

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF NURSING

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2013

*“The mission of the Board of Nursing is to safeguard the public’s health and well-being by assuring safe quality care in the District of Columbia. This is achieved through the regulation of nursing practice and education programs; and by the licensure, registration and continuing education of nursing personnel.”*

BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS	MEMBERS PRESENT
Chair: Mary Ellen Husted, RN	P
Vice Chair: Cathy Borris-Hale, RN	P
Toni Eason, RN	E
Mary Ivey, Consumer	P
Vera Mayer	P
Missy Moore, LPN	E
Chioma Nwachukwu, RN	E
Sukhjot “Simmy” Randhawa, RN	P
Winslow Woodland, RN	P
RN Vacancy	
LPN Vacancy	

STAFF	STAFF PRESENT
<b>Executive Director</b>	
Karen Scipio-Skinner	P
<b>Administrator</b>	
Feseha Woldu	A
<b>Attorney</b>	
Van Brathwaite	P
<b>Nurse Consultant</b>	
Bonita Jenkins	P
Felicia Stokes	P
Concheeta Wright	A
<b>Investigator</b>	
Mark Donatelli	P
Timothy Handy	A
<b>Board of Nursing Staff</b>	
Angela Braxton	P
Melondy Franklin	
Diane Moorer	
Jeffery Butler	P

**BOARD OF NURSING AGENDA**  
**8:30 AM – 9:30 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**\*ISSUE:** June 5, 2013 Minutes

**ACTION:** Approved

**\*ISSUE:** COIN is requesting approval of Margaret “Peggy” Ann Compton, RN, PhD, FAAN as a committee member

**ACTION:** Approved

**EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA**

**DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REFERRAL: Mary Ellen Husted, Chairperson**  
**No Referrals**

**REPORT FROM BOARD CHAIR**

**ISSUE:** Boards Chairs Meeting with Mayor Gray, One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, 1st Floor, South Building, Old Council Chamber September 26th at 6:30 p.m.

**ATTENDING:** Cathy Borris-Hale will represent the Board

**REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR**

N/A

**REPORT FROM ATTORNEY**

N/A

**REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**COIN**

**ISSUE:** Teresa Coombs has resigned from COIN due to new position.

**Direct Entry Midwives**

**ISSUE:** A meeting will be held September 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss regulating direct entry midwives. Board members are welcomed to attend.

**Board of Medicine Symposium**

**ISSUE:** The Symposium will be held September 25, 2013, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Simmy Randhawa will represent the BON as part of a panel discussing improving access to health care in the District

### **Fall 2013 Member Board Reviews of NCLEX**

**ISSUE:** NCLEX Examinations Department and Pearson VUE are scheduling registration for operational items for current and previous quarter. The reviews will take place **Wednesday, October 9 through Wednesday, October 30, 2013.**

**ATTENDING:** Board members are encouraged to participate  
A date for participation will need to be determined

### **NCSBN annual NCLEX Conference**

**ISSUE:** One-day educational conference that provides current NCLEX program updates offered by the experts that develop and administer the examinations. The conference provides attendees the opportunity to ask questions about the NCLEX program. Monday, September 9, 2013

**ATTENDING:** Chioma Nwachukwu

### **Pearson Vue**

**ISSUE:** Meeting will be held with Pearson Vue, Monday, September 9, 2013 at 2:00 pm to discuss testing for HHAs and MA-Cs and the certification process for CNAs/PCTs

### **Patient Safety Act**

**ISSUE:** This bill gives DOH responsibility for establishing and implementing an acuity system for addressing fluctuations in actual patient acuity levels and nursing care requirements. DOH will also set minimal levels of nurse staffing and registered nurse staff ratios for schools.

The Committee on Health is requesting DOH assistance -- through the Board of Nursing -- in reviewing the proposed legislation and making formal recommendations. Of particular interest is any available data on the current national standard for nurse staffing ratios as well as protocols for ensuring that the standard is met and coverage levels are maintained. In addition, is data available regarding states that have passed similar legislation and the outcome?

I know the BON reviewed the legislation in the past and has not taken a position. **COH [Committee on Health] is formally requesting a review and written policy recommendations at this time.**

**ACTION:** Consider request to review and write policy recommendations

**DECISION:** This issue is not under the auspices of the Board of Nursing. Individual board members may choose to comment but not on behalf of the board.

### **NURSING ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL**

**ISSUE:** Need a revised "Disciplinary Action Priorities" that will reflect disciplinary options appropriate for Nursing Assistive Personnel.

**ACTION:** Approved Revised "Disciplinary Action Priorities"

**ISSUE:** Nursing Assistive Personnel Advisory Committee

**ACTION:** Establish a NAP Advisory Committee  
Proposed Composition: NAPs, licensed nurses [criteria for membership]

Proposed Charge: Advise the Board regarding regulatory issues that impact the practice of NAPs  
Referred to Regulation Committee

**PRESENTATION:** Open Meeting Requirements  
Traci L. Hughes, Esq.  
Director, Office of Open Government  
Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

**Open meeting requirements discussed**

**The following language should be used on minutes for Executive Sessions:**  
*Executive Session (non-public) to Discuss Ongoing, Confidential Preliminary Investigations pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(14), to deliberate on a decision in which the Ethics Board will exercise quasi-judicial functions pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(13), and Personnel matters pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(10).*

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

N/A

**DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REPORT: Mary Ellen Husted, Chairperson**

<b>NOIs:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>NSA:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>COIN Referrals:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Cases Closed:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Cases Referred to investigation:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Fitness to Practice Order:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Letter of concern:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Revocation:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Suspension:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Deny Licensure:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Voluntary Surrender:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Requests to withdraw:</b>	<b>1</b>

**PRACTICE COMMITTEE REPORT: Simmy Randhawa**

**ISSUE:** Advisory Opinions  
Staple Removal  
Supra Pubic Catheter  
Ear Lavage with an ear lavage machine

**ACTION:** Approved

**ISSUE:** Letter to Board of Medicine

**ACTION:** Approved

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Toni Eason**

**ISSUE:** Status of Nursing Program Regulations

**REGULATORY PRINCIPLES**

**ISSUE:** Brief discussion of the "Right-Touch" Regulatory Principles

**“Right-Touch” Regulatory Principles**

The right-touch concept is based on principles of good regulation that is proportionate, consistent, targeted, transparent, accountable and agile. The agility principle in regulation means looking forward to anticipate change rather than looking back to prevent the last crisis from happening again.

Eight elements have been identified at the heart of right-touch regulation:

- Identify the problem before the solution
- Quantify the risks
- Get as close to the problem as possible
- Focus on the outcome
- Use regulation only when necessary
- Keep it simple
- Check for unintended consequences
- Review and respond to change

Users of this approach agree that the consequences may be less regulation or may be more regulation, but will certainly mean better regulation. I have attached a more comprehensive description of CHRE’s concept if you would like to read more about right-touch regulation. Or go to CHRE’s website at <http://www.chre.org.uk/right-touch-regulation.pdf> [[PDF Sent/Copies will be available at the meeting](#)]

**REGULATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Winslow Woodland**

**Omnibus NAP Regulations**

**ISSUE:** Review proposed amendments

**ACTION:** Proposed regulations reviewed  
CNA and PCT will be separate regulations

**ISSUE:** CHA Complainant appearing before the Board

**ACTION:** LPN programs will be contacted and asked to allow students to transfer from CHA into their program

**ISSUE:** James Kyle, MSN, RN Director of Nursing for UDC's non-credit Programs

Masters of Science in Nursing education  
Previous work experience does not meet Board’s regulatory requirements  
**ACTION:** Notify UDC-CC that Mr. Kyle does not meet the Board’s regulatory requirements

## **CONFERENCE REPORTS**(Tabled)

### **April 9, 2013 | Chicago, Ill. 2013 APRN Roundtable**

The 2013 NCSBN APRN Roundtable is an opportunity for advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) stakeholders to discuss common issues/concerns regarding APRNs.

**Reporting:** Chioma Nwachukwu, RN

### **April 16-17, 2013 | San Diego, CA 2013 Long-term Care Conference**

This exciting conference will bring together leaders from nursing regulation, practice, education and research to participate in interactive discussions. This diverse audience allows for multiple perspectives and provides a rare opportunity for attendees to debate issues and collaboratively discover ways to address barriers and improve care quality.

**Reporting:** Karen Scipio-Skinner

### **May 23-24, 2013 | Atlantic Beach, FL 2013 IT Conference**

This conference provides a forum for networking and collaboration for IT & operations professionals.

**Reporting:** Toni Eason; Melondy Franklin; Yonatan Berhe

### **June 2013 | Annapolis, MD 2013 Discipline Case Management Conference**

This conference provides a forum to learn effective investigative tools, strategies and procedures for regulatory proceedings.

**Reporting:** Mary Ellen Husted, Timothy Handy, Felicia Stokes

### **August 14-16, 2013 | Providence, R.I., 2013, Annual Meeting/ Delegate Assemble.**

NCSBN Board of Directors President Myra A. Broadway, JD, MS, RN, executive director, Maine State Board of Nursing, stated, "This year was a grand celebration of NCSBN's 35th anniversary and we had the chance to honor the first Board of Directors (BOD) President, the late Elaine Ellibee, with a special luncheon attended by her family. Attendees also had the chance to network with eight former BOD presidents."

Highlights of some of the significant actions approved by the member boards of nursing include:

- Adoption of the 2014–2016 Strategic Initiatives;
- Adoption of the 2014 NCLEX-PN Test Plan;
- Adoption of the revised membership agreement and setting the membership fee to zero;
- Adoption of the revisions to the NCSBN Bylaws; and
- Approval of the Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland & Labrador, College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Manitoba, Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses, and the Nursing & Midwifery Board of Ireland as associate members of NCSBN.

**Reporting:** Cathy Borris-Hale, Simmy Randhawa, Karen Scipio-Skinner