

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF NURSING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2013**

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BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS	Work Session	Open Session	Executive Session
Chair: Mary Ellen Husted, RN	x	x	x
Vice Chair: Cathy A. Borris-Hale, RN	x	x	x
Toni A. Eason	x	x	x
Mary E. Ivey, Consumer	x	x	x
Missy Moore, LPN	x	x	x
Chioma Nwachukwu, RN	x	x	x
Sukhjit “Simmy” Randhawa, RN	x	x	x
Winslow B. Woodland, RN	x	x	x
Vera Mayer, Consumer	x	x	x
LPN Vacancy			
RN Vacancy			

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

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

CALL TO ORDER Meeting

The BON meeting was called to order by Mary Ellen Husted, Chairperson 8:45 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

ISSUE: February 6, 2013 minutes

DECISION: Approved

Vera Mayer

ISSUE: Sworn-in as Consumer Member by Darryl Gorman

PRESENTATION: Role of Board Members

Darryl Gorman, Boards and Commissions

REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIRPERSON

NCSBN Mid-Year Meeting

ISSUE: Mary Ellen Husted and Cathy Borris-Hale provided feedback

NCBN Discipline Conference

ISSUE: The conference begins June 5th in Annapolis, MD (day of board meeting), with a dinner presentation. It will not conflict with the scheduled meeting. The following person expressed interest in attending:

Mary Ellen Husted
Cathy Borris-Hale
Chioma Nwachukwu
Missy Moore
Winslow Wooden
Concheeta Wright
Felicia Stokes
Timothy Handy

REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR

N/A

REPORT FROM ATTORNEY

N/A

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Oversight Hearing

ISSUE: The District of Columbia City Council's Committee on Health held an oversight hearing for Health Professional Boards, Thursday, March

14th at 10:00 a.m. Chioma Nwachukwu presented testimony on behalf of the Board.

Safe Staffing Legislation proposed

ISSUE: This legislation was introduced by the DC City Council. If passed it would require acute care general or psychiatric hospital's staffing plan to incorporate direct care registered nurse-to-patient ratios in specified units. The Board has been asked to present testimony at an upcoming hearing. Talking points: Role of the BON is to assure that licensees are safe to practice
Emphasize the Board's mission
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Provide NCSBN – TERCAP statistics
Know that the nurse providing care to the patient is competent

HHA Update [as of this date]

ISSUE: Approved- 2,564
Pending- 3,806

Health Professionals Monitoring Program

ISSUE: HPLA is working with Nursing and Medicine to offer a monitoring program for all licensed/certified health professionals

National Practitioner's Data Bank

ISSUE: DC is compliant with the submission of discipline information to the data bank. Kudos to C. Wright and F. Stokes for submitting discipline to the data bank

ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

DISCIPLINE OPTIONS

ISSUE: Staff is recommending adding "Remediation Essay" and "Presentation" as other discipline options. As a form of discipline, the licensee required to write an article or offer a presentation to nursing staff focusing on the reason they were referred to the Board.

RATIONALE: For some practice issues that come before the board, there may not be a course available. Or the board may want licensees to do more than take a course. Having the licensee to write an article and/or present a paper to their nurse colleague provides the board with another disciplinary action option.

DECISION: Approved

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OPEN SESSION AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The BON meeting was called to order by Mary Ellen Husted, Chairperson 10:00 a.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dr. Sheila Jones, Chief of the DC Department of Human Services Family Services Administration

ISSUE: Mandatory reporting requirements for health care professionals
Presentation will be rescheduled

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR **HOME HEALTH AGENCY MEETING**

Issue: Feedback provided

REPORT FROM CHAIRPERSON

N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN STUDY

ISSUE: Dr. Jenkins presented the finding from the PCT Research Grant Project

NEW BUSINESS

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

ISSUE: Board expressed an interest in learning about DC's MM program. Staff will invite Executive Director of the Pharmacy Board to do a presentation.

BOARD OF NURSING PROPOSED COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

ISSUE: Approve new board structure

DECISION: Full board meeting every other month
Sub-committee meetings every other month [Executive Session may be held at the beginning of the day, if needed]
Discipline Committee will meet 3rd Wednesday of the month

BOARD OF NURSING SUB-COMMITTEES

Education Committee

Chair: Dr. Toni Eason

Member: Dr. Chioma Nwachukwu
Dr. Mary Ivey

Staff: Dr. Bonita Jenkins

Charge: Conduct Site Visits with nurse education consultant
Interview and approve new Directors for Nursing Educational Programs (RN/LPN and NAP)
Review and approve the evaluation of applications for new nursing or NAP programs
Review problematic CE Audit submissions
Amend Education Program Regulations
Draft NAP Education Program Requirements

Regulation Committee

Chair: Winslow Wooden

Member: Missy Moore
Vera Mayer

Staff: Karen Scipio-Skinner

Charge: Draft regulations
Revise APRN regulations
Review comments from published proposed regulations
NAP Omnibus Regulations
RN/LPN Regulations

Practice/Legislative Committee

Chair: Dr. Simmy Randhawa

Member: Mary Ellen Husted
Cathy Borris-Hale

Staff: Concheeta Wright

Charge: Address practice issues by draft an advisory opinion or by convening an expert panel to draft recommended

Current Issues Practice Issues:

Can RNs and LPNs in the District of Columbia remove staples, change supra pubic catheters and administer an ear lavage using an ear lavage machine?

Can a RN monitor a patient receiving an inhaled anesthetic agent; i.e. isoflurane, sevoflurane, and document the amount of inhaled anesthetic received, in a critical care setting? [This is a continuous administration not used intermittently for a procedure]

Regulation of Midwives

Current Issues Legislative Issues:

Safe Patient Act

Board of Medicine MediSpa Legislation

Board of Medicine TeleMedicine Legislation

Discipline Committee [Meets every 3rd Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.]

Chair: **Mary Ellen Husted**

Member: Missy Moore
Dr. Simmy Randhawa
Cathy Boris-Hale

Staff: Felicia Stokes

PRACTICE

HOME HEALTH AIDES

ISSUE: HHA applicants completed 75 hours of training but trained at a program that does not meet the following requirement:

3915.5 Training may be provided by a community college or by another training program approved by the District of Columbia, by the National Foundation for Hospice and Home care, or by another state.

DECISION: An Individual who has completed an approved Home Health Aide Program may receive a waiver in the District of Columbia

ISSUE: HHA applicants who do not have certification as a certified nursing assistant program and/or graduated and received certification from a nationally accredited Home Health / Hospice program

DECISION: Those applicants for HHA certification will not be eligible for the Home Health Aide Waiver Program

ISSUE: HHA applicants who are working for an unlicensed nurse staffing agency

DECISION: The Board has the autonomy and authority to approve the HHA who work 500 hours and has been verified

ISSUE: HHA applicants who are CNAs and have completed an approved program

DECISION: May be eligible for waiver in the District of Columbia after completing a 32 hour bridge program

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)