skills exam. The provisional license category would be valid for the entire period of the

	<p>public health emergency plus 180 days. At the time that they complete the requirements and submit proof to the Board of Nursing, their HHA license would convert to a regular license. Seconded by L. Plater.</p> <p>M. Bardonille, L. George, L. Plater, R. Garcia, M. Green, M. Goletiani, and C. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. The vote passed unanimously.</p> <p>3. Motion made by R. Garcia to allow DC certified nursing assistants to work as home health aides during the public health emergency. Seconded by L. Plater.</p> <p>M. Bardonille, L. George, L. Plater, R. Garcia, M. Green, M. Goletiani, and C. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. The vote passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-21-01-09</p>	<p>FACULTY QUALIFICATION WAIVER</p> <p>Board Action: To consider request to allow Georgetown University to hire a Baccalaureate-prepared nurse as clinical instructor- maternal/newborn for Spring and Fall 2021 semesters.</p> <p>Background: Georgetown University has had trouble hiring a maternal/newborn clinical instructor, which impedes the program’s ability to provide a clinical rotation at one of the mother-baby clinical sites.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by L. Plater to allow Georgetown University to hire a Baccalaureate-prepared nurse as clinical instructor- maternal/newborn for Spring and Fall 2021 semesters. Seconded by M. Green.</p> <p>M. Bardonille, L. George, L. Plater, R. Garcia, M. Green, M. Goletiani, and C. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. The vote passed unanimously.</p>	

<p>OS-21-01-10</p>	<p>MOTION TO CLOSE</p> <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b)</p> <p>Background: 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"> 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); 2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6); 3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9); 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). <p>Motion: Motion made by L. Plater to go into closed session. Seconded by M. Green.</p> <p>M. Bardonille, L. George, L. Plater, R. Garcia, M. Green, M. Goletiani, and C. Johnson voted in favor of the motion. The vote passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Decision</p>
<p>OS-21-01-11</p>	<p>MOTION TO ADJOURN</p> <p>Board Action:</p>	<p>Decision</p>

	<p>To adjourn the meeting</p> <p>Background: At the end of every meeting a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p> <p>Motion: Motion by L. Plater to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by M. Green.</p>	
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This ends the Open Session Minutes.