

BOARD OF NURSING

Open Session Minutes

January 23, 2019

9:00 am – 11:00 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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BOARD MEMBERS:	
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)	ABSENT
Margaret Green, LPN (MG)	
Monica Goletiani, Consumer (MG)	ABSENT
Crystal Johnson, Consumer (CJ)	
BOARD STAFF:	
Frank B. Meyers, JD, Interim Executive Director	
Bonita Jenkins, EdD, RN, CNE	
Cathy Borris-Hale, RN, MHA	
Joanne Drozdoski, JD	
Kierstin Moses	
Antoinette Butler	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Van Brathwaite, JD	

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¹ 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.

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

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-19-01-02

BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT

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A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT

None.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

i. Board Meeting Change

Recently DC Health was sent a newsletter from the Office of Open Government (OOG) stating that pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, all meetings must begin in open session and end back in open session to adjourn the meeting. In response, the meeting schedule and agenda have been modified to comply with this guidance.

Additionally, various changes have been made to the agenda to make it more consistent with DC Health branding efforts across HRLA.

ii. Electronic Distribution of Agendas

Future agendas and related materials will be distributed to Board members via electronic methods. The Executive Director provided a brief demonstration of how such systems work.

iii. 2019 NCSBN Midyear Meeting

The 2019 NCSBN midyear meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2019, in San Antonio, TX. Two (2) representatives from the DC Board of Nursing may be able to attend this meeting.

Ms. Bardonille and Ms. Laverne expressed interest in going, which the Board agreed with.

iv. 2019 APRN Roundtable & Consensus Forum

The 2019 APRN Roundtable is scheduled for April 9, 2019, in Rosemont, Ill, which will be followed by the APRN Consensus Forum on April 10, 2019.

The roundtable will focus on the “challenges and innovations in APRN education”, and is an opportunity for APRN stakeholders to discuss common issues/concerns regarding APRNs.

	<p>The consensus forum is only for NCSBN Executive Officers and one board representative.</p> <p>Ms. Lamme and Dr. Uhland expressed interest in attending the round table, and Ms. Lamme expressed interest in attending the consensus forum. No other board members expressed interest in attending the consensus forum.</p> <p>v. Upcoming Renewals Staff has begun early discussions with IT on the LPN renewals that will be happening this Spring. Several improvements have already been made to the renewal system that address the issues experienced in the most recent nursing renewals.</p> <p>C. BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT None.</p>	
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MISC. ITEMS

OS-19-01-03	<p><u>CALCULATION OF NCLEX PASS RATE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To determine whether to modify the existing formula for determining “first time exam passage rates”.</p> <p>Background: Currently the exam passage rate for graduates of nursing programs taking the exam the first time is based solely on the fact they are taking the exam for the first time, regardless of when they graduate. Data indicates the longer an individual waits to take the exam, the greater the chance of failing, which can negatively impact the “first time exam passage rates”. Board Members previously asked staff to look into this issue and provide some language addressing the delay in test taking.</p> <p>This matter was originally presented at the December 2018 meeting, however based on staff recommendations it was tabled for discussion at the next available meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Ms. Platter to change the calculation for determining first time passage rate from five (5) years from the date of graduation to one (1) year from date of graduation. Seconded by Ms. Greene.</p> <p>Ms. George, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Plater, Dr. Uhland, Ms. Green, Ms. Johnson, and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	BJ
OS-19-01-04	<p><u>LIVE. LONG. DC.</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the District’s strategic plan to reduce opioid use, misuse, and related deaths.</p> <p>Background: On December 24, 2018, the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) released the District government’s plan to reduce opioid use, misuse, and related deaths, titled “Live. Long. DC.” The plan focuses on seven (7) goals with multiple strategies. These goals are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reduce legislative and regulatory barriers to create a comprehensive surveillance and response that supports sustainable solutions to emerging trends in substance use disorder, opioid-related overdose, and opioid-related fatalities.	FM

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Educate Washington, DC residents and key stakeholders on the risks of opioid use disorders and effective prevention and treatment options. 3. Engage health professionals and organizations in the prevention and early intervention of substance use disorder among Washington, DC residents. 4. Support the awareness and availability of, and access to, harm reduction services in Washington, DC. 5. Ensure equitable and timely access to high-quality substance use disorder treatment and recovery support services. 6. Develop and implement a shared vision between Washington, DC's justice and public health agencies to address the needs of individuals who come in contact with the criminal justice system to develop a culture of empathy for residents and their families. 7. Develop effective law enforcement strategies that reduce the supply of illegal opioids in Washington, DC. <p>Motion: This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	
OS-19-01-05	<p><u>OPIOID OVERDOSE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OMNIBUS ACT OF 2018</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the “Opioid Overdose Treatment and Prevention Omnibus Act of 2018”, recently passed by the DC City Council.</p> <p>Background: The “Opioid Overdose Treatment and Prevention Omnibus Act of 2018” was recently passed by the DC City Council and sent to the Mayor for signature. The bill, amongst others, requires “prescribers” to register with the District’s Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) by March 31, 2019.</p> <p>Motion: This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	FM

<p>OS-19-01-06</p>	<p><u>NAP PROGRAM APPROVALS</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the exam scores and rates for the various nursing assistive personnel (NAP) training programs in the District.</p> <p>Background: As part of the Board of Nursing’s regulatory authority, staff maintains data on exam passage rates and scores. This data is then used to determine whether education programs in the District meet requirements for approval by the Board of Nursing. The 2016 - 2018 examination data has now been gathered, and is being presented to the Board for review.</p> <p>Motion: In addition to providing data on pass rate of the HHA and CAN programs, Dr. Jenkins requested the Board provided feedback on whether HHAs should be allowed to obtain training outside of the District? Based on feedback from the general public and additional Board discussion, it was determined this issue should be tabled to the March 2019 meeting for additional research.</p> <p>Regarding the NAP program information, the Board felt further discussion needed to be taken in closed session related to approval statuses, so this matter was tabled to closed session discussion.</p>	<p>BJ</p>
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MOTION TO CLOSE

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MOTION TO CLOSE

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Board Action:

To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).

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:

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).

Motion:

Motion made by Lamme to go into closed session. Seconded by Ms. Greene.

Ms. George, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Plater, Dr. Uhland, Ms. Green, Ms. Johnson, and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-19-01-08	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p>Board Action: To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Background: 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> <p>Motion: Motion made by Ms. Greene to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Platter.</p> <p>Ms. George, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Plater, Ms. Green, Ms. Johnson, and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Uhland was absent. The motion passed.</p>	FM
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This ends the Open Session Minutes.