

BOARD OF NURSING

Open Session Minutes

April 3, 2019

9:00 am – 10:42 am

1:15 pm – 1:16 pm

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)	ABSENT
Elizabeth Lamme, RN (EL)	ABSENT
Laverne Plater, RN (LP)	
Nancy Uhland, RN, DNP (NU)	
Rick Garcia, RN, PhD (RG)	
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	ABSENT
DaNeka Bigelow	
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-19-04-01	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> A. BOARD MEMBERS B. BOARD STAFF	MB

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OS-19-04-02

BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT

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A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT

i. NCSBN Annual Meeting

The Chair discussed the recent NCSBN annual meeting which was attended by several board members. The meeting addressed several issues, including the rising costs of healthcare, the nursing compact, nursing student loan defaults, creation of a nurse identifier number by NCSBN, VA hospital discipline reporting, next generation NCLEX (by 2023), nursing education, limiting the number of NCLEX attempts, competency assessments, use of social media by boards, the Global Leadership Academy for Regulatory Excellence (GLARE) training program, and several other topics.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

i. Certified Professional Midwife Act of 2019

A bill has been re-introduced that would establish an Advisory Committee on Midwifery under the Board of Nursing, which would license Certified Professional Midwives. There is a council hearing on April 23, 2019 to discuss the bill, so the department would like feedback from the Board of Nursing.

The Board stated it is currently opposed to the legislation in its current form. Additionally, the Board provided the following feedback:

- The Board of Nursing is opposed to the legislation in its current form.
- The legislation references NARM, which is only a registry and not a certifying body. The legislation should require a certifying board, like AMCB.
- There should not be a non-accredited education pathway. All applicants should be graduates of an accredited program.
- The language should be clarified to state exactly what the practice of midwifery will be, as their scope of practice will be different than CNMs and CMs.

- Clarify that this bill is only creating a new licensure category – CPM – and not altering or eliminating CNMs.
- Would be helpful to find supporting data on the number of birthing centers in the District, and how many issues have occurred.
- CPMs, which are currently being worked on in the HORA amendment, would fill the practice gap that CPMs are attempting to fill, and do so in a way that better protects the health and welfare of District residents.
- What exactly is meant by the term “access to appropriate consultation”?
- CPMs should not be allowed to provide services to high risk pregnancies.
- CPMs should be required to know much more than CPR, such as NRP, etc.
- CPMs should not be allowed to prescribe or order medications. All prescribing authority should be limited to what is already allowed under the law in the District.
- Concerns raised regarding insurance reimbursement requirements that may alter acceptable medical practice.

Either Ms. Bardonille or Ms. Lamme will be available to testify at the hearing for this bill.

ii. Upcoming Renewals

The renewal portal has been finalized. Staff will be reaching out to licensed LPNs to do the final level of testing – actual renewal of their license.

C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT

- i. None.

OS-19-04-03	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 6, 2018 meeting.</p> <p>Background: 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>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Garcia to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Plater.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson, Dr. Uhland, Dr. Garcia, Ms. Green, Ms. Plater, and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	FM
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HEARINGS

OS-19-04-04

TASHA EASTERLING, CNA

Board Action:

To hold the hearing on the NOI to determine whether to place licensee on the Federal Abuse Registry for CNAs following conviction for credit card fraud while employed in her capacity as a CNA.

Background:

Ms. Easterling pled guilty to two (2) misdemeanor counts of credit card fraud stemming from her fraudulent/unauthorized use of the credit card of a resident for who she was caring for while employed as a CNA.

Motion:

Motion made by Dr. Garcia to go into closed session to deliberate. Seconded by Ms. Green.

Ms. Johnson, Dr. Uhlund, Dr. Garcia, Ms. Green, Ms. Plater, and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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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 Dr. Garcia to go into closed session. Seconded by Ms. Green.

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

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-19-04-06

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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Board Action:

To adjourn the meeting.

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.

Motion:

Motion made by Dr. Garcia to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dr. Uhland.

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

This ends the Open Session Minutes.