

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
Task Force for Regulation of Medication Aides
October 25, 2005

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Task Force for Regulation of Medication Aides of the Virginia Board of Nursing called to order at 10:02 A.M. by Lynne Cooper, Chair, in Conference Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynne M. Cooper, Chairperson
Gregory J. Huber, R.N., M.S.N.
Woody B. Hanes, R.N., M.S.N., F.N.P.

STAFF PRESENT:

Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director
Paula B. Saxby, R.N., Ph.D., Deputy Executive Director, Education
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst, D.H.P.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joanne Alston-Hooker, Williamson's Health Care Network
Lin Arnette, R.N.- VANHA
Susan Bess, Williamson's Pharmacy
Sherry P. Broussard, R.N. – Neighbor Care Pharmacy
Carolyn Inman, R.N., Sunrise Senior Living
Deborah Lloyd, R.N., Dept. of Social Services
Toni Parks, R.N., ManorCare
Christine A. Stacy, R.N., Adult Care Education Consultants, L.L.C.
Julie Wine, Administrator, Beth Shalom Gardens

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: The meeting began with introductions of the Board Members, Task Force Members, Interested Parties, and Staff.

There was a call for public comment, but there was none.

The minutes for September 7, 2005 were reviewed and approved.

Ms. Douglas gave a report of the meeting on October 12, 2005 with the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) representatives.

Ms. Yeatts gave an overview of the comments received from Task Force Members related to changes in the medication aide requirements.

Dr. Saxby gave an overview of the competency evaluation and clinical portion of the programs in Oregon and Texas. She also distributed the outline of the direct care staff training required by the Dept. of Social Services.

Ms. Yeatts gave an overview of the Draft regulations which included the following points of discussion:

- 1) Definition of “direct client care” in 18 VAC 90-60-10;
- 2) Application fee for program approval will be a one-time fee of \$500 in 18 VAC 90-60-30;
- 3) Clarification that the primary instructor shall be either a licensed registered nurse or pharmacist, and that the secondary instructor may be a licensed practical nurse in 18 VAC 90-60-50;
- 4) Add prerequisite of having either direct care staff training or have completed an approved nurse aide education program in 18 VAC 90-60-60;
- 5) Total program hours (in 18 VAC 90-60-60) will be a minimum of 68 hours and will include:
 - a. Classroom hours will be at least 40 hours and taught by the primary instructor;
 - b. Supervised skills practice will be at least 20 hours and be taught by either the primary or secondary instructor, but will not exceed a 1:10 instructor/student ratio [18 VAC 90-60-70];
 - c. An 8 hour module in administration of insulin;
- 6) The curriculum will be developed and provided by the Board (a curriculum development committee will be assigned (Ms. Woody Hanes will be the Board member) and staffed by Dr. Paula Saxby (Board of Nursing) and Ms. Caroline Juran (Board of Pharmacy);
- 7) Add successful completion of an approved nurse aide education program to the registration requirements in 18 VAC 90-60-90;
- 8) Completion of an 8 hour refresher course for those medication aides who have worked for at least one year during the time of implementation of the new regulations [18 VAC 90-60-90];
- 9) The competency evaluation will consist of both a written examination and a clinical competency evaluation; the clinical competency will be provided by either an LPN, RN, or Pharmacist with long term care experience with a 1:1 evaluator/student ratio [18 VAC 90-60-90]; the written and clinical competencies are to be approved by the Board;
- 10) Completion of 4 hours of continuing education in a population-specific medication training or medication administration refresher course each year [18 VAC 90-60-100], which will be audited by the Board;
- 11) Revise language for accepting verbal orders in 18 VAC 90-60-110 to be consistent with the Drug Control Act.

NEXT STEPS:

- 1) The curriculum sub-committee will be assigned and meet in November 2005. Interested persons were asked to inform Ms. Yeatts or Ms. Douglas.
- 2) Draft language of the proposed regulation will be presented to the Board at its November 15, 2005 meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS: The full task force will meet in Spring of 2006.

ADJOURNMENT: The Task Force meeting adjourned at 12:42 P.M.

Paula B. Saxby, R.N., Ph.D.
Deputy Executive Director, Education