

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF NURSING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2012**

**BOARD OF NURSING WORK SESSSION AGENDA  
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 8:45 am by Rachael Mitzner, BSN, MS, RN; Chairperson

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rachael Mitzner, BSN, MS, RN; Mary Ellen Husted, BSN, RN; Margaret Green, LPN;  
Mary Ivey, DMin, Consumer member; Ottamissiah Moore

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS ABSENT**

Selena Howell, Consumer member, Excused; LPN; Mary Rockefeller, RN

**BOARD OF NURSING STAFF PRESENT**

Karen Scipio-Skinner, Executive Director  
Nurse Consultants: Concheeta Wright; Bonita Jenkins; Felicia Stokes

**INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**

Timothy Handy  
Mark Donatelli

**ATTORNEY**

Van Brathwaite

**CONSENT AGENDA**

June 6, 2012 Minutes

**DECISION:** Approved

**REPORT FROM ATTORNEY**

Status of requested NOIs provided

Status of HHA regulation

**ISSUE:** HHA regulations are scheduled to be published as final Friday, July 13, 2012. The following language needs to be reconsidered.

**9305.2** The Board of Nursing shall waive the training and examination requirements for any person currently practicing as a home health aide provided that the applicant demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the board, that he or she has been performing the functions of a home health aide on a full-time or substantially full-time (a minimum of 1000 hours per year) basis provided that the home health aide complies with the following:

- (a) Has completed a board approved home health aide training program;
- (b) Provides statement from supervising nurse or health care professional, indicating the applicants continued competence to provide care;
- (c) Has worked as a home health aide for a period of at least ninety (90) days immediately preceding the date these regulations are published as final;
- (d) Submits an application no later than one hundred eighty days (180) after these regulations are published as final rulemaking;
- (e) Submits a letter from an employer certifying the applicant's ability to perform skills as listed in § 9327.2.

**REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**NCSBN Meetings Application**

**ISSUE:** Meeting scheduled for with IT staff from, DOH, NCSBN, HRLA and BON staff to discuss implementation of Meeting Application

**CONFERENCE REPORTS**

**Information only**

**NCSBN Investigator/Attorney Conference**

**REPORTING:** F. Stokes; T. Handy

**NCSBN Executive Officer's Summit**

**REPORTING:** K. Skinner

**ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED**

**BON delegated authority**

**ISSUE:** Review and approve document specifying Board's delegated authority to staff [Available at meeting]

**Revised Policy and Procedure: 10 (SRC)**

**ISSUE:** Policy and Procedure revised to reflect change in Board's delegated authority to staff.

**DECISION:** Approved

**Revised Policy and Procedure: 11 (CBC)**

**ISSUE:** Policy and Procedure revised to reflect change in Board's delegated authority to staff and CBC triage

**DECISION:** Approved

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF NURSING

## OPEN SESSION AGENDA 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

### **CALL TO ORDER**

*Meeting was called to order at 9:50 am by Rachael Mitzner, BSN, MS, RN; Chairperson*

### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

*Rachael Mitzner, BSN, MS, RN; Mary Ellen Husted, BSN, RN; Margaret Green, LPN; Mary Ivey, DMin, Consumer member; Ottamissiah Moore*

### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS ABSENT**

*Selena Howell, Consumer member, Excused; LPN; Mary Rockefeller, RN*

## **REGULATION**

### **Uniform Licensure Requirements**

**ISSUE:** Discuss NCSBN analysis of DC rules and regulations

### **Endorsing inactive licensees**

**ISSUE:** Approve language below  
5406.1 An applicant is eligible for licensure by endorsement if the applicant is currently licensed as a registered/practical nurse, under the laws of a state or territory of the United States or if the applicant's license has been inactive or expired license for less than five years prior to the application for endorsement; and if the applicant's original licensure in a state or territory was based upon:

- (a) A passing score on a state constructed examination taken prior to 1949;
- (b) A passing score on the State Board Test Pool Examination for nurses taken between January 1949 and February 1982; or
- (c) A passing score on the NCLEX-RN

### **RN/LPN Regulation revisions**

**ISSUE:** Review and approve proposed regulations

[Please note: Language below was inadvertently omitted from proposed regulations]

## **5412 TEMPORARY PERMITS**

- (a) A temporary permit is a time-limited authorization to practice nursing as specified by the type of permit.
- (b) The BON may issue, upon request of the applicant, a temporary permit to practice nursing to applicants for endorsement to practice nursing to an individual who submits an application for licensure by endorsement and with verification of current licensure in another jurisdiction
- (c) Temporary permits may be issued for a time period not to exceed 90 months. Permits are non-renewable and are valid from the submission of a proper request until the date of the BON decision on the application.
- (d) Upon submission of application for licensure, including submission of request for criminal background check and receipt of verification of unencumbered license from another jurisdiction, an applicant for licensure by endorsement may receive a temporary permit to practice nursing.

## **PRACTICE**

### **Administration vs dispensing medications**

**ISSUE:** The practice issue is whether or not placing pills in pill box and providing medications for patients for an extended period is within a licensed nurse's authority.

Language for Board consideration:

Administration of medications for extended period

The DC Board of Nursing recognizes that there are periods of time that a licensed nurse will be required to administer prescribed medications to patients for extended periods of time, i.e. in a home setting or patients leaving a community setting for a weekend or to take a trip with family members. Under these and similar circumstances it is the opinion of the Board that licensed nurses may place medications in a pill box or properly labeled container and must meet the following guidelines:

- Comply with facility/agency written policies and procedures
- Period of time shall not exceed 14 days
- Written medication administration instructions must be provided to the patient or responsible person

**DECISION:** Language approved

## **EDUCATION**

# **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF NURSING**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA**

### **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)*