

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
Task Force for Regulation of Medication Aides
Curriculum Development Sub-committee Meeting
April 10, 2006

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Curriculum Development Sub-committee of the Task Force for Regulation of Medication Aides of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 1:39 p.m. by Woody Hanes in Conference Room 3, Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Woody B. Hanes, R.N., M.S.N., F.N.P., Chairperson

STAFF PRESENT: Paula B. Saxby, R.N., Ph.D., Deputy Executive Director, Education
Caroline Juran, Deputy Executive Director, Pharmacy

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Joanne Alston-Hooker, R.N., Williamson's Health Care Network
Susan Bess, Williamson's Pharmacy
Christine A. Stacy, R.N., M.S., Adult Care Education Consultants, L.L.C.
Julie Wine, LPN, Dept. of Social Services

INTERESTED PARTIES PRESENT:
Carter Harrison, Alzheimer's Association
Dianne Catuska, H.H. Hunt
Becky Currin, V.O.P.A.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: Minutes were reviewed and approved from the February 24, 2006 meeting.

Christine Stacy presented a draft curriculum update, medication abbreviations, and a medication administration observation record and asked that the sub-committee review the draft materials and give feedback to Ms. Stacy by May 15, 2006. Caroline Juran from the Board of Pharmacy and Joanne Alston-Hooker will provide critique for the pharmacology section of the curriculum. Paula Saxby from the Board of Nursing will review the Direct Care Staff training materials from DSS and compare to the Nurse Aide Curriculum that is required for Board of Nursing approval to determine the minimum learning objectives that are found in both programs (since completion of either one of those programs is a requirement for taking the medication aide curriculum).

Ms. Stacy discussed the format of the curriculum to include a student manual and a teacher's manual with objectives, suggested teaching activities, references, evaluations and student activities. There was discussion about schedule II drugs, common medications used for the elderly and clients in mental health facilities licensed by DSS, and implementing a "best practice" policy for the training of the med aide curriculum. The appendices would also include relevant statutes and regulations from the Board of Nursing, Board of Pharmacy, and the Dept. of Social Services.

Concern was voiced about Hospice care in assisted living facilities related to the care and assessment of pain management for Hospice patients. The committee felt that Hospice care would need to be provided by authorized Hospice nurses because Hospice patients require assessment and evaluation for care and pain management, which would require the judgment and skill level of a registered nurse. The committee will include language in the curriculum plan that will exclude the medication aide from administering medications to Hospice patients.

Another area of concern was related to the use of insulin pumps by medication aides. The committee will research this area and report findings at the next curriculum sub-committee meeting.

The committee will also look at the requirements for train-the-trainer as it relates to the new medication aide curriculum.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Next Curriculum Development Sub-committee will meet on June 30, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, in Conference Room 3, Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT: The Task Force sub-committee meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m..

Paula B. Saxby, R.N., Ph.D.
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