

**NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (NYSED)
STATE BOARD FOR NURSING (BON)**

**Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 27, 2025
11:00 am- 12:30 pm**

Members present: Edmund J.Y. Pajarillo, RN, Chair; Deborah Stamps, RN, Vice Chair; Edonn Ball, RN; Sherley John, RN; Ralph Derrico, RN; Maria Vezina, RN; Heidi Mix, RN; Dustin Ross, RN; Sally Dreslin, RN; Gwendolyn Lewis, RN; and Wayne Chan, RN

Members excused: Jamesetta Newland, RN, Member at Large; Frances Iacobellis, RN

State Education Department Staff present: Suzanne Sullivan, RN, Executive Secretary; Renee Gecsed, RN, Associate in Nursing Education; Eileen Avery, RN, Associate in Nursing Education; Heidi Weinman, Secretary

Guest Observers: Jeanine Santelli, RN, ANA-NY Executive Director, Edie Brous, RN, Esq; Caitlin Anderson, HSE for ANA-NY.

Call to Order and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 11 AM. The approval of the January 2025 BON meeting minutes was deferred due to lack of quorum.

Committee Reports:

Practice Committee

Ms. Vezina stated that the Practice Committee reviewed the documents entitled "New York State Board for Nursing Guidance for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) who provide Intravenous Therapy (IV) Services to Patients" and "The Practice of IV therapy by Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) Essential Course Content." She noted that the consensus of the Practice Committee members was that documents are acceptable with one minor change.

Education Committee

Ms. Gecsed stated that members of the Education Committee reviewed information regarding nurse refresher courses offered by the Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce Development and Molloy University. She provided a brief overview of the course information considered by the committee members. She noted that the consensus of the Practice Committee members was that additional information regarding the courses was necessary to evaluate whether the courses would be suitable for use by OP for nurses who had committed professional misconduct. Ms. Gecsed indicated that the Nursing Board Office would try to procure additional information regarding the two courses for consideration by the committee.

Professional Conduct Committee

Ms. Ball briefly described the Conduct Committee's review of the new Psychiatric Mental Health NP certification offered by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). The committee concluded that the State Education Department could accept, as criteria for qualifying for Nurse Practitioner Certificate in Psychiatry, current Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certification issued by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board. After a brief discussion, Members of the State Board for Nursing agreed with the committee's conclusion.

News and Reports/Announcements:

Ms. Sullivan described a New York State law, enacted on February 3, 2025, which helps protect New York State abortion providers. The law allows physicians, physician assistants, licensed midwives and nurse practitioners who prescribe drugs used for abortions to have printed on the label of the container containing the prescribed drug, their practice's name rather than their own name. She also noted that the Board of Pharmacy will be providing regulations and guidance on this new law.

Ms. Sullivan provided an update on the New York State Budget negotiations and identified bills that had been rejected including the nurse license compact, a bill that would allow aides to administer medications in nursing homes, a bill that would allow physician assistants to practice independently, and a bill that would transfer from NYSED to the Department of Health responsibility for licensing physicians, physician assistants and specialist assistants. .

Ms. Sullivan described new Federal Executive Orders that could adversely impact U.S. public health programs. She noted that one Executive Order required the United States to withdraw from the World Health Organization. This could adversely affect the United States' readiness to manage a future epidemic. Ms. Sullivan also noted that federal funding cuts to the Veteran's Administration could impact the federal clinical laboratory workforce. Ms. Sullivan described an executive order that would allow immigration officials to arrest non-US individuals in public areas in hospitals, and fiscal cuts and layoffs at the Veterans Administration. Responses from the American Nurses Association including the access to healthcare and adverse impact on nursing workforce.

Ms. Sullivan provided a brief update on the Office of the Profession's registration of Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree programs. She described recent changes to the Medicaid Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), which may affect care provided to certain home care patients. She also noted that the American Nurses Association has updated the Code of Ethics for Nurses for 2025.

Discussion of Guidance for LPNs who Provide IV Therapy

Ms. Sullivan provided a brief overview of the or the documents entitled "New York State Board for Nursing Guidance for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) who provide Intravenous Therapy (IV) Services to Patients" and "The Practice of IV therapy by Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) Essential Course Content." She noted that the consensus of the Practice Committee members was that documents are acceptable with one minor change and will return the guidance at the next meeting to provide any feedback from the nursing organizations, for a possible vote.

Discussion on the Impact of Workplace Violence on Nurses

Ms. Sullivan opened the discussion of the impact of workplace violence on nurses and sought feedback on specific topics that BON Members were interested in examining. BON Members expressed interest in exploring workplace programs that prevent violence against nurses and other healthcare workers. Ms. Vezina briefly described a workplace violence prevention initiative by the Health Association of New York State. BON Members expressed interest in learning more about this initiative and a discussion regarding de-escalation programs ensued. Ms. Sullivan agreed to will reach out to additional organizations for more information regarding workplace violence prevention programs.

Regent Catherine Collins

Ms. Sullivan announced that Regent Collins recently completed her service as a Member of the New York State Board of Regents. Ms. Sullivan expressed appreciation for Regent Collin's support of the work of the State Board for Nursing and for her advocacy for nursing education, equal employment opportunity for nurses and for improved access to health care. Ms. Sullivan recognized Victoria Record on her award from the NCSBN.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.