

BOARD OF NURSING

Open Session Minutes

November 6, 2019

9:15 am – 10:01 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)	ABSENT
Nancy Uhland, RN, DNP (NU)	
Rick Garcia, RN, PhD (RG)	ABSENT
Margaret Green, LPN (MG)	
Monica Goletiani, Consumer (MG)	ARRIVED LATE
Crystal Johnson, Consumer (CJ)	
Thedith Moore, LPN (TM)	
BOARD STAFF:	
Frank B. Meyers, JD, Interim Executive Director	
Bonita Jenkins, EdD, RN, CNE	
Cathy Borris-Hale, RN, MHA	
Joanne Drozdoski, JD	
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-19-11-01 ALL	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> A. BOARD MEMBERS B. BOARD STAFF	MB

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES, CONSENT AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

<p>OS-19-11-02 ALL</p>	<p><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT REPORT</u></p> <p>A. BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT</p> <p>i. Year of the Nurse The Board Chair reminded the Board that 2020 is the Year of the Nurse Midwife, and asked the public if they had any input on how best to celebrate this year.</p> <p>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>i. Death with Dignity Presentation The Executive Director will provide a brief update on the recent presentation by members of DC Health staff at United Medical Center regarding the District’s Death with Dignity program.</p> <p>ii. January 2020 Board Meeting As the January 2020 meeting of the Board of Nursing is schedule for January 1st, the Board needs to consider whether to move or cancel that meeting.</p> <p>The Executive Director will send out a Doodle Poll to all members to reschedule the January 1, 2020 meeting.</p> <p>C. BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p>	<p>FM</p>
<p>OS-19-11-03 ALL</p>	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the October 2, 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 Dr. Uhland to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Greene.</p> <p>Ms. Moore, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Uhland, Ms. George, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Greene and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. The motion</p>	<p>FM</p>

	passed unanimously.	
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MISC. ITEMS

OS-19-11-04 ALL	<p><u>10 % CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) UPDATE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the notice from the Department of Health outlining which health priorities have been established for the 10% continuing education requirement.</p> <p>Background: DC Health recently promulgated regulations requiring all professions licensed by HRLA to complete at least 10% of the CE in subject areas designated as health priorities by the Director. While many of the regulations have been implemented, the list of health priorities had not been established until this month. A copy of the notice from DC Health is provided for the Board's review.</p> <p>Motion: This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	FM
OS-19-11-05 ALL	<p><u>PRESENTATION - MEDICAL DEFERRALS FOR IMMUNIZATIONS</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the presentation from the American Academy of Pediatrics.</p> <p>Background: Staff was contacted by the American Academy of Pediatrics to present on the topic of medical deferrals for immunizations, specifically addressing fraudulent exemptions or compensation to provide exemptions.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Ms.. Lamme to send communication addressing the need to properly immunize and that issuing fraudulent medical exemptions are potentially a cause to discipline. Seconded by Dr. Uhland.</p> <p>Ms. Moore, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Uhland, Ms. Goletiani, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Greene and Ms. Bardonille voted in favor of the motion. Ms. George voted no. The motion passed.</p>	FM

<p>OS-19-11-06 ALL</p>	<p><u>PRESENTATION - ABORTION CARE SERVICES IN DC</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the presentation from Morgan Nuzzo, CNM, on the topic of abortion care in the District.</p> <p>Background: The Board has previously raised several questions as to abortion care in the District, and the relevant standards. Ms. Nuzzo was contacted as a provider in this area, and has offered to present before the Board on this topic.</p> <p>A specific request was made to remove the limitation in the CNM regulations prohibiting Nurse Midwives from providing surgical abortions.</p> <p>Motion: The Executive Director informed the Board that the Nurse Practitioner regulations will be brought back to the Board at their December meeting, including an update on the status of the regulations becoming law.</p> <p>Additionally Ms. Nuzzo asked to be added to the BON Stakeholder list.</p> <p>This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	<p>FM</p>
<p>OS-19-11-07</p>	<p><u>US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) GUIDANCE FOR OPIOID USE</u></p> <p>Board Action To review the guide issued by the HHS addressing best practices for opioid prescribing.</p> <p>Background: Recently HHS issued a guide for use by clinicians on the appropriate dosage reduction or discontinuation of long-term opioid analgesics. A copy of the guide is being provided for Board review.</p> <p>Motion: This item was for informational purposes only, so no formal action was taken at this time.</p>	<p>FM</p>

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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. Moore.

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

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-19-10-09 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 Greene to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Goletiani.</p> <p>Ms. Moore, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Goletiani, Dr. Uhland, Ms. George, Ms. Lamme, Ms. Greene 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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