

Virginia Board of Nursing

Officer Meeting

September 18, 2018 Minutes

Time and Place: The meeting of the Board of Nursing Officer meeting was convened at 8:00 A.M. on September 18, 2018 in Board Room 3, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201 – Board Room 2, Henrico, Virginia.

Board Members Present: Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, President, Chairperson
Jennifer Phelps, BS, LPN, QMHPA, First Vice President
Marie Gerardo, MS, Rn, ANP-BC, Second Vice President

Staff Members Present: Jay P. Douglas, RN, MSM, CSAC, FRE

In the Audience: Sarah Heisler, Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA)

1. Regulations for Autonomous Nurse Practitioner practice
 - a. Emergency status – discussed that these regulations are emergency regulations and there will be an opportunity for further comment.
 - b. On August 3, 2018, the Board of Medicine adopted one amendment of the definition of five years of full-time practice from 1600 to 1800 hours as the equivalent of one year
 - c. Virginia Council of Nurse Practitioners (VCNP) to send out a communication about these regulations and to encourage VCNP members to attend Board of Nursing meetings

2. Board Training
 - ❖ **September:** Informal Conference Process – Role of Participants – training provided by James Banning, Executive Director for the Administrative Proceeding Division
 - ❖ **November:** Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP)
 - a) Marijuana Guidelines
 - b) Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT)
 - c) Pain Management

Ms. Phelps asked what other topics that Board members need to know – the books Dopesick and Dreamland were discussed

Ms. Hershkowitz commented that Dopesick is well written regarding opioid epidemic

Ms. Phelps and Ms. Douglas will work on agenda for November training

❖ **Future topics** – how cases effect/impact Board members’ personally

❖ **Evaluation of Board Training process**

Ms. Hereford suggested to Ms. Hershkowitz that a debriefing question to be included on agenda

3. Leadership development/succession activities

- ❖ Committee participation
- ❖ Officer succession
- ❖ NCSBN meetings
- ❖ Nomination process and roles
- ❖ Involving more Board members in making motions
- ❖ Increasing Agency Subordinate Informal Conferences to reserve Board members for Formal Hearings
- ❖ Probable Cause review – Board members involvement is essential at this time
- ❖ Plan to look at data regarding mandatory reports and outcomes of cases
- ❖ Discipline Committee members are Ms. Gerardo, as Chair, Ms. Cei and Dr. Gleason
- ❖ Special Conference Committee “G” members are Ms. Hershkowitz, as Chair, and Ms. McElfresh due to now having 14 members on the Board

4. Executive Director/Staff issues

Ms. Douglas provided information regarding staff vacancies which is impacting work load of remaining staff

5. Other business

The Officers discussed an idea of performing an environmental scan at meetings in an effort to increase Board member and staff knowledge regarding current practice issues in variety of settings

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 A.M.