

Virginia Board of Nursing

Officer Meeting

March 18, 2019 Minutes

Time and Place: The meeting of the Board of Nursing Officer meeting was convened at 8:00 A.M. on March 18, 2019 in Board Room 3, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, 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

1. Suggestions for Board Training for future meetings

Ms. Douglas suggested the topic of NCSBN: What is NCSBN? Relationship to the Board and benefits to Board Members in attending NCSBN meetings.

Ms. Phelps suggested a Lynchburg speaker, Debra Jefferson, to provide information regarding the disease concept and symptomology of Addiction and Mental Illness. Ms. Phelps will check regarding Ms. Jefferson's availability for the May 2019 meeting.

2019 Cannabidiol legislation and associated regulatory issues from Caroline Juran, Board of Pharmacy Executive Director.

Review NCSBN Guidelines regarding complaints pertaining to Marijuana

2. Review of draft Board member survey regarding alternatives to scheduling meetings and hearings – rethinking how we do business

Officers reviewed survey questions drafted by Ms. Douglas and made minor changes.

Survey will be distributed to Board Members electronically following the March Board meeting.

Results of survey will be discussed at the May Board meeting.

3. Review of Guidance Document 90-60 (*Virginia Board of Nursing Code of Conduct*)

Officers proposed changes to the Guidance Document which will be incorporated into a draft for review by the Officers.

Final draft of the Guidance Document will be considered at the May Board meeting.

4. Key Performance Measures and Discipline case processing update

Ms. Douglas provided overview of current disciplinary caseload and methods used by nursing leadership to monitor status. Ms. Douglas stated that she was very pleased with the impact Patricia Dewey, Discipline Case Manager, and Claire Morris, new Discipline Case Manager, were making on case processing.

Additionally, Ms. Douglas shared that Neal Kauder and Staff from Visual Research had recently examined DHP caseload with respect to case categories and case processing times. Ms. Douglas will review a preliminary report in the near future and final presentation will be made to the Board in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 A.M.