

BOARD OF NURSING

Open Session Minutes

October 2, 2019

9:00 am – 10:00 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)	
Margaret Green, LPN (MG)	
Monica Goletiani, Consumer (MG)	
Crystal Johnson, Consumer (CJ)	ABSENT
Thedith Moore, LPN (TM)	
BOARD STAFF:	
Frank B. Meyers, JD, Executive Director (Interim)	
Bonita Jenkins, EdD, RN, CNE	
Cathy Borris-Hale, RN, MHA	
Joanne Drozdoski, JD	
DaNeka Bigelow	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Van Brathwaite, JD	ABSENT
Ajay Gohil, 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-19-10-01 ALL	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> A. BOARD MEMBERS B. BOARD STAFF	MB
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-19-10-02
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BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT

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A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT

i. Year of the Nurse & Midwife

The Board Chair brought up the fact that the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared 2020 as the “Year of the Nurse & Midwife”, and while NCSBN will be promoting this fact, the chair requested feedback from members and the public re: what the Board can do to support this event?

Some suggestions made included adding information to the Nurses magazine, holding a symposium or lunch, promote a nurse from each nursing school, and/or acknowledgment of nursing programs. The Board also recommended staff reach out to WHO to inquire as to what resources/guidance they may be able to provide to help support this action?

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

i. Mayor’s Commission on Healthcare Systems Transformation

On September 24, 2019, staff from DC Health attended the monthly meeting of the Mayor’s Commission on Healthcare Systems (Commission). Staff attended for purposes of presenting on Telehealth and Compacts in the District.

As part of the discussion, DC Health has been requesting each of the health professional boards take a look at whether any telehealth policies and/or regulations are needed. The Board Executive Director requested feedback from the Board re: whether they wanted to pursue regulations governing the practice of telenursing?

The Board requested individuals from Mary’s Center and DHCF present before the Board regarding how telehealth is practiced, and what reimbursement options exist for nurses, as well as provide information on what policies and regulations exist currently that address the practice of telehealth and/or telenursing.

	C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT	
OS-19-10-03 ALL	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the September 4, 2019 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 Ms. Greene to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Garcia.</p> <p>Ms. Moore, Ms. Goletiani, Dr. Uhland, Dr. Garcia, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Greene, Ms. Plater, Ms. George and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	FM

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NURSING EDUCATION

OS-19-10-04 ALL	<p><u>APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF NURSING PROGRAM – UDC</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the application from UDC for approval of their Nursing Program program.</p> <p>Background: The University of the District of Columbia has submitted an application for initial approval of the Associates Degree Nursing Program. Staff has reviewed the application, and their comments/notes are provided for review.</p> <p>Representatives from UDC were present to answer any questions</p> <p>Motion: Dr. Jenkins provided her report on the submission from UDC, specifically that an updated syllabi is still needed, but this was not something that would prevent the Board from approving the program.</p> <p>Motion made by Ms. Plater to approve the UDC application, pending submission of the (1) student learning outcomes and (2) course level student outcomes. Seconded by Ms. Greene.</p> <p>Ms. Moore, Ms. Goletiani, Dr. Uhland, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Greene, Ms. Plater, Ms. George and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Garcia abstained. The motion passed.</p> <p><i>Of note, UDC is meeting with their accrediting body next Tuesday, so the approval letter will be needed before then.</i></p>	BJ
OS-19-10-05 ALL	<p><u>HHA PROGRAM APPROVALS</u></p> <p>Background: To review the site visit reports from staff regarding DC HHA programs.</p> <p>Board Action: Board of Nursing staff recently conducted site visits on the below identified HHA training programs, each of which were placed on conditional approval for six (6) months:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bethel2. Healthwrite3. Intellect <p>Staff is recommending each of the above programs remain on</p>	BJ

Conditional Approval from October 2019 to March, 2020.

Motion:

Dr. Jenkins provided her report, including her recommendation that the programs remain on conditional status until their next review in six (6) months.

Bethel

1st motion made by Ms. Goletiani to grant conditional status to Bethel for an additional six (6) months with a letter of concern, but to also invite Bethel to appear before the Board as soon as possible. Seconded by Ms. Greene.

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

Healthwrite

2nd motion made by Ms. Goletiani to grant conditional status to Healthwrite for additional six (6) months, but to also invite Healthwrite to appear before the Board as soon as possible. Seconded by Ms. Greene.

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

Intellect

3rd motion made by Dr. Garcia to grant conditional status to Healthwrite for additional six (6) months, but to also invite Intellect to the November meeting. Seconded by Ms. George.

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

Of note, the Board requested the Higher Education Learning Commission (HELIC) be cc'ed on the above letters of concern.

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MISC. ITEMS

OS-19-10-06
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NEXT GENERATION NCLEX

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Board Action:

To review information from NCSBN regarding the Next Generation NCLEX (NGN).

Background:

NCSBN recently sent out a mass communication to stakeholders regarding the status of the NGN. TO better assist state nursing boards in responding to stakeholders, NCSBN has created a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) which is designed to provide on update on the status of the NGN, as well as hopefully answer many of the questions the public may have.

Motion:

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

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MOTION TO CLOSE

<p>OS-19-10-07 ALL</p>	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></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 Dr. Garcia to go into closed session. Seconded by Ms. Greene.</p> <p>Ms. Moore, Ms. Goletiani, Dr. Uhland, Dr. Garcia, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Greene, Ms. Plater, Ms. George and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>FM</p>
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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-19-10-08 ALL	<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 Dr. Garcia to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. George.</p> <p>Ms. Moore, Ms. Goletiani, Dr. Uhland, Dr. Garcia, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Greene, Ms. Plater, Ms. George 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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