

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF NURSING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014

“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: Cathy Borris-Hale, RN	P
Vice Chair: Sukhjit “Simmy” Randhawa, RN	E
Toni Eason, RN	P
Mary Ellen Husted, RN	E
Mary Ivey, Consumer	P
Vera Mayer	P
Missy Moore, LPN	P (pm)
Chioma Nwachukwu, RN	P
Winslow Woodland, RN	E
Mamie Preston, RN	P (am)
LPN Vacancy	

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

The BON meeting was called to order by Cathy Borris-Hale, Chairperson 8:50 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

***ISSUE:** November 6, 2013

ACTION: Approved

ISSUE: Selection of Board of Nursing Vice- Chairperson

ACTION: Sukhjit “Simmy” Randhawa, RN selected as Vice-Chairperson

ISSUE: **Establish Ad Hoc Nursing Assistive Personnel Advisory Committee**

ACTION: Approved

Ad Hoc Nursing Assistive Personnel Advisory Committee

Frequency of Meetings:

The advisory committee will be convened on an as needed basis to address issues pertinent to the role of a NAP.

NAP Committee Charge:

Provide input regarding regulatory requirements

Provide input regarding training programs

Provide input regarding disciplinary options

NAP Committee shall be composed of representatives from the following categories of NAPs

HHA

CNA

PCT

Dialysis Technician

Medication Aide-Certified

1 NAP Educator (from a school with at least 2 programs)

2 Nurses who supervise the practice of NAPs

BON member

ISSUE: **Swearing-in by Darryl Gorman, Director, Board and Commissions**

Mamie Preston, RN: New appointment

Toni Eason, RN: Re-Appointment

Chioma Nwachukwu, RN: Re-Appointment

ISSUE: **HHA Discipline Policy**

Approve Proposed HHA Discipline Policy:

Offense: Fails to conform to standards of acceptable conduct and prevailing practice within a health profession: HHA’s reported cheating on HHA exam:

Disciplinary Action: Withdraw application for **one** year, if not NOI
(*policy for those discovered cheating)

Offense: Fails to conform to standards of acceptable conduct and prevailing practice within a health profession: HHA's who submit false documents for obtaining license:

Disciplinary Action: Withdraw application for **two** years, if not NOI
(*rationale, after two years applicant must go back to school before he or she can retake the HHA exam)

MOTION: Persons who submit fraudulent documents to obtain a license/certification of persons found cheating on an examination for licensure/certification shall not be allowed to apply to sit for examination or apply for licensure or certification for a period of two (2) years.

VOTE: Approved: Unanimous

UPDATES:

ISSUE: Nursing Assistant Certification Issue

UPDATE: Letters to nursing assistants working in nursing homes have been sent to notify them that they will have to pass the NNAP in order to maintain their licensure status.

Letters to additional nursing assistants will be mailed this week

Nursing assistant examination prep review course has begun

Additional testing sites have been established

ISSUE: 2014 Continuing Education Offerings

UPDATE: CNA Training

HHA Training

Wound Care Program: Tentatively scheduled to be held at Howard University, April or May 2014

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF NURSING
OPEN SESSION AGENDA
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

CALL TO ORDER

The BON meeting was called to order by Cathy Borris-Hale, Chairperson 9:45 a.m.

COIN REPORT

ACTIVE: 15
REFERRED TO BOARD: 1
COMPLETING: 0

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Cathy Borris-Hale, Chairperson

NOIs- 5
NSAs- 0
COIN Referrals- 1
Cases Closed-1
Cases Referred to Investigations- 1
Requests to Withdraw- 1
Letter of Concern- 1
Refer to COIN- 1

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ISSUE: Refreshments for Board Members at meeting
UPDATE: Meeting was held with Boards and Commissions to draft legislation which will allow food and water to be provided to board members.

ISSUE: Board Retreat
UPDATE: Board Retreat will be held Wednesday, February 5th. Focus of the meeting will be the review and updating of the Board's Strategic Plan

REPORT FROM CHAIRPERSON

ISSUE: Refreshments for Board Members at meeting
RECOMMENDATION: Consider establishing a lunch fund
DECISION: Tabled

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

ISSUE: ISOTOPE INJECTIONS BY NURSES
Is it within the nurse's scope of practice to inject isotopes. Nurses in other states (NC, TX, VA) administer this injection. We are not aware of nurses in DC hospitals performing this procedure.
DECISION: Board supports program. Board asked that Georgetown Nursing Administration be included on letter of agreement.

ISSUE: Where does nursing practice occur? Does it occur where the patient or where the nurse is?

DECISION: Refer to Education/Practice Committee

ISSUE: Establishment of a Telemedicine Consulting Service by Nurse Practitioner

DECISION: The NP is allowed to offer the services as requested and must be licensed in DC

ISSUE: What is the Board of Nursing's position on "telephone coverage"?

When a school is provided with telephone coverage in the absence of the nurse, the nurse manager assigns nursing personnel from a nearby school to be available for consultation with the principal or his/her designee regarding non-emergency medical issues that may arise during the school day. The assigned nurse is not responsible for covering routine medications or treatments, but is to serve on a consultative basis only. For any emergency situation, the Emergency Medical System should be activated.

DECISION: The school must have a protocol in place that addresses "telephone coverage" by the nurse.

BOARD OF NURSING EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER

The BON meeting was called to order by Cathy Borris-Hale, Chairperson 1:00 p.m.

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).