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Minutes of 7/26/2023

Board Members Present:	Deena Rauch, DNP, RN – Chair Jennifer Hines-Josephson, RN – Vice Chair Kristi Permann, RN Kara Mahannah, LPN Renée Watson, RN Michelle Anderson, DNP, RN	Division Staff:	Nicki Chopski, Executive Officer, Pharm D Russell Spencer, General Counsel Stephanie Lotridge, Licensing Program Manager Berk Fraser, Chief Investigator Jan Arrasmith, Practice and Education Specialist Madyson Crea, Board Support Specialist
Board Members Absent:	Laura Pisca, RN Christine Main, LPN Cindy Hone, Public Member		

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 PM by Dr. Deena Rauch, DNP, RN.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 04/13/2023 minutes. The motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Licensing Information System ITN Update: Dr. Chopski informed the Board that the Division has entered into a contract for their new Licensing Information System. The goal for implementation of the new system is mid-year 2024.

Website Update: Division staff are planning to update the Board of Nursing website to a new format that will be consistent with other Boards. The Board was shown an example of the new format, and Dr. Chopski addressed questions.

Financial Update: The financial report was not available as the state controller's office is still working on year-end finances. The report will be discussed during the next quarterly Board meeting.

FY23 Performance Measure Report: The Board reviewed the licensing and investigations reports for the 2023 fiscal year. The Board discussed the value of licensing numbers for each license type, LPN, RN, and APRN.

Board Training – Discipline: Mr. Spencer reviewed the complaint, investigations, discipline, and administrative complaint processes with the Board. Additionally, Mr. Spencer reviewed remedial actions the Board can take if it is determined there is a violation of the practice act or rules.

BOARD BUSINESS

Eagle Gate Boise BSN Program Approval: The Board reviewed the site visit documentation and a staff report summarizing the program's compliance with standards for approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Eagle Gate Boise BSN Program. The motion carried.

Licensure Liability Questions: The Board reviewed information from Dr. Lorna Breen Hero's Foundation about mental health stigma and licensees' fear of licensure application questions.

The Board discussed the liability questions on the current application and renewal forms. Dr. Rauch stated that an attestation would give ownership to licensees to be accountable for their own mental health. Dr. Anderson asked what the Board does when someone answers yes to a liability question and if staff can provide resources to address mental health. The Board directed staff to research available resources.

Dr. Chopski stated that another focus is removing questions about breaks in practice. The Board currently has a licensure requirement for active practice within the last two years. Ms. Watson stated that recent active practice is an essential gauge for safe practice, but competency can vary between practice settings. The Board acknowledged the significance of this matter and instructed staff to continue working on liability questions and provide the Board with relevant updates.

Late Renewal Delegated Authority: Mr. Spencer reviewed the proposed delegated authority for late renewal fines. A motion was made and seconded to grant staff delegated authority with the discussed revision to administrative fining authority. The motion carried.

Board of Nursing Policy Review: Dr. Rauch asked staff to review the recommended changes to board policies for Organizational Management, Governance, Education, Social Media, History, and the Program for Recovering Nurses (PRN). The Board discussed and determined the following:

IV – Organizational Management – 1-15: After discussing the suggested changes, a motion was made and seconded to remove the organizational management policies as individual Board of Nursing policies. The motion carried.

VII – Governance – 1-17: The Board determined that VII – Governance – 1 & 2 should be maintained on the website as informational documents. A motion was made and seconded to approve staff recommendations revising the policy as presented. The motion carried.

X – Education – 1 & 2: A motion was made and seconded to accept staff recommendations, removing these policies. The motion carried.

X – Social Media– 1: A motion was made and seconded to eliminate this policy as the Board does not have a social media presence. The motion carried.

I – History – 1: A motion was made and seconded to maintain this policy as an informational document on the website. The motion carried.

VI – PRN Policies – 1-11: These will become Division policies as the PRN has transitioned to the Health Professionals Recovery Program to serve all healthcare professionals, including nurses. The Board was concerned with the revised policies as presented and directed staff to rework the policies and bring them back for Board review.

Nurse Apprentice Pilot: Mr. Spencer presented a draft language for a pilot to allow for a nurse intern registration in addition to the nurse apprentice. The Board discussed public safety implications of allowing a nurse intern to perform invasive procedures with the direct supervision of a nurse. The Board concluded that they needed additional information prior to making a decision and requested that staff meet with stakeholders on this topic.

The Chair requested public comment on the draft language:

Mr. Dekastle was supportive of the draft language and stated that the pilot reflects the collaboration needed between education and the current nurse apprentice scope of practice.

Ms. Boston stated that the proposal mirrors student clinical experiences and expressed support for the draft language.

Advisory Committee Structure Discussion: Dr. Chopski reviewed the proposed changes being considered by the Division Administrator to the structure of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Advisory Committee (APRN-AC). The new APRN-AC would have a membership of four APRNs, one from each specialty (CRNA, CNP, CNM, and CNS) and one public member. Additionally, the Program for Recovering Nurses Advisory Committee has transitioned to the Health Professionals Recovery Program Advisory Committee to serve as a resource to all healthcare professionals. The Committee would have a membership of at least five licensed healthcare providers and one public member. The Board supported the proposed changes to these committees.

PDMP 37-2722 Compliance Update: Staff updated the Board regarding the statistics of PDMP checking. Checking has increased across all professions since the first round of compliance letters were sent out. There has been an increase in the integration of PDMP into electronic medical records systems. Dr. Anderson stated that the ability to have delegates is helpful.

Conference Attendance Request and Reports: The Board reviewed submitted travel reports and discussed attendance at upcoming conferences. Dr. Rauch stated she was able to review the new generation RN NCLEX exam at the NCSBN mid-year meeting to ensure that the questions were suitable for entry-level RNs.

Recess: 5:05 PM

Reconvene: 7/27/2023 8:30 AM

NCSBN “Just Culture” Discussion: Dr. Chopski presented a review of the NCSBN Disciplinary Decision Pathway, which is similar to the Just Culture approach. The pathway is used to determine if a system failure or behavioral choices caused a practice error. Additionally, the algorithm identifies mitigating and aggravating factors that can be utilized to determine the severity of corrective action required by a regulatory Board to protect the public. 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. Dr. Chopski stated that NCSBN is looking into how many regulatory boards are utilizing this tool when reviewing discipline cases.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 AM.