

Officer Meeting

January 28, 2019 Minutes

Time and Place: The meeting of the Board of Nursing Officer meeting was convened at 8:00 A.M. on January 28, 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. Resignation of Board members

Ms. Douglas has been in touch with Secretary of Commonwealths office regarding need for replacement Board members, Ms. Hereford and Dr. Thapa. They are working on this however this process has been delayed by the retirement of Lana Westfall wo has handled the appointment process in the past.

2. Updates on Business Meeting Agenda

Ms. Douglas reviewed the business meeting agenda

3. Nurse Aide Curriculum Regulations

Ms. Douglas addressed the use of thumb drives for Board members due to the large volume of the curriculum. Based on feedback from Board Members will use this mechanism again.

4. NCSBN Meetings for 2019

Dr. McQueen-Gibson expressed interest in attending NCSBN Midyear as did Ms. Phelps. Decision made by Ms. Hershkowitz to send Ms. Phelps as she is an officer, has not attended an NCSBN meeting and was signed up before and could not attend.

5. Approaches to disciplinary hearings; IFC schedules

General discussion regarding Board member workload and personal /professional commitments exploring possibility of alternate scheduling of Formal hearings and business meetings. Ms. Gerardo suggested perhaps reducing business meetings to

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March, May, September and November meeting four times a year instead of six. Ms. Hershkowitz expressed some reluctance as this would reduce available time for Board member development/training. Ms. Phelps expressed concern for all Board members and indicated willingness to look at alternate scheduling. The Officers directed Ms. Douglas to survey Board members regarding scheduling alternatives and to bring results back to Board in March.

Difficulty scheduling Summary Suspension calls due to BM availability was discussed

6. Board member training: January (HPMP) and beyond

General discussion regarding January Board Training session involving the HPMP personnel, and looking forward to hearing about current approaches and specifically, the issue of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for health care providers..

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