

These minutes have been approved by the board

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NEBRASKA CENTER FOR NURSING BOARD
Cornhusker State Industries
800 Pioneers Blvd.
Conference Room C
Lincoln, NE 68502

Call to Order

The meeting of the Nebraska Center for Nursing was called to order by Steve Pitkin, Chairperson at 9:30 a.m., February 24, 2011. Location of the copy of the Open Meetings Act was announced.

Roll Call

The following board members were present:

Steve Pitkin, Chairperson (until 1 pm)
Diane Hoffmann (until 1 pm)
Alice Kindschuh
Trish Lenz
Pamela List
Larry Rennecker
Terrie Spohn
Linda Stones
Kelli Stott
Carol Wahl – by telephone
Mary Wendl

The following board members were absent:

Florence Brown
Linda Hruza
Nolan Gurnsey
Aubray Orduna
Brendon Polt

A quorum was established. Also present from DHHS, Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit, Office of Nursing and Nursing Support were Diana Baker, RN, Office Administrator; Karen Bowen, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant; Sheila Exstrom, RN, Nursing Education Consultant.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 28, 2010 and December 16, 2010 meetings were approved.

Center for Nursing website

Ramirez reported that the Center for Nursing website now has Google Analytics for monitoring the number of visitors who view the website. It has been active since January 9, 2011 and is averaging about 8-10 hits per day and 2.73 pages per visit.

Ramirez also addressed the need to edit some of the web pages for updates to information and to add links as they come available and are pertinent to the Center for Nursing. It is not possible to edit anything on the home page, and conversations with the original company who built the webpage indicate a very high dollar amount. Bowen suggested that Joe Sacco, president of the company and the original developer be contacted to discuss changes. Additionally, the existing domain is set to expire in December 2011 and we do not want to lose the web address again. Bowen will take the lead on this issue and coordinate with Juan.

The Nursing Leadership Coalition has requested that links to various groups of nursing associations and organizations be listed on the website to indicate a schedule of area workshops and continuing education opportunities. Juan is working toward this goal.

April Strategic Planning Forum

Baker stated that she has been informally authorized to attend the meeting for the Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers strategic planning meeting to be held April 25-26, 2011.

Nurses Day at the Legislature

Stones was pleased to discuss the successful participation at the Nurses Day at the Legislature this year. Attendees totaled 267 nurses. Presenters included Marilyn Valerio, Don Wesley and Senator Campbell.

Stones also indicated that she would be stepping down from the Nebraska Nurses Association position on the legislative planning committee, and would be willing to serve as the Center for Nursing representative to this committee. List made the motion, seconded by Kindschuh **that the board approve Linda Stones as the Nebraska Center for Nursing representative for the Nurses Day at the Legislature planning committee.**

Voting Aye: Hoffmann, Kindschuh, Lenz, List, Rennecker, Spohn, Stotts, Wahl and Wendl. Abstain: Pitkin and Stones. Absent: Brown, Hruza, Gurnsey, Orduna, and Polt. Motion carries.

Nebraska Leadership Coalition Annual Summit meeting

Exstrom reported that the annual summit is scheduled for March 10, 2011 at Kearney and the topic this year is "Make Communication Work for You." This is possibly the last summit conference that will be held. The Deans and Directors met at the November Issues Forum to disband the group, but the popular vote was to continue the Leadership Coalition. A planning group will assemble to rework the goals and objectives of the group.

Baker indicated that Ramirez was available to present a display at the conference. Stones made the motion, seconded by Wendl **that the board authorize the \$150 payment for displaying the Center for Nursing posters and website at the conference.**

Voting Aye: Hoffmann, Kindschuh, Lenz, List, Rennecker, Spohn, Stotts, Wahl, and Wendl. Abstain: Pitkin and Stones. Absent: Brown, Hruza, Gurnsey, Orduna, and Polt. Motion carries.

Update of the Foundation Board

Exstrom reported that the first meeting of the Foundation Board is being scheduled in mid to late March.

National Summit to Advance Health Through Nursing

Marilyn Valerio, former member of the board, presented information from the IOM/RWJF meeting held in Washington DC in late November 2010 regarding Nebraska's participation and the key consideration for Nebraska nurses. She indicated that four activities must be completed to stay aligned with the National Summit: (1) Remove scope of practice barriers; (2) Implement nurse residency programs; (3) Increase the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree to 80% by 2020; and (4) Build an infrastructure for the collection and analysis of inter-professional health care workforce data. Valerio also addressed the Future of Nursing : Campaign for Action Regional Action Coalitions (RAC). Board members agreed that the best place for these activities is the Center for Nursing, but with little to no staff availability it is just not feasible at this time. Therefore, the business of the RAC will have to be conducted at another venue with Center for Nursing membership involvement. Valerio indicated that she will communicate back to the board periodically about progression of the RAC.

Strategic Plan Booklet

Groups reassembled to work on updating the goals and tactics for the Strategic Plan Booklet. Baker asked that amendments be emailed to her so that they can be added to the current booklet.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Center for Nursing will be on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at the Cornhusker State Industries (CSI), Conference Room C.

Recorded by

Diana Baker RN MSN

Diana Baker, RN, MSN, Office Administrator, Nursing & Nursing Support

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Call to Order

The meeting of the Nebraska Center for Nursing was called to order by Steve Pitkin, Chairperson at 9:30 a.m., April 28, 2011. Location of the copy of the Open Meetings Act was announced.

Roll Call

The following board members were present:

Steve Pitkin, Chairperson
Pamela List
Linda Hruza
Alice Kindschuh
Nolan Gurnsey
Trish Lenz
Larry Rennecker
Aubray Orduna
Terrie Spohn
Linda Stones
Carol Sukup
Kelli Stott
Carol Wahl
Mary Wendl

The following board members were absent:

Diane Hoffmann
Brendon Polt

A quorum was established. Also present from DHHS, Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit, Office of Nursing and Nursing Support were Diana Baker, RN, Office Administrator; Karen Bowen, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant; Sheila Exstrom, RN, Nursing Education Consultant. The Board also welcomed Carol Sukup as a new member to the Board to replace Florence Brown.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 24, 2011 meeting were approved with corrections.

Center for Nursing website

Ramirez reported that the Center for Nursing website is being reviewed and he asked that the board members and the staff view the website for areas that need correction or updating.

Taking the Longview Conference cancelled

Baker reported that she spent 2 days in Chicago on April 25 and 26 reviewing the Strategic Plan for the National Workforce Forum. The meeting was set to review the goals and objectives of the Forum because of the directives set up by the Institute of Medicine report, and the changes that are on the horizon for nurses in the workforce. Because this meeting was added for this year, the Longview Conference usually scheduled in June will not be held.

Foundation Board of Directors meeting

Exstrom reported that the first meeting of the Board of Directors for the Center for Nursing Forum was held on March 25, 2011. Election of officer results included Linda Lazure, President; Alice Kindschuh, Vice President; Nolan Gurnsey, Secretary; and Monica Seeland, Treasurer.

Passport Project

Baker reported that the contract for Pam Taylor with Cyber Healthcare Solutions is complete and has been sent to her for her signature. Because we are entering summer, Pam has asked that a single contact person be selected for communication during the setup period. The members were asked to consider accepting this position or to think of someone who could devote time to this effort to get the project started for fall semester.

Expiring Terms on the Center for Nursing Board

Those members whose term on the Board that would expire in June 2011 were Linda Hruza, Carol Wahl, and Larry Renecker. The Board thanked each of these members for their efforts while on the board and wished them well. Baker presented personally engraved clocks to each one of them and thanked them for their contributions to nursing.

Upcoming Annual Meetings Displays

Baker informed the Board that Ramirez is anticipating having Center for Nursing displays again this fall at the Nebraska Nurses Association on October 14, 2011; Nebraska Hospital Association on October 19, 2011; LPNAN in October 20, 2011; and Nebraska Healthcare Association, date unknown at this time. A motion was made and seconded to fund the display fee for each of these functions.

Voting Aye: Hruza, Gurnsey, Kindschuh, Lenz, List, Orduna, Rennecker, Spohn, Stones, Stott, Sukup, Wahl, and Wendl. Abstain: Pitkin. Absent: Hoffmann and Polt. Motion carries.

Baker also noted that only a few pens and magnets are left from the display events in October 2010. A motion was made and seconded to fund up to \$1000 to purchase “give away” tokens for the display booths.

Voting Aye: Hruza, Gurnsey, Kindschuh, Lenz, List, Orduna, Rennecker, Spohn, Stones, Stott, Sukup, Wahl. and Wendl. Abstain: Pitkin. Absent: Hoffmann and Polt. Motion carries.

Strategic Plan Booklet

Groups reassembled to work on updating the goals and tactics for the Strategic Plan Booklet. Baker asked that amendments be emailed to her so that they can be added to the currently booklet.

Nebraska Regional Action Coalition (Neb-RAC)

Marilyn Valerio and Linda Lazure presented information to the Board regard an update to the Neb-RAC Coalition. Meetings continue to be held to inform the nursing communities about the Neb-RAC, and the committee is still hoping to be able to apply for consideration on June 1, 2011. Lazure indicated that a nursing lead has been found, but the non-nursing lead is not yet identified. Valerio asked that the Board write a letter of support for this action. A motion was made and seconded that List would submit a letter of support from the Center for Nursing.

Voting Aye: Hruza, Gurnsey, Kindschuh, Lenz, List, Orduna, Rennecker, Spohn, Stones, Stott, Sukup, Wahl. and Wendl. Abstain: Pitkin. Absent: Hoffmann and Polt. Motion carries.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Center for Nursing will be on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at the Cornhusker State Industries (CSI), Conference Room C.

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Call to Order

The meeting of the Nebraska Center for Nursing was called to order by Pamela List, Chairperson at 9:35 a.m., August 25, 2011. Location of the copy of the Open Meetings Act was announced.

Roll Call

The following board members were present:

Pamela List, Chairperson
Kathleen Campbell
Nolan Gurnsey
Diane Hoffmann
Alice Kindschuh
Brendon Polt
Linda Stones
Kelli Stott
Carol Sukup
Mary Wendl

The following board members were absent:

Trish Lenz
Aubray Orduna
Terrie Spohn
Steve Pitkin
Jeanette Goodwin

A quorum was established. Also present from DHHS, Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit, Office of Nursing and Nursing Support were Diana Baker, RN, Office Administrator; Karen Bowen, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant; Sheila Exstrom, RN, Nursing Education Consultant. The Board also welcomed Kathleen Campbell as a new member to the Board to replace Carol Wahl.

Tony LaRiche was introduced to the Board. Tony is consumer member on the Board of Nursing. He was invited to attend the meeting since he is representing the Board of Nursing on the Center for Nursing Foundation Board.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 28, 2011 meeting were approved.

Reappointment of terms to June 2014

Baker announced the reappointment of Diane Hoffmann, Mary Wendl, and Nolan Gurnsey to the Board for the term June 2011 to June 2014. Carol Sukup will serve until June 2013 because she fills a vacant slot. Carol will be eligible for a second term.

Center for Nursing website

Ramirez reported that the Center for Nursing website survey revealed board members found the website satisfactory, and wanted to add more features to the website such as nursing events, link to Center for Nursing Foundation for donations, the IOM report on the Future of Nursing, the updated strategic plan, current activities being addressed, and open positions in facilities.

Ramirez also reported on the 2010 data submitted by RNs and APRNs during the last renewal period that has been compiled and is being analyzed.

Foundation Board of Directors meeting

Exstrom reported that the meetings of the Board of Directors for the Center for Nursing Forum are continuing, and that they are requesting more direction from the Center for Nursing members with regard to specific projects or activities the Board wants to work toward so that donations can be solicited to help finance the projects. Also required are Talking Points for the foundation members to use when soliciting finances.

Specific projects identified from each group include:

1. Recruitment -- Production of a professional video for recruiting men and minorities in to nursing. This video could be used by teachers, by the news media, at the State Fair and Husker Harvest Days
2. Retention – Revive the “Nurses Who Make a Difference” Campaign. Will need a PR person to organize
3. Enrollment – Scholarships for student nurses and for faculty. Produce a video on Upward mobility
4. Sustainability – Student projects to promote the Center for Nursing. Contact academic departments at various colleges and universities in journalism, public health, marketing, etc.

Report on NebRAC meetings in June 2011

Exstrom reported that Deans and Directors met in June 2011 and are planning an Annual Issues Forum in November again this year. She also reported that Sue Hassmiller addressed the group who were gathered to discuss the formation of the Nebraska RAC in response to the Future of Nursing. Not only is Ms. Hassmiller the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Senior Adviser for Nursing, tasked with shaping and leading the Foundation’s strategies to address the nurse and nurse faculty shortages in an effort to create a higher quality of patient care in the United States, but she is also a Nebraska Nurse.

Passport Project

Baker reported that the Passport Project is in its final preparation stages to be ready to implement in January 2012. Thanks to Cynthia Scholtfeld and Jody Seabold from Clarkson College who were recruited by Aubray Orduna.

Legislative Resolution 285

Senator Conrad introduced a legislative resolution to study the impact on Nebraska due to the nursing shortage. Baker indicated that she had contacted Senator Conrad about the function of the Center for Nursing and provided her with Annual Reports and the Strategic Plan. There has been no response from Senator Conrad.

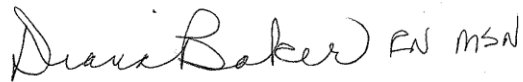
Strategic Plan Booklet

Groups reassembled to work on completing the goals and tactics for the Strategic Plan Booklet. Baker asked that amendments be emailed to her so that they can be added to the currently booklet.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Center for Nursing will be on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at the Cornhusker State Industries (CSI), Conference Room C.

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Call to Order

The meeting of the Nebraska Center for Nursing was called to order by Pamela List, Chairperson at 9:45 a.m., October 27, 2011. Location of the copy of the Open Meetings Act was announced.

Roll Call

The following board members were present:

Pamela List, Chairperson
Jeanette Goodwin
Nolan Gurnsey
Diane Hoffmann
Alice Kindschuh
Trish Lenz
Aubray Orduna
Steve Pitkin
Brendon Polt
Kelli Stott
Terrie Spohn (arrived at 11:45 a.m.)
Carol Sukup
Mary Wendl

The following board members were absent:

Linda Stones
Kathleen Campbell

A quorum was established. Also present from DHHS, Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit, Office of Nursing and Nursing Support were Diana Baker, RN, Office Administrator; Karen Bowen, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant; Sheila Exstrom, RN, Nursing Education Consultant. The Board also welcomed Jeannette Goodwin as a new member to the Board to replace Carol Wahl.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 25, 2011 meeting were approved.

Juan's Report /Center for Nursing website

Ramirez reported that the statistics from the RN survey in 2010 have been compiled and analyzed. The Annual Report will be completed sometime in December 2011 or January 2012. He also indicated that the Center for Nursing website will expire in December 2011 and Baker and Bowen will be talking with Joe Sacco to pay for an additional 9 years to use the domain name.

Robert Woods Johnson Grant

Juan has found a site that is offering grant money based on the IOM report on the Future of Nursing. He is willing to work on filling out necessary documents to determine eligibility for applying for such a grant.

Orduna made the motion, seconded by Pitkin **that the board recommended the pursuit of an RWJ Grant as presented and to seek collaboration with Nebraska Action Coalition and the Executive Board of the Center for Nursing Foundation to oversee the writing of the grant to address recommendation #8 of the IOM report.**

Voting Aye: Goodwin, Gurnsey, Hoffmann, Kindschuh, Lenz, List, Orduna, Pitkin, Polt, Stotts, Sukup, and Wendl. Abstain: none. Absent: Campbell, Spohn, and Stones. Motion carries.

It was decided that the Executive Officers of the Center for Nursing will approach the NebRAC as a partner for this activity. Ramirez will formulate ideas to present to the NebRAC and Bowen will coordinate a conference call.

Review of 2012 meetings calendar

Baker distributed copies of the 2012 meeting calendar. Meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Thursday of the month, with the exception of December 2012. That meeting will be held on December 20, 2012.

Foundation Board of Directors meeting

Exstrom reported that the meetings of the Board of Directors for the Center for Nursing Forum are continuing. There needs to be some minor changes in the bylaws before the tax ID number can be issued. A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors is scheduled for November 4, 2011 to address these changes.

Strategic Plan

Baker distributed the first draft of the Strategic Plan booklet for review. Changes were noted and Baker will edit the changes and submit for approval in December.

Legislative Resolution 285

Senator Conrad introduced a legislative resolution to study the impact on Nebraska due to the nursing shortage. Baker informed the board that a hearing date of November 29, 2011 has been set for this resolution from Senator Heidemann, Chair of the Appropriations Committee.

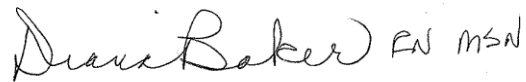
New Graduate Programs

A member of the faculty at a local nursing program made a request to address the board regarding some information about a new graduate program under development at the college. The board respectfully denied the request due to the time involved with providing equal time to other college programs. Baker will reply to the faculty member with the decision of the board.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Center for Nursing will be on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at the Cornhusker State Industries (CSI), Conference Room C.

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the
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A. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting of the Nebraska Center for Nursing was called to order by Pam List, Chairperson at 9:30 a.m., December 15, 2011 at the Cornhusker State Industries, 800 Pioneers Blvd., Conference Room C, Lincoln, Nebraska. List announced the location of an available copy of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Pamela List, Chairperson
Jeanette Goodwin
Aubray Orduna (left the meeting 12:00 p.m.)
Steve Pitkin
Brendon Polt (left the meeting 12:00 p.m.)
Terrie Spohn
Kelli Stott (arrived 10:50 a.m.)
Mary Wendl

The following members were absent:

Kathy Campbell
Nolan Gurnsey
Diane Hoffmann
Alice Kindschuh
Trish Lenz
Linda Stones
Carol Sukup

There were insufficient members present to constitute a quorum. Therefore, no board business requiring a vote could be conducted. The meeting consisted in discussion of agenda items.

Also present were the following from DHHS, Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit, Office of Nursing and Nursing Support: Diana Baker, RN, Office Administrator and Karen Bowen, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant, and Juan Ramirez, Research Assistant.

B. Approval of the Minutes - October 27, 2011 Meeting

This item will be voted on at the next board meeting.

C. Election of Officers

The members discussed including the position of secretary to assist staff with preparation of minutes. Officers to be elected include Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. These are all two year terms. Nominations may be emailed to staff. Voting will occur at the April meeting.

D. Juan's Report

Juan presented the 2010 RN survey report. He also reported to the group on the RWJ grant application. The deadline for the application is January 3.

E. Report on the Center for Nursing Foundation

There has not been a Foundation Meeting. The Foundation has received tax exempt status.

F. Strategic Plan Review

Baker has the final Strategic Plan in a PDF format and will put on the website.

G. Financial support for Nurse's Day at the Legislature

Discussion included that the Center has in the past given \$250 to support Nurse's Day at the Legislature. The group was unable to take action since there was no quorum.

H. Conclusion and Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Nebraska Center for Nursing will be February 23, 2012.

Recorded by:

Karen Bowen, MS, RN

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Administrator, Nursing & Nursing Support