

# **BOARD OF NURSING**

## **Open Session Minutes**

**July 3, 2019**

**9:00 am – 10:51 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)	<b>ABSENT</b>
Margaret Green, LPN (MG)	
Monica Goletiani, Consumer (MG)	
Crystal Johnson, Consumer (CJ)	<b>ABSENT</b>
Theedith Moore, LPN (TM)	
<b>BOARD STAFF:</b>	
Frank B. Meyers, JD, Interim Executive Director	
Bonita Jenkins, EdD, RN, CNE	
Cathy Borris-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-19-07-01 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**

OS-19-07-02 ALL	<p><b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>i. National Regulatory Updates</b> The Board Chairperson gave an update on recently introduced and enacted laws and regulations across the United States addressing nursing practice.</p> <p><b>ii. New Board Member</b> The Board Chairperson introduced Ms. Thedith Moore as the new LPN member to the Board of Nursing.</p> <p><b>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>i. PDMP Mandatory Registration</b> The District of Columbia Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (DC PDMP) began sending notices to all practitioners informing them of the need to register with the PDMP, pursuant to DC Act 22-616. As the terms of the act required registration by March 31, 2019, which passed before the legislation took effect, the Department has set a new registration deadline of July 31, 2019.</p> <p><b>ii. New Office of Open Government (OOG) Regulations</b> The Executive Director informed the Board of newly enacted regulations from the Office of Open Government. Specifically, the Executive Director highlighted the statement at the end of the agenda re: submission of complaints.</p> <p><b>C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>i. NAP Regulations</b> The Board Attorney provided an update on the status of the Nursing Assistive Personnel (NAP) regulations. Specifically, the thirty (30) day comment period has concluded with no new comments being received. Legal is working to publish the NAP regulations as final, which will then implement those regulations.</p>	FM
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OS-19-07-03 ALL	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b>  Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the June 5, 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><b>Motion:</b>  Motion made by Dr. Uhland to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Lamme.</p> <p>Ms. Moore, Dr. Uhland, Ms. Lamme, Ms. George, Ms. Greene, Ms. Plater, and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	FM
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**NURSING EDUCATION**

OS-19-07-04 ALL	<p><b><u>NURSING SCHOOL REGULATIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the draft proposed regulations governing nursing school programs in the District.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> These proposed regulations are an update to the existing regulations, and include updates to program curriculum requirements for nursing schools in the District, incorporating the RN to BSN degree programs, as well as addressing distance learning requirements for District run programs.</p> <p>The Board provided feedback at their May 2019 meeting, following which Dr. Jenkins made changes to the proposed regulations. The Board again reviewed at the June 2019 meeting, most focused on approval of the changes made by staff with a few suggestions for clarification.</p> <p>The final draft are now being presented for review and approval.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Ms. Plater to approve the draft nursing school regulations. Seconded by Ms. Greene.</p> <p>Ms. Moore, Dr. Uhland, Ms. Lamme, Ms. George, Ms. Greene, Ms. Plater, and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	BJ
OS-19-07-05 ALL	<p><b><u>APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM – ST. MICHAEL’S COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the application from St. Michael College of Allied Health, proposing to establish a nursing program in the District of Columbia.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Staff previously reviewed the application from St. Michael’s College of Allied Health in November of 2018, following which comments and feedback were provided to St. Michael’s College for needed changes before approval could be given. St. Michael’s College made several changes and re-submitted to them Board staff, which reviewed the second draft on June 4, 2019.</p> <p>The application and staff comments are being provided to the Board for guidance on how to proceed.</p>	BJ

	<p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Ms. Plater to approve the program following clarification of the various issues identified and discussed by staff. Seconded by Ms. George.</p> <p>Ms. Moore, Dr. Uhland, Ms. Lamme, Ms. George, Ms. Greene, Ms. Plater, and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-19-07-06 ALL	<p><b><u>HHA SUMMIT FOLLOW UP</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the updated participant numbers from the April 2019 HHA Summit.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Board discussed the results of the HHA Summit at it's May 2019 meeting. Following discussion the Board requested a report from staff outlining the major takeaways, as well as more specific data on the various types of participants and their numbers. While the report is still being completed, participant numbers have been determined as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HHA Training Programs - 7</li> <li>2. DC Community Organizations - 4</li> <li>3. Home Care Agencies - 23</li> <li>4. DC Government Agencies - 4</li> </ol> <p><b>Motion:</b> This item was for information purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	BJ

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**MISC. ITEMS**

OS-19-07-07 ALL	<p><b><u>OFFICE OF OPEN GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the new regulations implemented by the Office of Open Government regarding Open Meetings.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> The Office of Open Government (OOG) recently implemented new regulations modifying the requirements for open meetings in the District of Columbia. A copy of the new regulations, as well as a memo from OOG detailing the major changes, are being provided to the Board for review.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	FM
OS-19-07-08 ALL	<p><b><u>DEMENTIA TRAINING FOR DIRECT CARE WORKERS ACT OF 2019</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To review the proposed legislation currently before the DC Council, and provide feedback.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Legislation was introduced before the DC Council establishing dementia training requirements for various healthcare practitioners in the District. In addition to the dementia training requirements, an amendment is being introduced that would add licensure of Certified Professional Midwives (CPM) to the Board of Medicine.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Ms. Lamme requested that the CPMs be put back under the Board of Nursing. Additionally, members discussed the option of inviting CPMs to present before the Board on the topic of midwifery.</p> <p>This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	FM

OS-19-07-09  
ALL

**PRESENTATION FROM MS. SIGNEY OLSEN, APRN, CNM**

**Board Action:**

To hear from Ms. Signey Olsen, CNM, regarding gender inclusive scope of practice in midwifery regulations.

**Background:**

Ms. Olsen is an APRN who practices in the District, with a clinical focus on providing care for the LGBTQ community, particularly in the area of providing gender-affirming care for the transgender and non-binary populations. Ms. Olsen is involved on a national level with addressing scope of practice for midwives in caring for trans/non-binary individuals, which includes developing clear language in state scope of practice documents that supports care of these populations by APRNs.

**Motion:**

Ms. Olsen requested the Board modify it's scope of practice to be more inclusive regarding care of LGBTQ patients. Legal informed Ms. Olsen that regulations have been submitted for publication in the DC Register, which will include a comment period, at which time the specific changes can be requested. The Board directed Ms. Olsen's email be added to the Board's stakeholder list.

This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.

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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 Ms. Greene to go into closed session. Seconded by Ms. Uhland.

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

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

OS-19-07-11 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> <p><b>Motion:</b> Motion made by Ms. Plater to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Lamme.</p> <p>Ms. Moore, Dr. Uhland, Ms. Lamme, Ms. George, Ms. Greene, Ms. Plater, and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	FM
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**This ends the Open Session Minutes.**

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