



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING CONFERENCE ROOM
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APRIL 19-20, 2006

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: by President June Larson at 8:39 a.m., April 19, 2006.

BOARD MEMBERS		BOARD STAFF PRESENT	
Diana Berkland	Present	Gloria Damgaard	Executive Director
Linda Bunkers	Present	Nancy Bohr	Nursing Program Specialist
Teresa Disburg	Excused	Linda Young	Nursing Program Specialist
Dori Dufault	Excused	Andrew Albers	Nursing Program Specialist
John Jones	Present	Robert Garrigan	Senior Accountant
June Larson, President	Present	Kris O'Connell	Board Attorney
Christine Pellet, Secretary	Present	Mike Coley, DHG	Director, HPAP
Deb Soholt, Vice President	Present	Maria Eining	Consultant, HPAP
Patricia Wagner	Present	Winora Robles	Recording Secretary
Robin York	Present		

GUEST

Dr. Barbara Landrum, National American University

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The February 2006 Board Minutes were approved in a unanimous voice vote.

AGENDA APPROVAL: The proposed Agenda was approved in a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Senior Accountant Robert Garrigan presented based on written reports.
The Financial Report was accepted and approved in a unanimous voice vote.

NURSE AIDE REPORT, 1ST QUARTER: Nancy Bohr presented based on a written report. Three new training programs have been approved; 22 were reapproved; 1 training program has withdrawn.

NCLEX[®] REPORT, 1ST QUARTER: Nancy Bohr presented based on a written report. The South Dakota LPN pass rate is 100%. For South Dakota RNs, the pass rate is 72.74%, compared with the 87.93% national rate. This report includes only first quarter results. International NCLEX[®] pass rates are consistently 50% or lower.

AMA FORMS COALITION to Thwart Non-MD Practice Expansion & SDMA Agenda: Gloria Damgaard reviewed the handout with the Board.

PAAC REPORT on the December 12, 2005 SD Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners Meeting: Gloria Damgaard reviewed the written report with the Board.

NCSBN MID-YEAR MEETING: Hospital Nurse Staffing & Patient Mortality, Nurse Burnout & Job Satisfaction: Gloria Damgaard presented based on previously distributed handouts. Shawn Clark, who conducted the research, presented at the Mid-Year Meeting. A study on the effects of nurse staffing on mortality reaffirmed significantly increased likelihood of death of patients in facilities with insufficient nurse staffing. The Board especially appreciated the quote: *"Without good and careful nursing many must suffer greatly and probably perish that might have been restored to health and comfort, and become useful to themselves, their families, and the public for many years after."* (Benjamin Franklin 1754)

NCSBN MID-YEAR MEETING: Governance & Leadership Recommendations: Gloria Damgaard noted that these recommendations will be discussed at the next Delegate Assembly. Highlights include:

1. The proposed structure of the Board of Directors, to include external appointees who will have voting privileges.
2. "Sustaining" members, an arrangement that has been opposed by Delegate Assembly.
3. A proposal that the traditional NCSBN Geographical Areas be dissolved; some people would prefer to retain Areas because they are more comfortable in regional discussions and with regional representation.

NCSBN MID-YEAR MEETING: Continued Competence Task Force Report: Gloria Damgaard shared that the Continued Competence Task Force is working on assessment instruments for RNs and LPNs. Currently, the LPN Survey Instrument is being developed to identify core competencies; the same will be done for RNs.

NCSBN MID-YEAR MEETING: Alternative Language NCLEX[®] Exam: Gloria Damgaard reviewed a proposal that the Exam be offered in languages other than English, initially in Spanish. The proposal raises some questions: Is English proficiency a nursing requirement? What would be the cost? Which other languages? One alternative proposed is that an online translation dictionary may be made available for test writers.

NCSBN MID-YEAR MEETING – 2006 Examination Committee Report: Gloria Damgaard reviewed the timeline for the progress in test plan updates.

NCSBN IMPLEMENTS NEW INTERNATIONAL TESTING SITES: Gloria Damgaard noted that previously there were only three international sites; many new testing sites have been added around the world.

FOR-PROFIT ONLINE COLLEGES QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID: Gloria Damgaard shared with the Board that the “50% Rule” has been eliminated. Formerly, to qualify for federal student aid, a teaching institution had to base at least 50% of its program in a “ground” setting as compared to online.

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF NURSING PREVAILS in Excelsior College Court Decision: Gloria Damgaard reviewed with the Board that Excelsior College lost the case due to the lack of clinical experience provided by the program. Currently, South Dakota accepts Excelsior graduates; this Board may choose to review that determination.

NCSBN POLICY PERSPECTIVES January/February 2006: Provided as an informational piece; an item discussing the South Dakota Legislature’s approval for conducting criminal background checks for nurse licensure by examination and by endorsement is included in this issue of Policy Perspectives.

CITIZENS ADVOCACY CENTER REPORT: Barbara Safriet: Gloria Damgaard reviewed with the Board the information included in this report regarding the functions of boards.

NCSBN 2005 NCLEX[®] STATISTICS: Gloria Damgaard pointed out that the numbers are up; 154,895 RNs and 65,415 LPNs wrote the NCLEX[®] test last year.

Nursys[®] USER GROUP: Andrew Albers, who attended the Meeting, reported that there was a review of the national database. This database is a reporting agent to the federal government, but federal agencies and Nursys[®] use different classification codes. Progress is being made in an effort to reconcile the two classification code sets.

Motion: Diana Berkland moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing incorporate action on the multistate privilege in all disciplinary orders related to action on the license.

Motion seconded by Christine Pellet.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Patricia Wagner	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Robin York	YES
Teresa Disburg	ABSENT	Christine Pellet	YES	8 YES – 0 NO	
Dori Dufault	ABSENT	Deb Soholt	YES	MOTION CARRIED	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HPAP RETURN TO PRACTICE CRITERIA: Mike Coley, HPAP Director and Maria Eining, HPAP Consultant presented. At the November 2005 meeting, based on a suggestion made by Maria Eining, the Board had requested that such a decision-making aid be developed. After searching for a model to help determine when an individual is ready to return to practice, Maria found that none was available, and so developed one, patterned on the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Patient Placement Criteria Model. Plugging HPAP participants into this model on a trial basis has already been very helpful; it has served to highlight areas of concern, and allow staff to more confidently make a decision on whether to allow a professional to return to practice. Mike noted that it is a less arbitrary process, and demonstrates the reasoning for the return to work decision. Doctors, evaluators, board members, and others can use the model to feel more confident in such decision-making. Andy Albers has found it to be an excellent instrument to make sure that an individual is being released at the right time, and added that it will help everyone involved; you will know that you have done all that was possible to help the individual return to practice.

Maria advised that the model does not produce a “magic number that makes everything OK,” but it does reduce the possibility that a decision would be made arbitrarily. Also, should a question arise later regarding a specific decision, the model/criteria upon which it was based could be reviewed. Mike added that another benefit is that the decision is not based on time, releasing a participant simply because he or she has completed six months, or one year, or whatever period of time had been set.

This Board will see those Return to Practice forms that involve Board mandated cases. The model will also be used in other health care professional areas, such as dentistry, chiropractic, and pharmacy. For this Board, Mike and/or Maria would complete the criteria form, Andy would review it, and the decision to allow a person to be released from a Voluntary Refrain would be made.

Diana Berkland expressed appreciation for the Return to Practice Criteria as a structured tool to help weigh and make decisions, and suggested that a “paper trail” of dates and actions be added to the form.

Motion: Deb Soholt moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing adopt the Return to Practice Criteria decision making model based on the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Patient Placement Criteria Model to guide return to practice from addiction/recovery as presented with minor editorial changes.

Motion seconded by Christine Pellet.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Patricia Wagner	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Robin York	YES
Teresa Disburg	ABSENT	Christine Pellet	YES	8 YES – 0 NO	
Dori Dufault	ABSENT	Deb Soholt	YES	MOTION CARRIED	

IFMC: Gloria Damgaard presented an update regarding the IFMC licensure database.

CULTURE CHANGE IN LONG TERM CARE: Nancy Bohr presented an update. In South Dakota, 32 facilities have signed contracts and are participating in the Culture Change. The Department of Health is urging cooperation with this effort, led in South Dakota by Governor Mike Rounds. Objectives include helping to ensure that residents in LTC maintain their dignity and be allowed to keep their personal schedules and privacy. Bernadette Nelson of the South Dakota Association of Medical Care has expressed appreciation for the Board of Nursing’s involvement. Several states are involved; it is hoped that the effort will take affect nationwide. There has been a great deal of positive feedback; facilities are reporting their successes.

SISSETON WAHPETON COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Nancy Bohr shared that, in response to the Board’s request, Sisseton Wahpeton Community College has submitted a budget. It was determined, however, that some items, such as source of funds, have not been adequately addressed. Nancy Bohr will contact the College to make sure that it is clear that Interim Status cannot be granted until a satisfactory budget has been submitted.

SI TANKA TRANSCRIPTS AT NSU: Nancy Bohr shared a communication explaining that, since the Eagle Butte campus has also closed, Huron College, Huron University, and Si Tanka University’s transcripts have all been transferred to Northern State University.

CENTER FOR NURSING WORKFORCE: Linda Young, Program Director, presented an update. A meeting of the former Advisory Committee was held April 7. A new structure is being developed, and a draft is included in the packets that were handed out to Board members. Linda reviewed the reasoning that guided the structure for various committees, their membership and functions, and draft of proposed model, and operational model. A Nursing Leadership Coalition has been proposed and has been added under the Governance Council; the purpose of this groups is to dialogue on issues important to nursing. The Governance Council will be part of the Leadership Coalition. The arrangement for recruiting Governance Council membership from four specific nursing organizations in the state would preclude some nurses from serving on the Council; it is proposed to modify the structure to elect membership from the Nursing Leadership Coalition. It is planned that the Vision Paper for Advanced Practice will be on the Agenda for the first meeting. Every two years, the Supply and Demand Report is produced; at that time, the entire membership will be invited to convene for presentation of the data. At this point, the Governance Council may be expected to meet a certain number of times per year. Subgroups/committees can be called upon as needed, when pertinent issues arise. Linda Young shared a summary of Dr. Hobb’s work. The Long Term Care Leadership Academy will be held in two two-day sessions, the first in June and the second session in July, 2006; SDAHO and SDNA are partnering with

SDCNW to sponsor this event. Gloria Damgaard added that the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation CNA training program project is currently underway.

Motion: Diana Berkland moved to adopt the proposed model and the revised operational manual.

Motion seconded and carried in a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

CNE-NET REFRESHER COURSE REAPPROVAL: Nancy Bohr presented based on handouts previously distributed.

Motion: Diana Berkland moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing grant continued approval of the courses for relicensure of RNs and LPNs in South Dakota through Continued Nursing Education Network CNE-Net.

Motion seconded by John Jones.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Patricia Wagner	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Robin York	YES
Teresa Disburg	ABSENT	Christine Pellet	YES	8 YES – 0 NO	
Dori Dufault	ABSENT	Deb Soholt	YES	MOTION CARRIED	

NATIONAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY – Distance RN-BSN Completion Program: Nancy Bohr provided background.

NAU is advertising a nursing program “soon to be available in Sioux Falls” but has not been approved by any Board of Nursing. In the other states, Minnesota and Missouri, in which NAU operates, completion programs are not overseen by Boards of Nursing, but rather by higher education agencies. NAU directors have clearly misunderstood that in South Dakota a program must have Board of Nursing approval to operate.

Dr. Barbara Landrum of National American University arrived and shared a brief overview of the program.

Dr. Landrum cited South Dakota law that states that this Board must review programs that lead to licensure; since the NAU completion program does not lead to licensure, they believed that they were permitted to operate in the state. Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director, reviewed with Dr. Landrum statute 20:48:07:36, which deals with Prerequisite Status for new nursing education programs in the state. Dr. Landrum expressed thanks for the information, and assured the Board that NAU looks forward to Board approval.

Dr. Landrum has been with NAU since June 2005. They looked at what an associate degree nurse already has, and set up a curriculum to help the nurse complete the BSN. This program is not for the nurse who wants to become a nurse practitioner right after graduation; it has been designed for the experienced nurse who wants to pursue further education. Rather than tests, the program uses projects and research papers. Allison Young of Kansas City did a great deal of the preliminary work on the program; Dr. Landrum has worked on it since July 2005. The nursing curriculum is offered online. Students do not perform clinicals, but do spend 16 hours in a specialty setting. Many of these students are already working in such settings, but need to complete a BSN to stay there. The program is heavily theory-based. June Larson asked about program curriculum, and acceptance of credits for previous associate degree education and experience. Dr. Landrum explained that the NAU Registrar follows an evaluation formula, course by course, to determine credits; there is no block transfer. Sometimes they request and review course syllabi to determine whether the content is appropriate for transfer of credit; international degrees take more work, even translation. Deb Soholt expressed appreciation for some of the specific courses offered as being appropriate to fill current nursing needs. Dr. Landrum explained that the accounting course intended for nurse managers is not a full-blown accounting course, but rather deals with medical accounting, medicare, insurance, and reimbursement issues. Dr. Landrum said that because nursing curriculum has been based on a model from 1949, new challenges had to be taken into account and plans to deal with them included in the curriculum. Teaching methods have also changed: teaching is process driven rather than content driven. Diana Berkland applauded the fact that the curriculum focus depicted is beneficial regarding scope of practice for specific specialties. Dr. Landrum expressed her belief that baccalaureate education should include study of the Nurse Practice Act. In South Dakota, NAU offers only the RN-BSN completion program, not a basic RN program. Deb Soholt asked about financial support; Dr. Landrum referred to documentation, and reviewed the numbers briefly for the Board. NAU is a private proprietary agency.

June Larson asked about availability of student services. Student services are available online and at each campus. Each campus has the same library, learner services, tutors, counseling, same curriculum, and financial aid services. Official records and transcripts are maintained by the Registrar in Rapid City. Online

tutoring service is available 24 hours a day. Currently, there are four faculty members, all at least master's prepared; Dr. Landrum has a doctorate, and one other faculty is working on a doctorate. Dr. Landrum further explained which faculty members are teaching which courses, and their credentials.

NAU associates with education programs throughout the world; Dr. Landrum's duties include travel to look into such affiliations. In the near future, it is likely that one more person in Rapid City with a nursing degree will be hired, and probably also someone to work with the international programs. Dr. Landrum finds that the international programs are truly solid; nursing practice is incredibly homogeneous. In other countries, the education may be different, but nursing syllabi and practice are very similar.

Gloria Damgaard stated that this program is already beyond Prerequisite Status. A required site visit will be scheduled, depending on the Board's decision.

Motion: Diana Berkland moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing grant National American University Interim Status approval pending completion of a successful on site visit.

Motion seconded by John Jones.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Patricia Wagner	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Robin York	YES
Teresa Disburg	ABSENT	Christine Pellet	YES	8 YES – 0 NO	
Dori Dufault	ABSENT	Deb Soholt	YES	MOTION CARRIED	

CNM COMMUNICATION REGARDING HOME BIRTHS: Linda Young presented the information regarding Certified Nurse Midwives.

LEGAL COUNSEL APPOINTED AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT: Attorney General: Kristine O'Connell, Board Counsel, has been appointed legal counsel by South Dakota's Attorney General.

THE BOARD MET IN CLOSED SESSION FOR PURPOSES OF DISCIPLINE

THE BOARD RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION

CONSENT AGENDA

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| 1. Kathy Dedrickson | 11. Scott Archer |
| 2. A. J. | 12. Gia Danson |
| 3. K. B. | 13. Katina DeYoung |
| 4. W. L. | 14. L. B. |
| 5. L. M. | 15. D. S. |
| 6. B. V. | 16. T. N. |
| 7. G. B. | 17. D. W. |
| 8. Roxie Wermers | 18. L. F. |
| 9. Julie Krogman | 19. Julia Ressler |
| 10. Thomas Stadtfeld | 20. Kimberly Reit |

Motion: Robin York moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing accept the recommendations for the Consent Agenda of April 2006.

Motion seconded by Linda Bunkers.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Patricia Wagner	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Robin York	YES
Teresa Disburg	ABSENT	Christine Pellet	YES	8 YES – 0 NO	
Dori Dufault	ABSENT	Deb Soholt	YES	MOTION CARRIED	

DISCIPLINE CASES

Jane Rasmussen Ryckman: Formal Hearing, April 20, 2006, 10:00 a.m.

Motion: Robin York moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing finds that there is clear and convincing evidence to continue the suspension of the license of Jane Rasmussen [Ryckman] until such time as she can show good cause for reinstatement of her RN license.

Motion seconded by John Jones.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Patricia Wagner	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Robin York	YES
Teresa Disburg	ABSENT	Christine Pellet	YES	8 YES – 0 NO	
Dori Dufault	ABSENT	Deb Soholt	YES	MOTION CARRIED	

Patricia Dougherty, RN: Andrew Albers, Nursing Program Specialist, reviewed background on the case with the Board. Ms. Dougherty was present to address the Board.

Motion: Robin York moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing issue a Letter of Reprimand to Patricia Dougherty with quarterly psychiatric reports and quarterly self reports for a two year period.

Motion seconded by John Jones.

Diana Berkland	RECUSED	John Jones	YES	Patricia Wagner	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Robin York	YES
Teresa Disburg	ABSENT	Christine Pellet	YES	6 YES – 2 RECUSED – 0 NO	
Dori Dufault	ABSENT	Deb Soholt	RECUSED	MOTION CARRIED	

E. D. Andrew Albers, Nursing Program Specialist, reviewed background on the case with the Board. E. D. was present to address the Board.

Motion: Deb Soholt moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing grant licensure to E. D.

Motion seconded by Robin York.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Patricia Wagner	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Robin York	YES
Teresa Disburg	ABSENT	Christine Pellet	YES	8 YES – 0 NO	
Dori Dufault	ABSENT	Deb Soholt	YES	MOTION CARRIED	

S. R. Andrew Albers, Nursing Program Specialist, reviewed background on the case with the Board. S. R. was present to address the Board.

Motion: Robin York moved that S. R. be granted her LPN license with mandated HPAP participation.

Motion seconded by John Jones.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Patricia Wagner	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Robin York	YES
Teresa Disburg	ABSENT	Christine Pellet	YES	8 YES – 0 NO	
Dori Dufault	ABSENT	Deb Soholt	YES	MOTION CARRIED	

Marcia Kempton, CNP: Andrew Albers, Nursing Program Specialist, reviewed background on this request for reinstatement of a South Dakota CNP license. Ms. Kempton and Bruce Wesner, PA-C, of Physician Assistant Staffing Service, LLC, were present to address the Board.

Motion: Diana Berkland moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing deny the request for reinstatement of the South Dakota CNP license of Marcia Kempton.

Motion seconded by Christine Pellet.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Patricia Wagner	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Robin York	YES
Teresa Disburg	ABSENT	Christine Pellet	YES	7 YES – 0 NO	
Dori Dufault	ABSENT	Deb Soholt	ABSENT	MOTION CARRIED	

J. W.: Andrew Albers, Nursing Program Specialist, reviewed background on this case with the Board. J. W. was present to address the Board.

Motion: Diana Berkland moved that J. W. be granted the early release from HPAP and the Board of Nursing Probation on her nursing license.

Motion seconded by John Jones.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Patricia Wagner	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Robin York	YES
Teresa Disburg	ABSENT	Christine Pellet	YES	8 YES – 0 NO	
Dori Dufault	ABSENT	Deb Soholt	YES	MOTION CARRIED	

R. M.: Andrew Albers, Nursing Program Specialist, presented a review for the Board. This matter may involve concerns regarding unprofessional and/or dishonorable conduct, and may or may not be within the jurisdiction of the Board of Nursing. Because public protection is the primary interest of the Board, Kristine O’Connell, Board Attorney will investigate these questions on behalf of the Board to determine whether further action is required.

N. G.: Andrew Albers, Nursing Program Specialist, reviewed background on this case with the Board.

Motion: Robin York moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing issue a nondisciplinary contract to N. G. requiring quarterly psychiatric and self reports for the first year, then every six months for the second year, beginning at the time she resumes nursing practice.

Motion seconded by Patricia Wagner.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Patricia Wagner	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Robin York	YES
Teresa Disburg	ABSENT	Christine Pellet	YES	7 YES – 0 NO	
Dori Dufault	ABSENT	Deb Soholt	ABSENT	MOTION CARRIED	

Mary Kreager: Andrew Albers, Nursing Program Specialist, reviewed background on this case.

Motion: Linda Bunkers moved that Mary Kreager receive a Letter of Reprimand.

Motion seconded by John Jones.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Patricia Wagner	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Robin York	YES
Teresa Disburg	ABSENT	Christine Pellet	YES	7 YES – 0 NO	
Dori Dufault	ABSENT	Deb Soholt	ABSENT	MOTION CARRIED	

DRAFT VISION PAPER – Future Regulation of Advanced Practice Nursing: Gloria Damgaard and Linda Young presented an overview of the Draft Vision Paper, Response Letters, and the Effects of Master’s Degree Education, based on handouts previously distributed to the Board.

The APRN Draft Vision Paper outlines recommendations by Kathy Thomas, including:

- Boards of Nursing to be the sole supervisor for APNs, and a regulatory model for APNs.
- APNs to be independent practitioners.
- That APRN titles and licensure be consistent throughout the country, based on specific criteria, including education, certification, and residency.
- Evidence of continued competency for renewal.
- “CNS” not to be considered APN; a CNS who also performs Nurse Practitioner functions would qualify as a CNP.

The recommendations seem to be an effort to set uniform guidelines across the nation, so that APNs can expect to perform the same functions while practicing in any state, and consumers understand what they can expect from an APN. Deb Soholt, Diana Berkland, Linda Young, and June Larson will study the recommendations more fully, and feedback will be requested from the APN Advisory Council.

NLCA & NCSBN RESPONSE to Mississippi BON Evaluation of the Nurse Licensure Compact: Linda Young also noted that some South Dakota APNs are looking into the APN Compact.

COLLABORATION CERTIFICATE FOR CNP CLINIC Required by SD Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners:
Included as an informational piece.

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Official Approval Criminal Background Check Legislation by SDBON

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES for Implementation of Criminal Background Checks: Gloria Damgaard outlined the timeline for promulgation of rules.

Motion: Christine Pellet moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing approve the draft rules for the Criminal Background Checks as presented.

Motion seconded by Linda Bunkers.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Patricia Wagner	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Robin York	YES
Teresa Disburg	ABSENT	Christine Pellet	YES	8 YES – 0 NO	
Dori Dufault	ABSENT	Deb Soholt	YES	MOTION CARRIED	

TRAVEL REQUESTS: The Board reviewed travel requests. Board members who wish to attend Delegate Assembly, August 1-4, 2006, should submit their names for the travel roster as soon as possible.

Motion: Deb Soholt moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing approve:

1. Two staff members to the NCSBN Workshop on the Regulation of Assistive Personnel, July 7, 2006, paid by South Dakota Board of Nursing.
2. One staff member to the NCSBN Investigator-Attorney Workshop, May 22-24, 2006, paid by South Dakota Board of Nursing.
3. Executive Director to Council of State Governments Summit of the States on Interstate Cooperation, June 1-2, 2006, paid by NLCA.
4. One staff member to CLEAR NCIT Specialized Investigative Program, July 24-26, 2006, paid by South Dakota Board of Nursing.
5. Four South Dakota Board of Nursing representatives to attend Delegate Assembly in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 1-4, 2006, one paid by South Dakota Board of Nursing.
6. Up to four staff members to attend Advanced Initiatives in Medical Education in Washington, DC, May 16-17, 2006, paid by South Dakota Board of Nursing.
7. Executive Director to attend Board Meeting in Mississippi, June 9, 2006, paid by NLCA.

Motion seconded by Linda Bunkers.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Patricia Wagner	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Robin York	YES
Teresa Disburg	ABSENT	Christine Pellet	YES	8 YES – 0 NO	
Dori Dufault	ABSENT	Deb Soholt	YES	MOTION CARRIED	

OIG REPORTS ON NURSE AIDES: Gloria Damgaard and Nancy Bohr presented based on handouts.

DISCUSSION REGARDING NURSES USING PRESCRIPTION NARCOTICS WHILE ON DUTY: Mike Coley and Maria Eining of the Health Professionals Assistance Program joined this discussion. Andy Albers brought up the point that there is no rule restricting practice for a nurse who is on a legal prescription for pain management. Yet, a nurse using such medication may be apt to make errors at work. Different drugs may affect individuals differently. Too often, nurses are reported for practice issues, and then it is learned that the nurse was on a prescription at the time of the alleged incident. Diana Berkland said that at her facility, the Employee Health Division makes a determination as to whether the nurse should work; Occupational Health is involved. If Worker's Comp is involved, the employer would be aware of the prescription, but may not know about such medications if the nurse is getting a prescription through her/his own doctor. Policies may differ from facility to facility; each agency should have a policy for such situations. Deb Soholt said that perhaps employers should be reminded that they should require that the health professional report any such drug use. It was suggested that perhaps a time limit be established for the nurse to be using such medications while practicing. Andy asked direction from the Board as to whether it would be appropriate for staff to dismiss cases involving such situations, and the Board concurred that it was appropriate.

THE BOARD MET IN CLOSED SESSION FOR PURPOSES OF PERSONNEL

THE BOARD RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION

BENNETT COUNTY HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME Clinical Enrichment Program Reapproval: Nancy Bohr reported.

Motion: Linda Bunkers moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing approve the Bennett County Hospital and Nursing Home Clinical Enrichment Program.

Motion seconded by Deb Soholt.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Patricia Wagner	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Robin York	YES
Teresa Disburg	ABSENT	Christine Pellet	YES	8 YES – 0 NO	
Dori Dufault	ABSENT	Deb Soholt	YES	MOTION CARRIED	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4th Annual Conference of National Nursing Workforce Centers, April 27-28, 2006

NCSBN Executive Officer Seminar, June 27-29, 2006

NLCA/NCSBN Discipline Summit, July 10, 2006

NCSBN Delegate Assembly, Salt Lake City, Utah, August 1-4, 2006

Future Board Meetings: June 22-23, 2006 in Sioux Falls

September 12-13, 2006 in Sioux Falls

(September 12, 2006 Joint Boards Meet)

November 8-9, 2006

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned April 20, 2006 at 3:05 p.m.