

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF NURSING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2013

“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.”

BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS	MEMBERS PRESENT
Chair: Mary Ellen Husted, RN	x
Vice Chair: Cathy Borris-Hale, RN	x
Toni Eason, RN	x
Mary Ivey, Consumer	x
Vera Mayer	x
Missy Moore, LPN	x
Chioma Nwachukwu, RN	x
Sukhjot “Simmy” Randhawa, RN	x
Winslow Woodland, RN	x
RN Vacancy	
LPN Vacancy	

STAFF	STAFF PRESENT
Executive Director	
Karen Scipio-Skinner	x
Administrator	
Feseha Woldu	
Attorney	
Van Brathwaite	x
Nurse Consultant	
Bonita Jenkins	x
Felicia Stokes	x
Concheeta Wright	
Investigator	
Mark Donatelli	x
Timothy Handy	
Board of Nursing Staff	
Angela Braxton	
Melondy Franklin	
Diane Moorer	x

BOARD OF NURSING WORK SESSSION AGENDA

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

CONSENT AGENDA

ISSUE: May minutes
ACTION: **Approved**

ISSUE: Allow HHA waiver applicants who are "Pending" approval or who have submitted their applications to continue to work until their applications are either approved or denied.

Rationale: Due to the large number of applications submitted there are about 700 to be entered into our data base and 3,000 to be approved by BON staff. If this is not approved these HHAs will not be able to work.

Action: **Approved**

ISSUE: Board of Nurse Delegation of Authority to Board of Nursing Staff

ACTION: **Approved**

REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIR

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR

REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ISSUE: Home Health Care Agencies who have missed submitting applications by the May 15th deadline and whose hire date is before April 2013 and the training graduation date before December 2012 for the employee

ACTION **Option 1:**

The agency must submit a letter to the Board explaining the reason for the late submission. Letter of explanation must be reviewed and approved by Board's Executive Director or Nurse Consultant

Option 2:

Applications will not be accepted

ISSUE Home Health Aides who missed the May 15th deadline and whose hire date is before April 2013 and the training graduation date before December 2012 for the employee.

ACTION: **Option 1:**

- Submit a letter to the Board explaining the reason for the late submission. Letter of explanation must be reviewed and approved by Board's Executive Director or Nurse Consultant
- Submit a letter from their agency acknowledging their years of employment as a HHA
- Submit evidence that they have completed an approved HHA program

- Pass HHA examination

Option 2:

Applications will not be accepted

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mary Ellen Husted, Chairperson

(Report will be provided at meeting)

ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

April 9, 2013 | Chicago, Ill. 2013 APRN Roundtable

The 2013 NCSBN APRN Roundtable is an opportunity for advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) stakeholders to discuss common issues/concerns regarding APRNs.

Reporting: Chioma Nwachukwu, RN

April 16-17, 2013 | San Diego, CA 2013 Long-term Care Conference

This exciting conference will bring together leaders from nursing regulation, practice, education and research to participate in interactive discussions. This diverse audience allows for multiple perspectives and provides a rare opportunity for attendees to debate issues and collaboratively discover ways to address barriers and improve care quality.

Reporting: Karen Scipio-Skinner

May 23-24, 2013 | Atlantic Beach, FL 2013 IT Conference

This conference provides a forum for networking and collaboration for IT & operations professionals.

Reporting: Toni Eason; Melondy Franklin; Yonatan Berhe

EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

REFERRALS FROM DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

Executive Session:

Executive Session (non-public) to Discuss Ongoing, Confidential Preliminary Investigations pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(14), to deliberate on a decision in which the Ethics Board will exercise quasi-judicial functions pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(13), and Personnel matters pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(10)

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OPEN SESSION AGENDA

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

9:30 Dr Sheila Jones, Adult Protective Services

ISSUE: Mandatory reporting requirements

10:00 Whitney Pinger, CNM; Nicole Jolley, CPM

ISSUE: Proposed establishment of midwifery board

11:00 Krista Cato, Jeannette M. Mitchell, Children's National Medical Center

ISSUE: Request to utilize Isoflurane therapy for life threatening asthma in Children's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)

Background: This medical practice has been well established in the United States, however, this would be a new therapy provided at Children's National Medical Center. Please see the attached literature.

Action/Request: Anesthesia sets up and administers the medication with monitoring every four hours. We are requesting clarification on whether a registered nurse may monitor and manage a patient who is receiving the anesthetic agent isoflurane for life threatening asthma. Are there any circumstances or limitations or requirements for the registered nurse to monitor and manage the care of patients receiving these anesthetic medications for the purpose of sedation?

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mary Ellen Husted, Chairperson

NOIs: 7

NSA: 2

COIN Referrals: 3

Cases Closed: 2

Cases Referred to investigation: 2

Fitness to Practice Order: 2

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Toni Eason, Chairperson

Educational Requirements

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an applicant for a license shall furnish proof satisfactory to the Board in accordance with § 504(n) of the Act, D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.04(n) of the following:

- (a) That the applicant has successfully completed a nursing education program **or the part of the entry level master's program** leading to licensure as a registered nurse which was approved by the Board or by a nursing board in the United States or U.S. territory with standards determined by the Board to be substantially equivalent to the standards in the District; or

To apply for authorization to take NCLEX-RN/PN, an applicant shall:

- (a) Submit a completed application to the Board, **signed by the Director of Nursing of the applicant's educational program.**
- (b) Arrange for an official transcript of the applicant's academic record to be sent to the Board.

REGULATION COMMITTEE RE

DIALYSIS TECH REGULATIONS:

9407 Renewal of Registration

9407.1 An applicant for renewal shall have:

Completed at least twenty four (24) hours of **in-service** or continuing education in the area of dialysis or areas relevant to practice during the **certification period minimum of two (2) hours of in-service or continuing education shall include HIV/AIDS or any or Board mandated topics.**

Rationale: Requirement for employer to provide in-service/continuing education (Section 9411) removed to requirement for renewal

9411 Performance Review

9411.1 An employer shall complete a performance review of every dialysis technician at least once every twelve (12) months.

Rationale: Added at the request of HRLA to assure that evaluations occur at least once a year.

9420.1 Dialysis Technician Training Programs

- (a) **Approved by the medical director and the governing body**
- (b) **Under the direction of a registered nurse**
- (c) **Focused on the operation on kidney dialysis equipment and machines, providing direct patient care, and communication and**

interpersonal skills, including patient sensitivity training and care of difficult patients. The training program must include the following subjects:

- (1) Principles of dialysis;
- (2) Care of patients with kidney failure, including interpersonal skills;
- (3) Dialysis procedures and documentation, including initiation, proper cannulation techniques, monitoring, and termination of dialysis.
- (4) Possible complications of dialysis;
- (5) Water treatment and dialysate preparation;
- (6) Infection control;
- (7) Safety;
- (8) Monitoring and testing of the water treatment system; and
- (9) Dialyzer reprocessing, if applicable.

Rationale: New language is compliant with Federal and DC laws. Requirements for the Board to approve and regulated DT Training programs removed.

MEDICATION AIDE

9513 Assignment and Delegation of Nursing Care Tasks to Medication Aides

9513.2 Medication aides shall not practice independently but shall work under the supervision of a licensed nurse.

The supervising nurse is required to document supervision of the MA-C at least once a month and available for review by the Board or its agent upon request

Rationale: Added to assure that evaluations occur at least once a year.

9515.2 Gastric feedings - Maintenance gastrostomy tube feeding may be provided by a home health aide, provided that the service is monitored continuously, with on-site supervision by a licensed nurse at least every two (2) weeks [New task]
Rationale:

Rationale: The Home Health Agency Regulations currently state:

3917.3 Except as described further in this subsection, wound care and tube feeding shall be provided only by a registered nurse or by a licensed practical nurse. Simple wound care and gastrostomy tube feeding may be provided by a home health aide or personal care aide, provided that the aide receives adequate training prior to performing the service and provided that the service is monitored continuously, with on-site supervision by a licensed nurse at least every two (2) weeks.

Not allowing HHAs to continue to perform a service that they have been legally allowed to perform may cause a hardship to the patient.

9523 & 9524 Separate sections created for MA training offered by a facility and MA training offered by a school. [Language drafted by Education Committee]

Rationale: This will allow facilities who currently provide training to continue to provide training.

9527.1 Model curriculum hours added [Education Committee added new section]

ISSUE: Allow TMEs to take MA-C
REFER: Practice or Regulation Committee

PRACTICE/LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Simmy” Randhawa, Chairperson

ISSUE: MediSpa Act

RECOMMENDATIONS: Suggestions to Board of Medicine regarding MediSpa Act

- Change the language from “advanced nurse practitioner” to “advanced practice registered nurse (APRN)” Pg 3, line 21
- Department is defined as DOH
- Change “collaborating physician” to “collaborating practitioner” Pg. 6, line 18
- Add BON member to advisory committee, Pg 10, line 5

ISSUE: Telemedicine Act

RECOMMENDATIONS: Proposed suggestions to Board of Medicine regarding Telemedicine Act-

Per the current bill, telemedicine is stated as the “practice of medicine.....”. This wording could exclude other practitioners who may be engaged in telemedicine. Please refer to the CMS definition of telemedicine.

CMS defines telemedicine as:

What is Telemedicine? Is there a difference between telemedicine and telehealth?

Yes there is. Telemedicine is the exchange of medical information from one provider to another via electronic communications to improve patients' health status.

The Board of Nursing recommends: Revise definition of telemedicine, and add definition of licensed practitioner.... **please see Medispa bill pg. 3, line 20-22.*

ISSUE: Staple Removal

RECOMMENDATION:

It is within the scope of practice of the RN and LPN to remove staples.
Any RN or LPN performing this task must demonstrate clinical competency in staple removal.

ISSUE: Supra Pubic Catheter

RECOMMENDATION:

It is within the scope of practice of the RN and LPN to replace supra pubic catheter. The initial replacement of the catheter is usually by the physician, advanced practice registered nurse or physician's assistant. Thereafter, the RN or LPN who has demonstrated clinical competency in the technique of asptic supra pubic catheter insertion and maintenance may assess, maintain and replace a supra pubic catheter.

Balloon type indwelling catheter

Size and replacement catheter and balloon is specified by the physician and advanced practice registered nurse and physician's assistant's order.
healed well established pathway

ISSUE: Ear Lavage with an ear lavage machine:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is within the scope of practice of the RN and LPN to perform ear lavage using irrigation and suction to remove ear wax. It is not within the RN or LPN scope of practice to remove ear wax via instrumentation such small alligator forceps or ear loops. The RN may delegate the task to the LPN.

Any RN or LPN performing a procedure must have the theoretical knowledge, skills, and competency to perform the procedure, or must be under direct supervision of as part of skill development.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA
12:30 PM