

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES
March 22 -23, 2012**

A Board meeting was held at the office of the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses at 101 Dee Drive, Charleston, WV 25311-1620.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

ROBIN WALTON, MSN, RN, Ed.D., FNP-BC, PRESIDENT

JUDY NYSTROM, SECRETARY

JOYCE EGNOR, MSN, RN

MARY FRIEL FANNING, MSN, RN

TERESA RITCHIE, MSN, RN, FNP-BC

L. ANN BOSTIC, RN, CRNA

DR. MARY (LIBBY) FARMER, PUBLIC MEMBER

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

LAURA S. RHODES, MSN, RN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ALICE R. FAUCETT, JD, GENERAL COUNSEL & DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLINE

MARGARET "MARTY" ALSTON, SECRETARY II/ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT II

MARCH 22, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Robin Walton, Board President at 9:45 a.m.

QUORUM

With the required number of members being present a quorum was established.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Board recognized the visitors present for the meeting.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

1. Mary Fanning made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. The second was offered by Joyce Egnor. The motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. FEBRUARY 16, 2012 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

- 2.A. The February 16, 2012 Special Board Meeting minutes were reviewed. Ann Bostic made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as amended. The second was offered by Teresa Ritchie. The motion carried.

3. OPEN FORUM

3. There were no issues brought forward for the Open Forum. The agenda moved forward.

4. FINAL REPORT FROM 2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

4. The Executive Director provided the Board with an overview of the legislative bills of interest and outcomes from the 2012 Legislative Session.

5. REVIEW OF PROPOSED RULES/CONTRACTS

5.A. ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE RULE

- 5.A. The Board reviewed the drafted copy of Title 19, Series 7, Announcement of Advanced Practice. A motion was made by Ann Bostic to approve the document with the recommended amendments. The second was offered by Dr. Libby Farmer. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Teresa Ritchie to establish a committee of stakeholders to review the drafted document and other related issues involving this rule. The second was offered by Joyce Egnor. The motion carried.

5.B. FEE RULE

- 5.B.** The Board reviewed the drafted copy of Title 19, Series 12, Fees for Services Rendered By The Board and Supplemental Fee for Center For Nursing. The Executive Director reported that the proposed fees had been published in the latest RN News Magazine. A motion was made by Joyce Egnor to approve the document with the recommended amendments. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. The motion carried.

BREAK

11:05am - 11:20am

5.C. PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY RULE

- 5.C.** The Board reviewed the drafted copy of Title 19, Series 8, Limited Prescriptive Authority for Nurses in Advanced Practice. A discussion ensued. A motion was made by Ann Bostic to approve the document with the recommended amendments. The second was offered by Teresa Ritchie. The motion carried.

LUNCH

12:50pm - 1:55pm

5.D. NURSE TREATMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT

- 5.D.** Board members Ann Bostic and Teresa Ritchie gave a report on the National Organization of Alternative Programs (NOAP) conference they attended in Nashville, Tennessee, along with board staff members, Tonya Hancock, Karen Blankenship and Peggy Burgess. They presented several ideas to help facilitate the Board's plan for a nurse treatment program. They also reported the willingness of several individuals they met at the conference to help educate this Board to accomplish our goals for the treatment program.

Teresa Ritchie made a motion to form a committee to continue reviewing different programs and how they operate and to review how these programs work step by step and the various options. The committees charge will be to report to the Board objectives for a nurse treatment program identifying stakeholders, and also outline parameters with the framework for an outside program. The motion also included directing Board staff to plan an all day retreat for Board members and Board staff for educational purposes regarding the nurse treatment program during one of the June Board meeting dates. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. The motion carried.

A motion was also made by Dr. Libby Farmer to allow Board staff to submit a request for an

increase in the Board's spending authority in the amount of \$25,000.00 in the event fiscal assistance is needed in developing the nurse treatment program. The second was offered by Judy Nystrom. The motion carried.

The Board President made the following appointments for the Nurse Treatment Program Committee: Teresa Ritchie, who will Chair the committee, Ann Bostic and Joyce Egnor.

BREAK

1:45pm - 2:00pm

**8. PROSPECTIVE NEW PROGRAM:
NEW RIVER COMMUNITY
& TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

8. On the advice of the WV Ethics Commission, the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses makes the following public statement part of its public records:

On March 2, 2012 Board Member Joyce Egnor contacted the office of the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (Board) and provided information that her employer New River Technical and Community College (New River) would be submitting an application to establish a registered professional nursing education program to be accredited by the WV RN Board. The Board's public records will note the following:

1. New River Technical and Community College is located in Beckley, WV.
2. The WV RN Board made significant decisions regarding Mountain State University (MSU), whose main campus is also located in Beckley, WV during Board meetings directly prior to March 1, 2012.
3. The WV RN Board had no knowledge that New River would establish a registered nursing education program during the time of the discussions and votes pertaining to MSU, and not until March 2, 2012 when Board Member Joyce Egnor contacted the Board.
4. Board Member Joyce Egnor had general knowledge that New River would be starting a registered nursing program before her participation in discussions and vote pertaining MSU.
5. Board Member Joyce Egnor's participation in discussion and voting pertaining to MSU at Board meetings was unbiased and based on the information solely acquired as a member of the Board.
6. If Board Member Joyce Egnor had not participated in discussions and voting pertaining to MSU at Board meetings the decision of the Board relative to MSU would be the same, as it was a unanimous decision.

This statement will be included in the public records of the Board Meeting held March 22, 2012.

MEETING RECESSED

A motion was made by Judy Nystrom to recess the meeting at 2:15 pm. The second

was offered by Teresa Ritchie. The motion carried and the meeting was recessed.

**RECONVENE DAY TWO
MARCH 23, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Robin Walton, Board Secretary at 9:20 a.m..

QUORUM

With the required number of members being present a quorum was established.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Board recognized the visitors present for the meeting.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed. Ann Bostic made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The second was offered by Teresa Ritchie. The motion carried.

6. BUDGETARY INFORMATION

**6.A. FY2012 2ND QUARTER
EXPENDITURES**

6.A. FY2012 second quarter expenditures were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Judy Nystrom to approve the second quarter report. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. The motion carried.

**6.B. PURCHASE CARD
EXPENDITURE REPORT**

6.B. The Purchase Card Expenditure Report was provided to the Board for review. The report included P-Card purchases from September 2011 thru January 2012. A motion was made by Joyce Egnor to approve the Purchase Card Expenditure Report. The second was offered by Judy Nystrom. The motion carried.

6.C. EXPENDITURES TO DATE

- 6.C.** A report of the Expenditures to Date was provided to the Board for review. A motion was made by Dr. Libby Farmer to approve the report on the Expenditures to Date. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. The motion carried.

7. MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

7.A. FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF REGULATORY BOARDS (FARB)

- 7.A.** This conference was attended by Margaret Weinberger, Data Systems Coordinator. A report was provided for the Boards review. A copy of the report is filed herewith.

7.B. CENTER FOR NURSING

- 7.B.** Duane Napier, MSN, RN, BC, Executive Director for the Center For Nursing provided the Board with an update on the Center's activities. No action was taken.

7.C. NCSBN INSTITUTE OF REGULATORY EXCELLENCE

- 7.C.** The Executive Director reported that Board members Mary Fanning and Ann Bostic have both been excepted as Fellows for the Institute of Regulatory Excellence. Ms. Fanning's project focuses on transition to practice, and Ms. Bostic's project focuses on moving toward NCSBN for substance abuse disorders. The goal is for these project to be complete in four (4) years.

7.D. FUTURE OF NURSING WV COALITION

- 7.D.** Duane Napier, Executive Director for the Center For Nursing provided the Board with a report. No action was taken.

**7.E. MEETING TO ATTEND:
NATIONAL PATIENT
SAFETY CONGRESS,
MAY 23-25, 2012,
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

- 7.E. The Board discussed the National Patient Safety Congress, scheduled to be held May 23-25, 2012, in Washington, DC. A motion was made by Teresa Ritchie to approve funding for one (1) individual to attend this conference. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. The motion carried.

**7.F. ASSOCIATION OF
LICENSING BOARDS**

- 7.E. The Executive Director provided the Board with an overview of the meeting. She reported that Grady Bowyer is retiring in April, 2012. A copy of the meeting minutes is filed herewith.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

9. There was no discussion under this topic.

Board member Joyce Egnor recused herself and left the room for the discussion.

11. EDUCATION

11.A. NCLEX RN 2011 RESULTS

- 11.A. The Board reviewed the 2011 calendar year NCLEX-RN results. A discussion ensued regarding the National Average and reasons for West Virginia being in the bottom percentile.

SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY

The Board reviewed and discussed the NCLEX results for Shepherd University. Dr. Sharon Mailey, Chair and Professor at, Shepherd University, was present and asked to address the Board regarding her programs low NCLEX test scores and her plan of action for improving the scores.

A motion was made by Mary Fanning to continue the full accreditation for the baccalaureate nursing program at Shepherd University through March 31, 2013 and request a plan of action regarding NCLEX-RN pass rate submitted 30 days prior to each Board meeting. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. Motion carried.

WEST LIBERTY

The Board reviewed and discussed the NCLEX results for West Liberty University. A motion was made by Mary Fanning to continue the full accreditation for the baccalaureate nursing program at West Liberty University through March 31, 2013 and request continued updates

regarding the NCLEX Plan of Action to be submitted 30 days prior to each regular scheduled Board meeting. The second was offered by Dr. Libby Farmer. The motion carried.

WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN

The Board reviewed and discussed the NCLEX results for West Virginia Wesleyan College. The Board contacted Dr. Judith McKinney by telephone to address the programs low NCLEX scores. A motion was made by Ann Bostic to remove the full accreditation and place the baccalaureate nursing program at West Virginia Wesleyan College on provisional accreditation through March 31, 2013 due to pass rates being below the standard in calendar years 2009, 2010 and 2011. The second was offered by Teresa Ritchie. The motion carried.

Board member Teresa Ritchie recused herself and left the room for the following discussion.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (WVUIT)

The Board reviewed and discussed the NCLEX results for WVUIT. A motion was made by Ann Bostic to remove full accreditation and place WVUIT on provisional approval requiring NCLEX-RN Plan of Action relating to pass rate not meeting the Board's standards of 80% for calendar years 2010 and 2011. The second was offered by Mary Fanning. The motion carried.

Board member Teresa Ritchie rejoined the meeting.

BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE

The Board reviewed and discussed the NCLEX results for Bluefield State College. A motion was made by Ann Bostic to remove the full accreditation and place the associate nursing program at Bluefield State College at the Bluefield campus on provisional accreditation, and to continue full accreditation for the AND program at Beckley through March 31, 2013, and to approve the plan of action addressing the NCLEX-RN pass rate and request updates to be submitted one month prior to each Board meeting. The second was offered by Mary Fanning. The motion carried.

FAIRMONT

The Board reviewed and discussed the NCLEX results for Fairmont State University. A motion was made by Mary Fanning to continue the full accreditation for the associate degree nursing program at Fairmont State University through March 31, 2013, and to continue full accreditation for the LPN-AD program at Fairmont State University and request a plan of action addressing the NCLEX-RN pass rate to be submitted one month prior to the June 2012 Board meeting. The second was offered by Teresa Ritchie. The motion carried.

WEST VIRGINIA NORTHERN

The Board reviewed and discussed the NCLEX results for West Virginia Northern Community and Technical College. The Board contacted Linda Shelek by telephone to address the programs plan of action regarding low NCLEX scores. A motion was made by Mary Fanning to continue the full accreditation for the associate nursing program at West Virginia Northern

Community and Technical College through March 31, 2013, and to request plan of action for the Wheeling and New Martinsville campuses addressing the NCLEX-RN pass rate to be submitted one month prior to the June 13, 2012 Board meeting. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. The motion carried.

WVU-PARKERSBURG

The Board reviewed and discussed the NCLEX results for West Virginia University at Parkersburg. A motion was made by Mary Fanning to continue the full accreditation for the associate nursing program at West Virginia University at Parkersburg through March 31, 2013, and to request a plan of action for the LPN to RN program addressing the NCLEX-RN pass rate to be submitted one month prior to the June 2012 Board meeting. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. The motion carried.

11.B. COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

11.B. The Board reviewed the Education Committee Report. The report was unanimously approved.

REQUEST FROM SHEPHERD TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT

The Board reviewed a request from Shepherd University to increase their enrollment. A motion was made by Mary Fanning to approve an enrollment increase of 15 students for a total of 60 students for Fall 2012 only. The Board will review the NCLEX-RN 2012 quarterly reports to determine whether or not it will grant approval for the increased enrollment beyond Fall 2012. Also require them to submit an update regarding the implementation of the new curriculum 30 days prior to each regularly scheduled Board meeting. The second was offered by Teresa Ritchie. The motion carried.

BREAK
10:30am - 10:55am

CONTINUED REVIEW OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A motion was made by Mary Fanning to continue full accreditation to the following programs:

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College
Davis & Elkins College
Fairmont State University
St. Mary's/Marshall University Cooperative ASN Program
Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College
University of Charleston
Kanawha Valley Community and Technical College

Board member Ann Bostic recused herself and left the room for the following discussion.

**11.C. MOUNTAIN STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**11.C.1. STATUS
REPORT**

11.C.1 The Board reviewed the status report provided by Mountain State University. Dr. Sheila Garland who was present for the discussion addressed the Board regarding details of the report. The Board directed Mountain State to continue to submit status reports as previously requested.

Board member Ann Bostic rejoined the meeting.

**11.D. SALEM INTERNATIONAL
UNIVERSITY**

**11.D.1. INTRODUCTION
OF DR. BOBBIE
BLOCH, PHD.**

11.D.1 Dr. Bobbie Bloch was introduced as the new Director for Salem International University's nursing program.

**11.D.2. REVIEW OF
FOLLOW UP
REPORT**

11.D.2 The Board reviewed the follow up report submitted by Salem International University. A discussion ensued. There was no action at this time.

11.E. MISCELLANEOUS

11.E. There was no discussion under this topic.

Board member Joyce Egnor rejoined the meeting.

12. NCSBN

**12.A. MID-YEAR MEETING
REPORT**

12.A. The NCSBN Mid-Year meeting was attended by Robin Walton, Board President and Laura Rhodes, Executive Director who provided an overview of the issues discussed during the NCSBN Mid-Year meeting. No action taken.

12.B. ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

- 12.B.** The Executive Director who provided an overview of the issues discussed during the meeting. No action taken.

12.C. MEETING TO ATTEND

**12.C.1. APRN ROUND TABLE:
APRIL 25, 2012,
CHICAGO, IL
MEETING**

- 12.C.1** The Board discussed the NCSBN 2012 APRN Roundtable, scheduled to be held April 25, 2012, in Chicago, Illinois. A motion was made by Mary Fanning to approve funding for two (2) individuals to attend this conference. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. The motion carried.

**12.C.2. 2012 IT CONFERENCE,
MAY 15-16, 2012,
MINNEAPOLIS, MN**

- 12.C.2** The Board discussed the NCSBN 2012 IT Conference, scheduled to be held May 15-16, 2012, in Minneapolis, MN. A motion was made by Teresa Ritchie to approve funding for one (1) individual to attend this conference. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. The motion carried.

**12.C.3. 2012
ATTORNEY/INVESTIG
ATOR CONFERENCE,
JUNE 4-6, 2012, FORT
LAUDERDALE, FL**

- 12.C.3** The Board discussed the NCSBN 2012 Attorney/Investigator Conference, scheduled to be held June 4-6, 2012, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. A motion was made by Ann Bostic to approve funding for three(3) individuals to attend this conference. The second was offered by Joyce Egnor. The motion carried.

**12.C.4. 2012 ANNUAL
MEETING, AUGUST 8-
10, 2012, DALLAS, TX**

- 12.C.4** The Board discussed the NSCBN 2011 Annual Meeting, scheduled to be held August 8-10, 2011 in Dallas, Texas. A motion was made by Teresa Ritchie to approve funding for five (5) individuals to attend this conference. The second was offered by Dr. Libby Farmer. The motion carried.

12.C.5. SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012, ARLINGTON, VA

12.C.5 The Board discussed the Scientific Symposium, scheduled to be held September 11, 2012, in Arlington, Virginia. A motion was made by Joyce Egnor to approve funding for two (2) individuals to attend this conference. The second was offered by Mary Fanning. The motion carried.

12.C.6. 2012 NCLEX CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012, BOSTON, MA

12.C.6 The Board discussed the 2012 NCLEX Conference, scheduled to be held September 24, 2012, in Boston, MA. A motion was made by Teresa Ritchie to approve funding for three (3) individuals to attend this conference. The second was offered by Judy Nystrom. The motion carried.

12.C.7. 2012 TRI-REGULATOR SYMPOSIUM ON THE FUTURE OF STATE BASED LICENSURE, OCTOBER 17, 2012, WASHINGTON, DC.

12.C.7 The Board discussed the 2012 Tri-Regulatory Symposium on the Future of State Based Licensure, scheduled to be held October 17, 2012, in Washington, DC. A motion was made by Dr. Libby Farmer to approve funding for three (3) individuals to attend this conference. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. The motion carried.

12.D. MISCELLANEOUS

12.D. The Board also discussed the following conferences:

The NSA Conference, scheduled to be held September 5-8, 2012, in Washington, DC. A motion was made by Judy Nystrom to approve funding for three(3) individuals to attend this conference. The second was offered by Mary Fanning. The motion carried.

The 2012 IPN/FNA Annual Conference, is scheduled to be held May 19-20 2012, in Atlantic Beach, Florida. A motion was made by Ann Bostic to approve funding for three(3) individuals to attend this conference. The second was offered by Dr. Libby Farmer. The motion carried.

**LUNCH
12:00 - 1:00pm**

13. SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

- 13.** Marty Alston provided the Board an update of the activities of the Safety Committee.

14. DISCIPLINARY REVIEW COMMITTEE

14.A. REPORT

- 14.A.** Leslie Morris, Discipline Assistant provided the Board with the Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC) report. A motion was made by Joyce Egnor to approve the report as written. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. The motion carried. A copy of the report is filed herewith.

14.B. DRC RECOMMENDED PARAMETERS

- 14.B.** There were no parameters to review at this time.

14.C. MISCELLANEOUS

- 14.C.** There was no discussion under this topic.

15. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2013 AND 2014

- 15.** Dr. Libby Farmer made the motion to approve the following Board meeting dates: 2013 February 22 (to be held as needed); March 21,22; June 12, 13, 14 and October 17,18. Education Committee Meeting September 13, 2013. 2014: February 12 (to be held as needed); March 20,21; June 10, 11, 12; and October 23, 24. The second was offered by Joyce Egnor. The motion carried.

ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Joyce Egnor. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret E. Alston". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Minutes taken and prepared by
Margaret "Marty" Alston
Secretary II/Accounting Assistant II

Respectfully submitted by
Judy Nystrom
Board Secretary