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APRN Committee Meeting Minutes April 7, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Cathy Arvidson, PhD, APRN, CNP – Chair
Betty Brosh Schoenecker, APRN, CRNA
Helene Reusser, APRN, CNM
Jessica Garner, MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC
Keith E. Davis, MD, FAAFP
Marylynn Hippe, MSN, RN, APRN, ACNS-BC
Starla Higdon, RPh

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chad Bailey, APRN, CNP
Gwen Smith, EdD
Philippe Masser, MD
Ralene F. Wiberg, MD
Zachary X. Morairty, MD

DIVISION STAFF: Nicki Chopski, Executive Officer
Katie Stuart, Board Support Program Manager
Stephanie Lotridge, Licensing and Registration
Program Manager
Jan Arrasmith, Education and Practice Specialist
Pam Rebolo, Board Support Supervisor
Susan Cassell, Board Support Specialist
Susan Villanueva, Board Support Specialist

CONVENED: Dr. Arvidson called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Garner moved to approve the minutes as written, Dr. Higdon seconded. All approved, motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Dr. Chopski informed the Board that the Division's Org Chart 3 is complete; and staff will be moving into Building 4 at Chinden in July.

Mr. Fraser introduced the investigations team. Dr. Chopski briefed the Board members of a recent investigator vacancy for Health Professions. The position has been posted with RN or APRN requirements, as the previous posting drew law enforcement officers rather than candidates with a nursing background.

The 2022 Legislative session closed *sine die* on March 31st, however the legislature did not pass a concurrent resolution, so all non-fee rules are temporary while all fee rules are now enacted. The May Bulletin will likely publish the Rules with an effective date of March 31, 2022. 25 Statutes passed that impact Health Professions.

S1244 allows the DOPL administrator to establish advisory committees as needed and to discontinue advisory committees that are no longer needed. The legislature also approved an increase in honoraria for Board Members.

A discussion ensued regarding the future of this APRN AC with questions about the meeting schedule going forward. General counsel is also reviewing the removed statute for functionality. The Board of Nursing may also provide input on the future of this committee. Mr. Fraser informed the Committee that he has reevaluated the investigation and discipline process and that the Board of Nursing and APRN AC can expect to see more cases.

S1297 allows for collaboration between investigators in Health Professions and eliminates the need for a subpoena.

S1246 mirrors Idaho State controlled substance scheduling with the DEA's scheduling. H446 narrowly redefines cannabis in anticipation of FDA approval for Nabiximols to treat MS.

H612 makes disciplinary expungement discretionary for Boards, they may expunge cases that have met their terms and would not be given discipline with today's Rules.

BOARD BUSINESS

Dr. Chopski stated that the Board of Nursing will undergo Zero Based Regulation (ZBR) review in fiscal year 2023 in accordance with Governor Little's Executive Order 2020-01. Reference materials detailing the process were provided and reviewed with the Board. Two additional meetings were set that will specifically focus on ZBR. Specific stakeholder meetings will also be scheduled to provide additional opportunities to gather stakeholder input.

Ms. Chopski then shared analysis on the topic of continuing education (CE) as an example of how the prospective analysis process will be used. Of note, twelve states have no requirement for CE and two of those are MT and SD. Following Board discussion on the topic, the Board provided direction to staff to return with a draft that would eliminate the CE requirements for LPN and RN licensees. Staff was also tasked with identifying evidence in the literature that supports that mandatory continuing education proves competence.

The Committee discussed CEs and agreed that PRN accreditation plan sounds good and that having a time frame is helpful for schools who are juggling the fees for accreditation. The Committee is willing to help with the process in any way the Board of Nursing sees fit.

The Committee had questions about the unpassed Preceptor bill and compensation for Preceptors. They would like to retain more APRN students by having more Preceptor accessibility.

HOW MUCH VANDERBILT/REPORTING DISCUSSION DO YOU WANT?

COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATE

**CLINICAL PRACTICE UPDATE
POLICY DISCUSSION**

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by general consent at 10:52 AM on April 7, 2022.

The next APRN AC meeting will be June 10, 2022.