

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
NEBRASKA CENTER FOR NURSING BOARD MEETING**

**Gold's Building**  
1050 N Street  
Room 534  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

**February 14, 2008**

The meeting of the Nebraska Center for Nursing was called to order by Marilyn Valerio, Chairperson, at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2008 at the Gold's Building in Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were previously sent to Board members and posted.

**Call to Order**

The following Board members were present:

Florence Brown  
Linda Dulitz  
Sharon Hayek (arrived 9:30 a.m.)  
Diane Hoffmann  
Pamela List  
Patricia Lopez (arrived 9:17 a.m.)  
Judy McGee  
Steven Pitkin  
Brendon Polt  
Larry Rennecker  
Nancy Shirley  
Terrie Spohn  
Marilyn Valerio  
Kim Woods

The following Board members were absent:

Lela Claussen  
Carol Wahl

A quorum was present. The meeting was convened. Also present from DHHS, Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit, Office of Nursing and Nursing Support were: Karen Bowen, Nursing Practice Consultant, Sheila Exstrom, Nursing Education Consultant and

Juan Paulo Ramirez, Research Assistant. Also present were Rosalee Roberts, Public Relations Consultant.

### **Approval of the Minutes of the November 15, 2007 meeting**

Brown made the motion, seconded by McGee, that the Board approve the November 15, 2007 Nebraska Center for Nursing minutes.

Voting Aye: Valerio, Pitkin, Brown, Dulitz, Hayek, Hoffmann, List, Lopez, McGee, Rennecker, Spohn, Polt, Woods, Shirley. Voting Nay: None. Abstain: None.

Absent: Claussen, Wahl.

The motion carried.

### **Nursing Workforce Environmental Scan**

Members reported on the new ANA patient safety initiative. Members also reported on current trend such as heavy workloads that contributed to nurses leaving nursing. The point was also raised that there is a lot of inexperience in nursing right now. There was discussion regarding the nurses wishing to reinstate their licenses and return to nursing and the difficulty they were experiencing in finding clinical sites for their refresher courses. The suggestion was also made that perhaps contact should be made with the Nebraska Medical Society to make them aware of the Center for Nursing.

### **Report of follow-up activities of the November 15, 2007 Stakeholder's Meeting**

- The list of dates for the NHA district meeting that Roberts had provided was distributed to the members. Members volunteered to present at each of the meetings. The goal was to have 2 members if possible at each meeting. Talking points and a brief power point presentation will be prepared for all the presenters. Each district group will then receive the same information.

The following members volunteered to present at the area meetings:

- District 1, Omaha: Valerio, Shirley
- District 2, Albion: List
- District 3, Benkelman: Woods, Hoffman
- District 4, Grand Island: Valerio
- District 5, Beatrice: McGee, Spohn

- Meeting with the legislative aides: there was much discussion regarding the meeting with the legislative aides. One of the legislative aides that had attended the Stakeholder's Meeting had requested the center meet with the aides. He felt it would be very useful to the aides to have the information about the center. It was suggested that that meeting not occur until a plan could be developed regarding

exactly what the center was asking of the aides. It was also suggested that a meeting with the senators would be of benefit. Even though an annual report is submitted to the legislature, it was thought a face to face meeting to talk about the center would be best. The members felt the meeting should occur with the aides while the legislature was still in session and with the senators after the session. Kelly received a letter from Senator Mike Flood, Speaker of the Legislature with positive comments about the center and the annual report.

- An invitation has been extended to Senator Joel Johnson to attend the June 26 Center for Nursing meeting in Kearney.
- The follow up letters to attendees of the Stakeholder's meeting thanking them for attending have been sent.
- Exploration of 501(c)(3) status: Kelly had prepared information she had found from the Every Woman Matters Program. The Breast and Cervical Cancer Advocacy Committee set up a fund with the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) several years ago. The Advocacy Committee actually distributes the funds from the NCF. The Nebraska Community Foundation administers more than 200 funds throughout Nebraska. Spohn also presented information she had gotten in conversation with an attorney. She discussed some of the fees involved in setting up a 501(c)(3). It was suggested is might be more advantageous to set up a fund through a foundation like the Nebraska Community Foundation, where they would administer the fund and not have the fees that would be associated with setting up a separate 501(c)(3).

### **Public Relations Update**

The press release for the *Nurses Who Make a Difference Campaign* went out Tuesday and is posted on the web site. The nomination form is also available on the web site.

### **Web site update**

Matt Helt from Ayres Kahler demonstrated the new web site to the group. Several suggestions and comments were made regarding the new look of the web site. Overall, the group was pleased with the appearance of the new web site. The web content will remain the same but have a new format. Once the web site is launched, staff will be trained to make changes on the site.

### **2008 Budget Status Update**

The Center has spent 50% of the budget to date and should be within budgeted allowances.

### **NNLC grant application for Model Transition to Practice Project**

Kelly is chairing a group with representation from each of the organizations in the Nursing Leadership Coalition to work on a transition to practice model. The group has applied to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing for a grant to assist with the project. They will be notified by February 22.

### **Upcoming events**

*Nursing Summit, March 6, 2008.* Members interested in attending were encouraged to submit their registration forms before the end of the meeting. Exstrom will follow up on registrations.

*Taking the Long View Conference, June 11-12, 2008, Denver.* The group discussed the possibility of driving to the conference since it will be in Denver this year and thereby allowing more members to attend. The following members indicated they would be interested in attending: Valerio, Pitkin. The following members indicated they may be able to attend: List, McGee, Dulitz, Polt, Brown and Hayek.

### **ANCC Pathways to Excellence**

Bowen reported on the information she has received from ANCC regarding a new program they will be introducing, the Pathways to Excellence program. This is a new program that was originally developed by the Texas Nurses Association under the name Texas Nurse Friendly. The program focuses on small to mid-size hospitals that can benefit from the program. ANCC plans to introduce the program soon and will provide information to Bowen when it is introduced.

### **Strategic Plan**

The group discussed the need to develop a plan to present to the senators. They also discussed the need to develop talking points and a brief power point presentation for the members that would be presenting at the NHA CEO meetings. It was decided a workgroup with representation from the four strategic goal groups (recruitment, retention, capacity and sustainability) would meet via conference call. They will develop the power point presentation for the board to review at the next meeting. They will also discuss the presentation to the aides and the senators.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Center will be Thursday, April 10 at Methodist College in Omaha. The group decided to set the meeting time at 9:30 a.m. to allow more time for those traveling that morning. The group also requested a map and driving directions be sent to the members before the next meeting.

#### **Set priorities for next meeting agenda**

- Report from the workgroup developing the NHA presentation
- 501(c)(3) information (Kelly)
- Update on new web site (Kelly/Bowen)
- Men in Nursing DVD letter (Kelly)
- Update on Nurses Who Make a Difference 2008 Campaign (Kelly)
- Report of breakdown of types of settings where nurses are working (Ramirez)

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by,  
Karen Bowen MS, RN

*These minutes have not yet been approved by the board*

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
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NEBRASKA CENTER FOR NURSING BOARD MEETING**

**Methodist College of Nursing**

Josie Harper Campus  
720 N. 87<sup>th</sup> St.  
Omaha, Nebraska 68114

**April 10, 2008**

The meeting of the Nebraska Center for Nursing was called to order by Marilyn Valerio, Chairperson, at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at the Methodist College of Nursing in Omaha Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were previously sent to Board members and posted.

**Call to Order**

The following Board members were present:

Florence Brown (arrived 9:45 a.m.)  
Lela Claussen  
Linda Dulitz  
Sharon Hayek  
Pamela List  
Patricia Lopez (arrived 9:47 a.m.)  
Judy McGee  
Steven Pitkin  
Brendon Polt  
Larry Rennecker  
Terrie Spohn  
Marilyn Valerio  
Carol Wahl

The following Board members were absent:

Diane Hoffmann  
Nancy Shirley  
Kim Woods

A quorum was present. The meeting was convened. Present from DHHS, Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit, Office of Nursing and Nursing Support were: Karen

Bowen, Nursing Practice Consultant, and Sheila Exstrom, Nursing Education Consultant. Also present was Rosalee Roberts, Public Relations Consultant.

### **Approval of the Minutes of the February 14, 2008 meeting**

Pitkin made the motion, seconded by List, that the Board approve the February 14, 2008 Nebraska Center for Nursing minutes.

Voting Aye: Valerio, Pitkin, Brown, Claussen, Dulitz, Hayek, List, Lopez, McGee, Polt, Rennecker, Spohn, Wahl. Voting Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Hoffmann, Shirley, Woods.  
The motion carried.

### **Planning for *Taking the Long View* Conference**

The sixth annual conference of Nursing Workforce Center Leaders will be held in Denver, CO, June 11-12. Exstrom and Bowen discussed the status of the state's travel restrictions and the impact on the Department. The importance of the conference, the information provided and the learning and networking opportunities were discussed. Members and staff that have attended past conferences have felt the meetings were invaluable. The Nebraska Center for Nursing is submitting a poster presentation for the June conference. Travel requests will be submitted for the conference for Valerio, Pitkin, Ramirez, Brown and Bowen. There was discussion regarding the importance of attending the conference and some members paying their own way if the travel requests are not approved.

### **NHA CEO Presentations**

- Roberts reported she had been in contact with Laura Redoutey and had information on the number of attendees for each regional meeting. Redoutey said if the handouts (Strategic Plan to Address the Nursing Shortage 2007-2010) were provided to them, they would mail them out in their packets of information.
- The group went through the power point presentation Valerio created and made suggestions/edits for the CEO groups. Discussion included what desired outcomes of the presentations were, what the center wanted from the CEOs.

### **NNLC grant application for Model Transition to Practice Project**

Bowen gave an update on the status of the grant application. NCSBN staff have said that the group reviewing the grant applications liked the idea but would like to see some changes in the evaluation portion. These changes will be made to the application and resubmitted.

### **Web site update**

Bowen stated the new website is up and running. Staff are aware that there are some inaccuracies on the site and missing information. Kelly, Bowen and Ramirez are going to be trained to use the software to make changes to the web site. This will be a cost savings for staff to be able to make the changes. When training is complete, the updates to the web site will be made.

### **Nursing Workforce Environmental Scan**

Members discussed current issues and trends and shared pertinent media information.

1:10 p.m. Dulitz left the meeting

### **Report on workforce distribution in Nebraska**

The board requested at their last meeting for Ramirez to provide information regarding the workforce distribution of nurses in Nebraska and specifically the settings where nurses are employed. Exstrom provided the information prepared by Ramirez and discussed the handouts.

### **Employer survey**

Ramirez had prepared copies of the updated employer survey that has been used previously. Members were asked to review the survey and make suggestions or comments about the survey. There were no suggested changes. This is the year for the employer survey. Ramirez will be sending the survey to Nebraska employer soon.

1:43 p.m. Spohn left the meeting

### ***Nurse Who Make a Difference Campaign***

Exstrom reported on the nominations received to date. There have been approximately 20 nominations so far. This is less than last year, but with a second press release, hopefully there will be more by the deadline. Letters and certificates will be sent to the nurses nominated during nurse's week. Roberts requested highlights of a few of the nominations to prepare a press release.

### **Public Relations Update**

Roberts handed out media tips – presentation tips and discussed with the board. The members requested that she contact the Buffet Foundation and update the board at the next meeting.



## **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Center will be Thursday, June 26 at UNMC College of Nursing in Kearney. Information will be provided before the meeting regarding room location and parking. Senator Joel Johnson will be invited to attend the June meeting.

## **Set priorities for next meeting agenda**

- Report from the NHA CEO presentations (presenters)
- PR Update – update on Buffet Foundation contact (Roberts)
- Update on new web site (Kelly/Bowen)
- Final report on Nurses Who Make a Difference 2008 Campaign (Exstrom)
- Planning for future events:
  - Meeting with senate aides
  - Meeting with senators

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Some members met after the meeting to finalize the power point presentation for the NHA CEO meeting.

Minutes Prepared by,  
Karen Bowen MS, RN

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**University of Nebraska, Kearney**

UNMC-College of Nursing, Kearney Division  
1917 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kearney, NE 68849-4510

**June 26, 2008**

The meeting of the Nebraska Center for Nursing was called to order by Marilyn Valerio, Chairperson, at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2008 at the University of Nebraska, Kearney Division. Copies of the agenda were previously sent to Board members and posted.

**Call to Order**

The following Board members were present:

Florence Brown  
Lela Claussen  
Linda Dulitz  
Sharon Hayek (arrived at 10:05 a.m.)  
Pamela List  
Judy McGee  
Steve Pitkin  
Brendon Polt  
Marilyn Valerio  
Kim Woods (arrived at 10:20 a.m.)

The following Board members were absent:

Diane Hoffmann  
Patricia Lopez  
Larry Rennecker  
Nancy Shirley  
Terrie Spohn  
Carol Wahl

Also present at the meeting was Sheila Exstrom, Nursing Education Consultant. Rosalee Roberts, Public Relations Consultant joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Guests Laura

Redoutey, President, Nebraska Hospital Association and Senator Joel Johnson (arrived at 10:45 a.m.) were present for part of the meeting.

### **Nursing Workforce Environmental Scan**

Steve Pitken circulated copies of the following: (1) the study from Kaiser Permanente regarding how staff nurses spend their time, (2) the California plan on how they are going to solve the nursing shortage, (3) the AANC statement regarding diversity. Pam List referred to the Modern Health Care article regarding the research project and reported that from first hand experience that electronic charting is more time consuming. Judy McGee agreed with that observation. Marilyn Valerio commented that there continues to be a safety crisis due to staffing. Linda Dulitz circulated an article from the Grand Island newspaper concerning the nursing shortage and also commented on the Veteran's Administration concerns regarding nurse staffing. Judy McGee commented that the VA is seeking to contract with local service providers for VA services. Sheila commented on how the Canadian nurses working in Michigan are now returning to Canada to work. One estimate is that Michigan may lose up to 6000 nurses returning to Canada. Lela Claussen commented that her group of Parish nurses have been discussing the nursing shortage and are trying to develop a proposal about how older nurses may help with the nursing shortage if their hours could be very part time and for shortened hours.

### **Report from Taking the Long View Conference**

Steve Pitken and Marilyn Valerio reported on the Center for Nursing Conference that they attended. They reported that the conference was very beneficial, well attended and had a number of good presentations. Juan also had the poster present at the meeting that Nebraska had on display at the conference. The topics emphasized at the conference were: the Leadership vacancy that nursing is experiencing, how to retain new graduates, how to develop first line managers, and how to keep the "old-timers" in nursing for their expertise. They also shared that a number of states are trying to restrict nurses from using the term "residency" or "doctor." The issue is that nursing may then qualify for CMS pass through dollars for nurse residency programs, there were a lot of questions about this. Nurse transition programs were a hot topic. They also reported that the "oldest" Center for Nursing (North Carolina) is not being funded and will be going away. Marilyn also reported that she had attended the Colorado Simulation Center that was and is being funded by foundation money.

What should the Nebraska board be doing regarding this information gained? Look at workplace issues so that new nurses are not leaving the profession prematurely, gather data on outcomes regarding nurse staffing and continue to convene various stake holders so that the nursing shortage is seen as a public health problem and not a nursing problem.

### **Final Report, Nurses Who Make a Difference Campaign**

Sheila gave a report of the 2008 Nurses Who Make a Difference campaign. About 70+ nurses were nominated and received certificates. The nominators also received a letter of appreciation for making the nomination. A list of the recipients will be in the next issue.

of the Nursing News. More patients/families nominated nurses this year as compared to previous years when co-workers and employers were the primary sources of nominations. Discussion ensued as to whether we should continue with this program. No decision was made at this time.

### **Approval of Minutes**

As a quorum was present it was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2008 meeting of the Center for Nursing.

### **Report of the NHA CEO Presentations and joint planning with the CFN and the NHA**

Laura Redoutey expressed on behalf of the Nebraska Hospital Association their willingness to fund and participate with the Center for Nursing if the center would articulate what the problems are, what we need and how specifically NHA could help. They are willing to commit dollars. She reminded that NHA donated \$25,000 to establish the Center for Nursing and would be willing to continue to donate for specific needs to keep the Center going. She reported that the NHA has a concern when learning that by 2020 the state will be 4000 nurses short.

Steve Pitken commented on the Center's accomplishments to date to be primarily the development of the Supply and Demand Model and the continuing data collection regarding the supply and demand of nurses in the state.

Laura commented that the approach that would most sell the governor on the need for the Center for Nursing is to equate it to economic development for the state.

See the attached list of needs that Laura developed from the discussion of the committee members.

The committee broke for lunch and continued their meeting over lunch.

### **Meeting with Senator Johnson**

Senator Johnson commented that to rely on state funding would be difficult because the Center would need to make the case on why the center's needs are more than all of the others vying for the same money. He commented that Nebraska is a high tax state and they are number 4 in the 50 of the most public employees per capita. He emphasized the need to modernize state government, consolidating on 27 trade centers in the state (to gain efficiency of staff), provide health care more economically and emphasize prevention. We need to sell child health care as the same as life insurance. He suggested that we also work with the Nebraska Medical Association, that we use the statewide TV network more and that we save nurses to the profession by increased use of mentors. He stated that it was probably a good idea to orient the legislative aides to the Center for

Nursing but then to orient and work most closely with the Senators on the Health and Human Services committee.

### **Related Reports**

Juan distributed two reports, the Nebraska RN and LPN per 1000 people per county. The report and accompanying map shows that we have made some progress toward improving this ratio. The second report was nursing faculty preparation and age.

Sheila distributed the report of the Enrollment/Graduation Statistics as taken from the 2007 annual reports.

### **Public Relations Update**

Rosalee Roberts reported on her activities related to contacting philanthropic organizations as potential donors to the Center for Nursing. She had contacted both of the Buffett foundations and neither donate to other than 501C organizations. The Susan A. Buffett foundation is the daughter and is the Sherwood funds that are used primarily for the arts. The Susan T. Buffett foundation is the ex-wife and gives only to non profit 501C organizations and does not even accept unsolicited applications. They primarily fund organizations that are concerned with Secondary Teachers and World Population. She found this to be the guideline that almost all of the organizations follow. It was suggested that she research the Becton/Davidson, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the Armstrong/McDonald funds. She also did make a comment about the Combined Endowment Fund for the Arts that was allowed through the passage of LB1165 (allowing a combination governmental/private organization). She also commented on the Our Healthy Community Partnership which is in place in Omaha and she distributed some Media and Presentation Tips to the board members.

### **Strategic Planning**

Rosalee Roberts will contact Andrew Zimmerman (aide to Senator Abby Cornet) about setting up a date and time when the Center can give the report to the Senate aides (using the slide presentation that was given to the NHA CEOs). The expectation is that this would happen before the next meeting of the Center for Nursing board.

Laura will contact an attorney to help us determine the steps necessary to pursue the designation as a 501C 3 organization. She offered that the Nebraska Hospital Association will pay the lawyer fees to get this information and help.

Laura also volunteered to make a list of the priority needs of the Center for Nursing as she has heard them today and will send those to Marilyn and Sheila and will also present them to the NHA Board of Directors. She will include projects that they may consider funding.

## **Adjournment**

The two primary activities that are to occur prior to the next meeting are to set up the meeting with the legislative aides and contacting the lawyer for assistance with the 501C3 designation.

There being no further business for the Center, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by:

Sheila Exstrom, PhD, RN

*These minutes have not been approved by the board*

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**Gold's Building**

1050 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508  
Room 534

**August 14, 2008**

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Nebraska Center for Nursing was called to order by Marilyn Valerio, Chairperson, at 9:10 a.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at the Gold's Building, Room 534, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were previously sent to the Board members and posted.

**Roll Call**

The following Board members were present:

Marilyn Valerio, Chairperson  
Steve Pitken, Vice Chairperson  
Florence Brown  
Lela Claussen  
Linda Dulitz  
Sharon Hayek  
Pamela List  
Judy McGee  
Kim Woods  
Patricia Lopez  
Larry Rennecker  
Terrie Spohn  
Carol Wahl

The following Board members were absent:

Brendon Polt  
Diane Hoffmann  
Nancy Shirley

Also present at the meeting were Sheila Exstrom, Nursing Education Consultant and Rosalee Roberts, Public Relations Consultant.

### **Approval of minutes**

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2008 minutes as printed and distributed.

The agenda was modified to accommodate Dr. Eleanor Howell, guest.

### **Environmental Scan**

Pitken reported on the California plan to redesign nursing education, following five major areas of redesign. He will e-mail the report to the other board members.

Valerio reported on a meeting that she participated in at the Nurse Executive Center in Chicago, IL. Five educators and five practice nurses from her place of employment attended the meeting. A focused topic was “preceptorships.”

Pitken reported on some journal articles, from NLN and from the electronic International Journal of Nursing Education Scholarship from British Columbia, Canada.

Hayek commented about the editorial by the ANA president regarding the relationship of staffing to patient safety.

Valerio reported on an article on nursing externships and another article questioning the formation of DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice) programs and another that pointed out why more money is needed to provide a safe patient environment.

Dulitz reported that Saint Francis Hospital in Grand Island has opened a new rehab unit and as such are needing more nurses.

Pitken reported that he is losing faculty to practice, particularly pediatric instructors because practice settings are increasing their use of MSN prepared nurses.

Valerio reported that she had lost a faculty person educated in Psych, mental health to practice as a result of a \$40,000 increase in salary.

Dulitz reported the no one is buying the bonds for the new hospital in Ord and as a result a new physician that was going to locate there is no longer going to do so.

Rennecker reported that the bonds for Mary Lanning hospital in Hastings had to be reissued twice.

Woods reported that the law suit she had filed against the Kimball County Commissioners has been settled in her favor.

Rennecker reported that the newest medicare cuts have cut into family practice residency programs.



Wahl reported that the growth in activity at her hospital is what has made it possible for them to adjust to the new CMS case-mix index changes for reimbursement.

Dulitz inquired if the cost of gas prices has been affecting recruitment of nurses who have to commute.

Wahl reported that in addition to hospitals hiring more MSN prepared nurses, private practice offices are also hiring more MSN prepared nurses.

Lopez questioned where the new BryanLGH mother child unit and where all of the hospitals that are adding beds in Omaha and where the Norfolk UNMC College of Nursing are going to find nurses and/or faculty to staff them.

Valerio reported that she thinks that nursing programs are going to have to share faculty and will need to “think outside of the box” to develop methods to do so.

Wahl stated that the statements that Warren Buffett is making about the national debt and the fragile economic status of the country are causing concern for hospitals.

Roberts reported that on August 21, 2008 the movie “IOUSA” is going to be premiered at the Holland Center for performing arts and broadcast to 400 other theatres followed by a panel discussion including Warren Buffet. The tickets are free and the presentation is at 6:45 p.m.

Pitken reported that there is some sharing of faculty between programs—UNMC, Omaha and the University of Iowa are sharing faculty to teach Nursing Administration. There have to be additional ways to change the way we are educating nurses.

Lopez commented that as a family member of a hospitalized patient her observation is that student nurses are better at answering questions regarding disease, treatment and plans of care than are staff nurses.

McGee commented that the Nebraska Organization of Nurse Leaders has identified a problem area that there is no one in the membership groups to follow through with the ideas and activities of the organizations. Members of the various nursing organizations have their own full time jobs and therefore she suggested that the various nursing organizations should “join forces” and hire a position to coordinate and carry out the activities of the organizations.

Valerio commented on the federal bill that would deny federal money to organizations who restrict licensed health care providers from not providing certain care that is in conflict with their personal beliefs.

### **Robert Wood Johnson/AARP project**

Dr. Eleanor Howell joined the group at 9:50 a.m. She updated the board members on the Robert Wood Johnson/AARP grant application that each state was invited to submit

regarding attending a Nurse Education Capacity Summit. Nebraska was one of 49 states who submitted an application. Eighteen states were chosen to participate. Nebraska was not one of them. Dr. Howell explained that there was a short turn-around time to submit the grant, but that she did get commitments from each of the required categories to be a part of the grant. Copies of the grant were provided to the board members. The purposes of the grant were explained and Dr. Howell did comment that even though we were not one of the states chosen to participate that we will be provided with the outcomes and activities of the Summit. There may also be future similar activities when we will be invited to submit an application.

### **Input on a variety of activities**

In Bowen's absence, Exstrom reported that Bowen and Ramirez will be trained to update and maintain the Center for Nursing website. Training to do this should be occurring with in the next two weeks.

Exstrom reported that she has written a letter and submitted related materials to Kelley Clarke the attorney that the Nebraska Hospital Association had agreed to pay to explore the costs and procedures for the Center for Nursing to become a 501c3 organization. A response has not been received as of this date.

Exstrom reported that the NCSBN has agreed to award the Nebraska Board of Nursing and the Leadership Group the grant that was applied for, but that with Charlene's prolonged medical absence that she is working with the department to see if the grant will need to be modified in order for us to accept it.

Exstrom reported that she and Bowen had been talking about putting an update about the Center for Nursing activities in each issue of the Nursing News. The board members agreed that this would be a good idea.

In Bowen's absence, Exstrom reported that the Governor's office has received a number of applicants for appointment to the Center for Nursing and the Governor will be making these appointments within the next week or two.

Exstrom reported that with the busyness of the staff and with the restriction on travel(including instate travel) that the Center for Nursing will not be having a booth at the NNA and LPNAN conventions, but rather to keep their name before these groups will be sponsoring an activity at each of the conventions.

### **Use of Simulation by Nebraska Nursing Programs**

Exstrom shared with the committee data regarding use of simulation by Nebraska Nursing Programs which was gathered from the 2007 annual reports as submitted by each program.

### **Discussion and prioritization of project needs as compiled by Laura Redoutey, Nebraska Hospital Association**

A listing of the projects of the Center for Nursing that was compiled by Laura Redoutey at the last meeting was previously mailed to the board members. The two top priorities identified were:

1. Pursue what is needed to become a 501c3 organization
2. The establishment of a task force to determine the steps needed to move the student passport and centralized clinical scheduling projects forward. A task force of Howell, Hayek, Wahl, McGee, Redoutey, Valerio, Pitken, and Omaha clinical facilities was established. An initial one hour telephone conference call of this group will be set up yet this month.

The committee recessed for lunch—reconvening immediately to continue the meeting over lunch.

Dr. Howell left the meeting.

Various committee members volunteered to help with the workload of the committee in whatever way they could because of the elimination of the administrative assistant position.

Kim Woods left the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Committee members asked for an update on the return status of the Employer Surveys. Exstrom will check this with Ramirez.

### **LPN Survey Report**

In Ramirez's absence, Exstrom presented the report of the LPN survey completed with the 2007 renewals. The committee was complimentary of the report and did ask for some clarification. Exstrom will forward their questions to Ramirez

### **Public Relations Update**

Robert's referred to the article on simulation at UNMC that she had previously sent to the committee members. She also reported on the screening of the IOUSA movie and panel discussion as indicated above. The screening and panel discussion is August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7p.m. and the topic will be America's Debt Situation—An Inconvenient Truth. Committee members were advised of the telephone number they could call for reservations. She also distributed her tips related to Media and Making Presentations and commented that the Center to Champion Nursing in America and AARP may be funding sources for Nursing Centers.

### **Plan and Development of presentation for Legislative Aides**

The committee members viewed the power point presentation that was used with the CEOs of Nebraska hospitals and determined that with the addition of one slide that it could be used with the legislative aides. It was determined that the presentation would be a one-time for all of the aides that would be able to attend. Pat Lopez will get the meeting set-up and Marilyn will present it with as many board members in attendance as possible.

Wahl and Pitken will be giving the presentation to the Rural Health group on September 10<sup>th</sup>. They will need a supply of the Strategic Plans for that presentation.

Pitken reported that a sub-group of the Deans and Directors will be sponsoring a seminar on "Teaching to the IOM requirements" in Lincoln on June 5, 2009.

Valerio reported that she will be presenting on the activities of the Center for Nursing at the Creighton University Alumnae days commemorating the 50 year anniversary of the School of Nursing.

Exstrom presented an invitation to present at the annual Public Health meeting that is to be held in Lincoln in conjunction with five other organizations including Creighton University. It was determined that the center will apply to be a presenter. Valerio and Lopez will complete and submit the application by the deadline.

#### **Priorities/activities for next meeting agenda**

The following items will be on the agenda for the next board meeting:

- A report from the presentation to the legislative aides
- An update on the status of the budget
- The subsequent activities related to the passport and centralized scheduling projects
- A report from the Deans and Directors regarding the student passport
- An update on board appointments

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by:

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