

BOARD OF NURSING

Open Session Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2022
9:00 a.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

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Board of Nursing 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 Meeting Participants’.**

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Meedie Bardonille, RN (MB)	Present
Laverne Plater, RN (LP)	Present
Rick Garcia, RN, PhD (RG)	Present
Margaret Green, LPN (MG)	Absent
Monica Goletiani, Consumer (MG)	Absent
Crystal Johnson, Consumer (CJ)	Present
LPN Member (Vacant)	Vacant
Melissa Clausen (MC)	Present
Patricia Howard-Chittams (PHC)	Present
BOARD STAFF:	
Arian Gibson, MS, Interim Associate Director	Absent
Teresa Walsh, RN, PhD, NE-C, Executive Director	Present
Bonita Jenkins EdD, RN, CNE	Present
Cathy Borris-Hale MHA, RN	Present
Concheeta Wright BSN, RN	Absent
Mark Donatelli, Investigator	Present
Gregory Spurlock, Compliance Officer	Present
Melondy Franklin, Supervisory Health Licensing Specialist	Present
Jack Tell, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
LEGAL STAFF:	

Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Assistant General Counsel	Present
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Public Participants: Dr. Susie Cato, UDC; Dr. Denise Pope, Trinity; Marla Lahat, Suzy Levy; Rosalynn Asamoah; DyAnne Little; Susan Walker

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER, APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES, AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-22-03-01	CALL TO ORDER	9:04am
OS-22-03-02	ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF	9:14am
OS-22-03-03	<p>AGENDA APPROVAL</p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session Agenda for today’s meeting, March 2, 2022.</p> <p>Motion: Motion by Rick Garcia to approve the Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Laverne Plater. Approved by consensus unanimously.</p>	Decision
OS-22-03-04	<p>MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL</p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the February 2, 2022, meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Motion by Rick Garcia to approve the Meeting Minutes from Feb. 2, 2022. Seconded by Laverne Plater. Approved by Meedie Bardonille, Rick Garcia, Laverne Plater, Cyrstal Johnson. Abstained from Michelle Clausen and Patricia Howard-Chittams.</p>	Decision
OS-22-03-05	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>A. Board Chair Report Interprofessional collaborative meeting with all Chairpersons and Dr. Watson (Chief of Staff) of D.C. Health. Continued support with collaboration with D.C. Health. On March 15-17, Meedie Bardonille, Cathy Borris-Hale and Terry Walsh will attend NCSBN Mid-Year meeting “in person” in St. Louis MO. Welcoming new members of Board of Nursing, Michelle Clausen, Patricia Howard-Chittams.</p> <p>B. Executive Director Report</p> <p>i. DC Health/HRLA Operational Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversight hearing occurred on Feb. 23, 2022. Public meeting and testimony on Feb. 23 with Councilmen Gray. Dr. Nesbit summarized DC-Health future objectives and goals • All COVID vaccines are required to be “up to date” by March 1, 2022. Exception processes and appeals occurring through 	Informational

Department of Health, not through Board of Nursing.	
ii. Licensure Census	
LICENSE TYPE	# OF ACTIVE LICENSEES (2/23/2022)
Certified Nurse Midwife	154
Clinical Nurse Specialist	45
Home Health Aide	8,839
Licensed Practical Nurse	1,617
Nurse Practitioner	2,958
Registered Nurse	30,727
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist	167
Trained Medication Employee	2,053
Total	46,560
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNA – Credentia is the registry and testing platform for CNA. We are working with them to get complete CBC’s into the database. Meetings ongoing between DC Staff and Credentia. <p>C. Board Attorney Report. <i>Proposed</i> rulemaking for Chapter 54, R.N. regulations will be published soon for public comment.</p> <p>D. Education Subcommittee Report –<u>Annual reports of HHA training reports for 2021.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Allied Health – Pass Rates 95%; Job Placement 100%; 305 Graduates b. Bethel Training Institute – Pass Rates 71%; Job Placement 25%; 55 Graduates c. Health Write- Pass Rates 90%; Job Placement 87%; 59 Graduates d. Immaculate School of Allied Health-Pass Rates 84%; Job Placement 67%; 40 Graduates e. Innovative Institute – Pass Rates 80%; Job Placement 76%; 21 Graduates f. Opportunities Industrialization Centers of DC (OIC)- Pass Rates 92%; Job Placement – 81%; Graduated 31 <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Annual reports of CNA reports for 2021</u></p>	

	<p>a) Academy of Hope-Adult Public Charter School- Pass Rates 94%; Job Placement – 100%; Graduated 13</p> <p>b) Allied Health & Technology – Pass Rates 84%; Job Placement 100%; Graduated 85</p> <p>c) Carlos Rosario – Pass Rates 88%; Job Placement 52%; Graduated – 35</p> <p>d) Coolidge High School (new program / initial) – No exams; Three (3) students Graduated</p> <p>e) HealthWrite-Pass Rates – 85%; Job Placement – 90%; Graduates – 28</p> <p>f) Innovative Institute – Pass Rates – 72%; Job Placement – 100%; Graduates – 25</p> <p>g) Time for Change (new 2020 program)-Pass Rates- 46%; Job Placement – 75%; Graduates – 16</p> <p>h) University of District of Columbia – Pass rates for 2021 – 80%; no classes in 2021</p> <p>E. Discipline Subcommittee Report – Cathy Borris-Hale shared that DC-BON will be participating in NCSBN with the Committee on Impaired Nursing (COIN). The study will examine alternatives to Discipline across multiple states. Next meeting in April 2022.</p>	
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MISC. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION		
OS-22-03-06	<p><u>POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING HHA TRAINING AND CNA IN HOMES</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the draft policy statement and determine whether to approve.</p> <p>Background: Due to two challenges: 1) HHA training had difficulty providing 40 clinical training hours to HHA trainees due to COVID measures, and 2) CNA from other states coming to work in DC under licensure waiver were able to work in home but CNA licensed in DC could not, resulting in unsupportable differentiation. The Board voted on January 6, 2021, to adopt a policy statement permitting HHA trainees to substitute simulation hours for clinical training and to allow DC CNA to work in home. The policy was set to expire 180 days after the lifting of public health emergency (PHE). The PHE was previously lifted on July 25, 2021. 180 days from that date would be January 21, 2022. However, the policy is being reviewed again based on current situation, with the ongoing Public Health Emergency (PHE). The PHE was revised in late January 2020. An amended policy for the CNA / HHA waiver for training and licensure training board was reviewed and approved by consensus.</p> <p>Motion: Motion by Rick Garcia to extend the period for CNA to work as HHA while they complete the 16 hours of training required and sit for exam by July 30, 2022. Seconded by Crystal Johnson. Approved by consensus unanimously.</p>	Decision
OS-22-03-07	<p><u>OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></p> <p>Board Action: Open the floor to the public.</p> <p>Background: Time permitted the Board Chair will open floor to the public to allow for the following: comments, questions, and/or concerns.</p>	Informational

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<p>OS-22-03-09</p>	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u> 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:</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); <p>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 by Laverne Plater to close the Open Session at 9:54 am. Seconded by Rick Garcia. Approved by consensus unanimously.</p>	<p>Decision</p>
<p>OS-22-03-10</p>	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u> Board Action: To adjourn the meeting. Background: At the end of every meeting a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board. Motion: Motion to close the open session by Rick Garcia. Seconded by Laverne Plater. Approval of Motion by unanimous consensus. Open session closed at 11:59 am.</p>	<p>Decision</p>

This ends the Open Session Agenda.