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Board of Nursing

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Advisory Committee

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Minutes of 01/04/2024

Board Members Present:	Cathy Arvidson, PhD, APRN, CNP, Chair Jessica Garner, APRN, CNS Helene Reusser, APRN, CNM Betty Schoenecker, APRN, CRNA	Division Staff:	Nicki Chopski, PharmD, Executive Officer Russell Spencer, General Counsel Susan Villanueva, Board Support Specialist
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The meeting was called to order at 1:43 PM by Dr. Arvidson.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 09/28/2023 minutes. The motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Executive Agency Legislative Ideas: Dr. Chopski explained the executive agency legislative ideas for the upcoming 2024 legislative session. Five apply to the health professions, and four (4) apply directly to the Board of Nursing. The proposed fingerprinting bill would not directly affect the Board of Nursing but would align board processes. A proposed licensure renewal bill would transition all professional licenses to renew every two years on the licensee's birthdate, and the proposed Allied Health Advisory Board would consolidate four Board of Medicine advisory boards into one advisory board. The Board of Midwifery statute is sunseting on July 1, 2024. Therefore, the Division proposes to combine the Board of Midwifery and the Board of Nursing. This proposed legislation will add a second APRN to the composition of the Board of Nursing.

Committee Training – Discipline Process: Mr. Spencer reviewed the disciplinary process, including the investigation, license suspension, administrative complaints, and hearing processes.

Committee Training – NCSBN Disciplinary Decision Pathway: Dr. Chopski reviewed culture of safety and the NCSBN Decision Pathway algorithm. This algorithm is a tool that facilitates consideration of the quality of the decision-making process instead of the outcome when determining actions to take. The Committee thought that this would be very useful in making decisions regarding disciplinary actions.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Board of Nursing APRN Policy: Dr. Chopski informed the Committee that the revised APRN policies have been approved by the Board of Nursing with the changes recommended by the Committee at their previous meeting. The Committee reviewed the draft policy for nursing program faculty and preceptor qualifications and had no additional recommendations to the Board.

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners (PMHNP) Discussion: There is a new APRN certification and a qualifying exam provided by the AANPCB that will launch in the spring of 2024. The Committee recognized the exam and certification body and reviewed with staff if any language would need to be changed in the law or rules, in order to use the exam in Idaho. The Committee agreed with the Board staff's assessment that no changes are needed at this time.

Practice Inquiries Discussion: The Committee reviewed Scope of Practice questions related to the practice of APRNs, that the DOPL practice and education staff received in the past year. Topics included language definition, scope of practice, general supervision, IV hydration, and virtual care. The committee had no concerns.

Ms. Schoenecker entered the meeting at 2:50 PM after the Committee voted to enter into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to discuss documents relating to the fitness of a licensee to retain a license. The vote was: Ms. Garner, aye; Ms. Reusser, aye; Dr. Arvidson, aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to exit Executive Session. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Board of Nursing close case number BON2023050030. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Board of Nursing to enter into an agreement in lieu of discipline in case numbers BON2023080035 and BON2023090041. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend the Board of Nursing enter into a Stipulation and Order for case number BON2023100003. The motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 PM.

The next meeting is on 03/20/2024.