

**North Dakota Board of Nursing  
Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2008**

Call to Order:	Special Meeting called December 9, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. – ND Board of Nursing Conference Room, 919 S 7 <sup>th</sup> St, Suite 504, Bismarck, ND.
Roll Call:	Eight board members present as follows: Nelson (Buzz) Benson, RN, President Via Telephone: Julie Traynor RN, Vice-President (connected at 4:35) JoAnn Sund, RN Charlene Christianson, RN, Treasurer Mary Tello-Pool, LPN Roxane Case, Public Member Elizabeth Anderson, LPN Dan Rustvang, RN Absent: Melissa Frank, LPN
Staff Present:	Constance Kalanek, PhD, RN, Executive Director Linda Shanta, PhD, RN, Associate Director for Education Julie Schwan, Admin Services Coordinator
Staff absent:	Karla Bitz, PhD, RN, Associate Director Patricia Hill, BSN, RN, Assistant Director of Practice & Discipline
Guests Present:	ND Nurse Leadership Council Past President – Wanda Rose, PhD, RN
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Roll Call of Board Members	President Benson called the meeting to order and requested roll call. Eight members were present and one member absent.
Approval of the Agenda	<i>Discussion:</i> Benson indicated the special meeting was called to discuss revisions to the NDCC 43-12.1 Nurse Practice Act and recommendations. <i>Motion:</i> Case, seconded by Sund to: <b>APPROVE THE AGENDA AS DISTRIBUTED.</b> <i>Roll call vote:</i> Anderson, yes; Benson, yes; Case, yes; Christianson, yes; Frank, absent; Rustvang, yes; Sund, yes; Tello-Pool, yes; Traynor, absent; 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent. Motion carried.
Discussion of Letter Received from NDLTCA and NDHCA; Julie Traynor joined the meeting.	<i>Discussion:</i> The board has been tracking the number of students from out of state nursing programs that are obtaining their clinical experience at ND healthcare facilities. CUNEA has expressed concerns that the number of out of state students in ND facilities impacts available space for clinical for the ND programs. In 2003, the legislature created an exemption in the ND Nurse Practices Act for out of state students, and the only requirement is that the student notifies the board they are obtaining clinical experience at a ND facility. Since the current exemption is in place, the board has no jurisdiction over the out of state programs that provide clinical experiences in ND. The out of state programs are not required to meet the same standards as the ND programs such as faculty qualifications, student/teacher ratios, or clinical supervision requirements. At the November Nursing Education Committee, the committee had forwarded a recommendation to the board to develop a task force to study the issue of students from out of state nursing programs obtaining clinical experience in ND. At their November meeting, the board made the following motion: <b>DIRECT THE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ND NURSE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL TO FORWARD THE TOPIC OF THE OUT OF STATE STUDENT EXEMPTION (NDCC 43-12.1-04 (12) TO THE ND NURSE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD BY DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>.</b>  Wanda Rose reported that the ND Nurse Leadership Council held a teleconference call last week to discuss this issue and whether they should recommend revisions to the ND Nurse Practices Act for the out of state student exemption. The feedback from the group was inconclusive and the consensus of the group was that there is not enough data available at this time to make a decision. Many expressed concerns with opening the Nurse Practices Act. ND Nurses Association also had questions regarding the necessity of opening the practices act. It was noted that some of the students in out of state programs are from ND, and may return to ND to practice upon program completion. The board reviewed the documents that had been circulated from various organizations related to the issue. The board discussed that the issue needs to be studied and that they did not feel prepared for legislative revisions for this session. The board also discussed that the reporting requirements of the facilities under the current exemption is not being followed by many facilities. The board discussed looking at the issue from the facility perspective, and how to educate facilities on the requirements. The board discussed developing guidelines for facilities to use, and after much discussion it was recommended that the guidelines be developed through the ND Nurse Leadership Council where all nursing groups and organizations are represented. The board will monitor the situation during the next two years to see if legislative changes are necessary. <i>Motion:</i> Sund, seconded by Traynor to: <b>REQUEST ND NURSE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL TO CONSIDER DEVELOPING GUIDELINES FOR HEALTHCARE FACILITIES WHEN ACCEPTING STUDENTS FROM OUT OF STATE NURSING PROGRAMS FOR CLINICAL EXPERIENCE IN ND FACILITIES</b> <i>Roll call vote:</i> Anderson, yes; Benson, yes; Case, yes; Christianson, yes; Frank, absent; Rustvang, yes; Sund, yes; Tello-Pool, yes; Traynor, yes; 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. Motion carried.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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