



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

NOVEMBER 8-9, 2006

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL by President June Larson at 8:45 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS		BOARD STAFF PRESENT	
Diana Berkland, RN	Present	Gloria Damgaard	Executive Director
Linda Bunkers, RN	Present	Nancy Bohr	Nursing Program Specialist
Teresa Disburg, RN	Present	Linda Young	Nursing Program Specialist
Dori Dufault, LPN	Present	Andrew Albers	Nursing Program Specialist
John Jones, Public Member	Present	Kris O'Connell	Board Attorney
June Larson, RN, President	Present	Robert Garrigan	Senior Accountant
Adrian Mohr, Public Member	Present	Winora Robles	Recording Secretary
Christine Pellet, LPN, Secretary	Present		
Deb Soholt, RN, Vice President	Present		
Patricia Wagner, LPN	Absent		
Robin York, RN	Present November 8 only		
GUEST: NOVEMBER 8, 2006		GUESTS: NOVEMBER 9, 2006	
Ellie Brooks, National American University		Bonnie Henningson, Good Samaritan Society	
		Adele Jacobson, Dakota Wesleyan University	
		Gloria Thompson, Dakota Wesleyan University	
		Mike Albright, Dakota Wesleyan University	

Gloria Damgaard shared the news that HPAP Director Mike Coley is feeling much better, and sends his greetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Following review of the September 2006 Board Minutes, a **Motion** to approve the September 2006 Meeting Minutes was approved in a unanimous voice vote.

Following review of the 2006 Joint Board Minutes by the Board, a **Motion** to approve the 2006 Joint Board Minutes was approved in a unanimous voice vote.

AGENDA, with Reports item 5H moved to New Business item 9K, was approved in a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Senior Accountant Robert Garrigan presented based on written handouts. Four months into this fiscal year, the Board is doing well; both RN and LPN endorsements are higher than anticipated at this point. A **Motion** to approve the Financial Reports was approved in a unanimous voice vote.

NCLEX ITEM DEVELOPMENT: Nancy Bohr presented that South Dakota RNs who participated for the second through fourth quarter of FY2006 were Connie Evenson, Paula Carson, and Kathleen Zambo.

CITIZENS ADVOCACY CENTER ANNUAL MEETING: Public member Adrian Mohr reported on his experiences at the meeting held in Virginia. The first-day Public Members meeting was informative, although not heavily attended; the role of public members on boards was discussed. More medical than nursing boards were represented. The South Dakota Board of Nursing is ahead of many states regarding criminal background checks. In states with larger numbers of nurses, the boards have larger staffs to handle discipline cases, yet in can take up to five years to reach decisions and implement final actions on such cases. Adrian met people from some surrounding states, and learned that some boards advertise their meetings to encourage public attendance; in some states, nursing students were invited and board meetings held in an auditorium to accommodate large numbers. Overall, the meeting was outstanding, and Adrian appreciated the opportunity.

NURSISYS USER GROUP: Andrew Albers reported on the meeting that he recently attended, and briefly described current and future required discipline reporting procedures for this Board. Currently, NURSISYS serves as our reporting service; the Board of Nursing reports discipline issues to NURSISYS, who alerts the federal database. Code sets used by the different databases are to be merged to make them made compatible. Proactive Disclosure Service (PDS) database will allow employers and anyone else, including the public, to search for specific practitioners; employers who subscribe provide a list of their employees' names, and are alerted via

email if any issue ever arises regarding an employee. Everything except criminal actions will be included. This new system is expected to be ready for implementation in October 2007. It is anticipated that PDS will be acceptable as primary source verification regarding discipline. Boards will need to send notice of final actions within thirty days of such an action; standardized criteria regarding reportable discipline are being drafted. Also under consideration is the possibility that whenever NURSUS is updated, the PDS database could be automatically and immediately updated. Therefore, alerting NURSUS would suffice as reporting to PDS. Pursuant to §1921 of the Social Security Act, adverse actions against nursing licenses must include specific information as to why the action was taken. A narrative would be included, providing a more complete description of the findings of fact and final actions. Malpractice claims and results are included, including money settlement amounts. Transparency is aided and, in fact, driven by technology. This Board has an obligation to inform licensees that they will be reported to such databases, as well as on the Board website, in *Dakota Nurse Connection*, etc.; Kris O'Connell will include such a statement in Board Orders.

NLCA COMPACT FOCUS – NEWSLETTER: Gloria Damgaard reported that the Newsletter is being used as a communication tool among compact member states. In Hawaii, Gloria recently presented to the nursing community regarding the Nurse Licensure Compact; nurses were on strike there at that time. Nurse Unions tend to be against the Compact. The Wyoming Board of Nursing had sent a letter to their governor stating why the Wyoming Board was against the Compact, and the Wyoming Hospital Association sent a copy of that communication to NLCA Chair Gloria Damgaard; it was found to include inaccurate information. The NLCA Executive Committee has drafted a response to the Wyoming Board of Nursing's letter, specifically outlining corrections to the inaccuracies found in that letter.

NCLEX: Nancy Bohr presented based on the July-September 2006 Reports that were distributed prior to the meeting. Some Board members expressed concern regarding first time writers' pass rates. Gloria Damgaard remarked that the NCLEX is designed for nursing students following their first six months of clinical experience practice. June Larson discussed some requirements for acceptance of students into the nursing education program, and the fact that NEDDs is looking into pass rates, too. Diana Berkland said that the topic is under discussion in practice arenas as well. While stressors such as working while attending nursing school have probably increased in recent years, Board members believe that that would also hold true in surrounding states, yet South Dakota pass rates do not compare favorably. Intellectual capability of the nursing students is not in question. Andy Albers has found that many of those whom he has preceptored did not know how to perform procedures and that, while teaching theory is important, nursing techniques, purpose of medications, etc., need to be taught as well. Gloria Damgaard noted that the pass rate for repeat writers has been only about 50%.

CNA REPORT: Nancy Bohr presented based on written reports. South Dakota Long Term Care and Assisted Living facilities have been sent notice that online renewal is now available for CNAs.

BREAST & CERVICAL CANCER SCREENINGS: Gloria Damgaard and Linda Young presented. A Scope of Practice question was recently brought to Board staff regarding providing these screenings for Native Americans. The screenings, performed by registered nurses with additional training consistent with Centers for Disease Control guidelines, was approved by Board staff in 1993, although a formal Board Statement has never been issued. Such approval permits Indian Health Tribal Programs to reach out to underserved populations, for breast and cervical cancer screenings, STD screenings, and in sexual assault cases. By consensus, the Board affirmed that Registered Nurses with specialized training can perform breast and cervical cancer screenings.

CENTER FOR NURSING WORKFORCE: Linda Young presented based on the Minutes of the first meeting of the Governance Council, held September 15, 2006. Darcy Sherman Justice was named Chair of the Nursing Leadership Coalition. A facilitator will be asked to address the group. The next meeting of the Governance Council will be December 15, 2006. Also presented was a proposed amendment to the South Dakota Center for Nursing Workforce Operations Manual, Section III-C, stating that all members of the Governance Council must be actively practicing nurses at the time of appointment.

Motion: Dori Dufault moved that 5-9-06 Workforce Operation Manual be amended to read that CNW Governance Council membership shall include actively practicing nurses at time of appointment.

Motion seconded by Deb Soholt.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Deb Soholt	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Patricia Wagner	ABSENT

Teresa Disburg	YES	Adrian Mohr	YES	Robin York	ABSENT
Dori Dufault	YES	Christine Pellet	YES	9 YES – MOTION CARRIED	

NLRB ISSUES LONG-AWAITED DECISIONS IMPACTING SUPERVISORY STATUS OF RNS: Included as an informational piece.

PEARSON EXTENDS GLOBAL LEADERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL TESTING: Included as an informational piece; Gloria Damgaard pointed out that Promissor has been acquired by Pearson.

WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE SURVEY SITE VISIT: Nancy Bohr presented the Report of the site visit that she and June Larson conducted on October 6, 2006. Lisa Krogman, Program Coordinator from Western Dakota, was present to address the Board. Nancy and June remarked that great improvements have been made since the program was put on Probationary status. Organizational changes have contributed to the improvements. Partial compliance issues were discussed. Curriculum improvements regarding a written plan that allows for student and alumni participation has already been addressed by Lisa. A suggestion encouraging the development of an organized process to ensure that outdated materials are removed from the learning resources is being implemented now. Lisa is also working on ensuring that contracts are up to date. The program has achieved a 100% pass rate for the last two years. A summary of how past recommendations have been addressed was reviewed. June Larson said that a comprehensive plan is now in place that tracks how students are doing, helping to determine how success has been achieved and what improvements can be made. Lisa reviewed some specific teaching techniques used by the program. A grant application that would allow the building of an integrated lab is being pursued. Dr. Gray, Administrator, is included in discussions, and is supportive of the program. Lisa said that the program is producing high quality nurses; what they need is to have policies in place that support the goals. Nancy Bohr said that another issue had been the lack of secretarial support; now there is a designated secretary for the nursing program. Lisa added that she is trying to get that position changed from part time to full time.

Motion: Diana Berklund moved that South Dakota Board of Nursing return Western Dakota Technical Institute Practical Nursing Program to Full Approval status.

Motion seconded by Linda Bunkers. Motion carried unanimously.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY AND CRIMES IN SOUTH DAKOTA: Board Attorney Kris O’Connell presented based on the handouts that she had provided for the Board members. Criteria regarding misdemeanor and felony offenses that would cause an individual to be included on the Sex Offender Registry were reviewed.

DOCUMENTATION OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION FOLLOW-UP: Nancy Bohr presented. As discussed at the September 2006 Board meeting, the South Dakota Department of Health had notified the Board that it is a common practice in health care facilities in the state that medication administration was being documented prior to administration. Board staff has sent a letter to 267 Long Term Care and Assisted Living facilities in the state, cc’d to three individuals at the Department of Health, with the Board of Nursing statement: “It is the position of the South Dakota Board of Nursing that the standard for safe administration of medication includes the practice of documenting medication following administration to the patient.”

NOTICE OF EXCLUSION FROM THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL: Board Attorney Kris O’Connell presented.

An Office of Inspector General Exclusion prevents a nurse from working in certain areas, but does not necessarily mean that this Board will take the nursing license, a property right, away from the nurse involved. Mandatory exclusion criteria were reviewed. OIG has a list of criteria that are permissive (not mandatory), in which cases the OIG will make a decision. OIG checks the Board website, where all disciplinary final actions are posted, and in the past has taken action against a licensee based on Board action; much less frequently, this Board takes action based on OIG action.

GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM REPORT: Gloria Damgaard introduced Bonnie Henningson of the Good Samaritan Society, who shared an update with the Board based on handouts that she provided. Several Good Samaritan sites have piloted basic nurse aide training via an interactive software program, with a mentor throughout the training period. Some improvements are planned; the Board of Nursing has been discussing approval. Many rural Good Samaritan Centers would benefit from use of the Program: the Centers, especially in rural areas, need CNAs, and this system will reduce instructor time. Retention of CNAs who were trained through this program was compared to retention of those who were trained by traditional methods, and found to be much higher. It appears that the CNAs feel better trained and feel recognized; they receive a certificate from the national organization. An apprenticeship for advanced CNA training is also in place. Good Samaritan Society Centers recently did some dementia care training for an advanced CNA track, and also for non-nurses who work in dementia units. The Centers pay \$250 per year to use training sessions that have been recorded on DVD. Linda Bunkers asked whether the DVD would be available to other facilities; Bonnie said that they're looking at that, and also at train-the-trainers programs. The "Virtual Caregiver" features a new CNA interacting with a mentor and helping a resident, and can be viewed at the career ladder website. A Department of Labor grant has allowed Good Samaritan Society to work with Lake Area Technical to develop an LPN Program. Growing-our-own, a partnership with USD, has expanded and is available in New Mexico and Wisconsin; there is the possibility to partner with some acute care providers. Students have gone on to earn their RN this way, and many of them have said that it would not have been possible otherwise. An apprenticeship facilitated instructor course is now available for LTC nurse management, especially for charge nurses; there has been a lack of training available for them, especially in small facilities. About twenty people have completed the entire series (all three courses) to earn the management certificate. Different tracks are available depending on the individual's interest: infection control, charge nurse, etc. This is limited to Good Samaritan employees now, but because it is online through Bellevue, it could be offered to others. Gloria Damgaard said that a standard curriculum would be a good way to ensure that all students get the same accurate information. Other web-based support services that SDSU has helped to provide were briefly discussed.

NATIONAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY: Nancy Bohr introduced new Program Director Ellie Brooks. After the site visit to NAU, the program had lost its director and so has been on Probationary Status. Dr. Brooks, who just started her duties as NAU Program Director on November 1, 2006, shared plans that she has for the program. Dr. Brooks reviewed those site visit report items that were found to be noncompliant, and explained plans and procedures to address those issues that have already begun to be implemented. Watertown and Sioux Falls sites are to be part of the blended program, headquartered in Rapid City.

Motion: Linda Bunkers moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing grant Interim status to National American University for the RN-BSN Completion Program at Rapid City to include Watertown and Sioux Falls as a Blended Campus.

Motion seconded by Christine Pellet.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Deb Soholt	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Patricia Wagner	ABSENT
Teresa Disburg	YES	Adrian Mohr	YES	Robin York	YES
Dori Dufault	YES	Christine Pellet	YES	10 YES – MOTION CARRIED	

DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY RN-BAN DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM INTERIM STATUS REQUEST: Nancy Bohr introduced DWU representatives Adele Jacobson, Gloria Thompson, and Mike Albright. The program is anticipated to start next Fall with 15-20 students. On July 1, 2007, Adele Jacobson will become chair of the nursing department, covering distance programs; Gloria Thompson will oversee campuses. Submissions to the Board are complete. A grant has allowed them to work over the summer, with Mike Albright, an instructional designer, focusing on online work. Deb Soholt noted that faculty development is on track; Adele remarked that Marge Hegge will help in that area. Gloria Thompson said that prospective students are excited, and have been asking when they may start to sign up. In keeping with the articulation plan developed by NEDDs, the program will avoid repeating coursework in the RN-BAN program, and so has kept it at 20 credits. Articulation plans are to be developed with other programs in the state. Mike Albright mentioned that senior administrators are aware of the need to have someone in place for evaluation, quality control, trouble-shooting, administrative responsibilities for online systems, and anticipating problems such as computer crashes; Mike may fill that position.

Motion: Deb Soholt moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing approve Interim status for Dakota Wesleyan University RN-BAN Distance Learning program as described in the proposal.
 Motion seconded by Diana Berkland and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION COLLEGE AD PROGRAM – NLNAC Accreditation Review. Nancy Bohr presented based on the handouts previously distributed. This is the report from NLNAC regarding Presentation. Because the report has been submitted, the Board need not conduct a site visit. Faculty and educational effectiveness were found to be out of compliance; Board staff will monitor the situation. A plan for dealing with these problems must be submitted by Presentation to NLNAC within two years; a copy of that plan will be submitted to this Board. A revisit by NLNAC is to be conducted within five years. June Larson suggested that a copy of the program’s sub-study that was reported to NLNAC prior to its visit also be submitted to the Board.

CLINICAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM APPROVAL: Sioux Valley Hospital USD Medical Center: Nancy Bohr presented based on handouts previously distributed. They are requesting approval for 2007 and a request for modification: from five (2006) up to a maximum of eight (2007) Summer E students. It has been described as a very good experience by nursing students and staff involved.

Motion: Deb Soholt moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing approve continuation of the Clinical Enrichment Program at Sioux Valley Hospital USD Medical Center for Summer of 2007 with proposed changes included.

Motion seconded by Dori Dufault.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Deb Soholt	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Patricia Wagner	ABSENT
Teresa Disburg	YES	Adrian Mohr	YES	Robin York	YES
Dori Dufault	YES	Christine Pellet	YES	10 YES – MOTION CARRIED	

NURSING EDUCATION LOAN ASSISTANCE AWARDS FOR LPN STUDENTS: Gloria Damgaard presented based on the handout prepared by Senior Accountant Robert Garrigan. Awards to LPN applicants were reviewed.

Motion: Diana Berkland moved that South Dakota Board of Nursing approve the 2006 LPN Loan disbursement report as presented and written.

Motion seconded by Dori Dufault.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Deb Soholt	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Patricia Wagner	ABSENT
Teresa Disburg	YES	Adrian Mohr	YES	Robin York	YES
Dori Dufault	YES	Christine Pellet	YES	10 YES – MOTION CARRIED	

APRN ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Linda Young said that this meeting, to be held March 22, 2007 in Chicago, will enable attendees to learn more about national trends and standards. Diana Berkland and Deb Soholt are interested in attending, schedules permitting.

THE BOARD MOVED INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF DISCIPLINE MATTERS

THE BOARD RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION

POLICY GUIDE: During discussion, it was proposed that a Board committee may be established to draft a policy guide regarding criteria for Board staff to use to determine whether the Board response will be automatic vs. Board appearance, such as in cases involving misdemeanor offenses. How many misdemeanors warrant a Board appearance? Incidents which have occurred within a certain time frame, or within the last x number of years? It was suggested that existing policies used in other states also be reviewed.

CBCS: Adrian Mohr requested that a Criminal Background Checks Report be prepared for the next Board meeting. Andy Albers will furnish that report.

DISCIPLINE: CONSENT AGENDA

1. Linnette Johnson: Voluntary Surrender
2. Tylese Pearson: Voluntary Surrender
3. Rosemary Kurtenbach: Letter of Reprimand with Remediation
4. D.P.: Release from Mandated HPAP
5. M.S.: Release from Mandated HPAP
6. Laura Halligan: Voluntary Surrender
7. S. C.: Letter of Concern with Remediation

Deb Soholt requested that #1 Linnette Johnson be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Motion: Linda Bunkers moved that South Dakota Board of Nursing accept the Consent Agenda excluding #1 as presented.

Motion seconded by Dori Dufault.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Deb Soholt	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Patricia Wagner	ABSENT
Teresa Disburg	YES	Adrian Mohr	YES	Robin York	ABSENT
Dori Dufault	YES	Christine Pellet	YES	9 YES – MOTION CARRIED	

Motion: Following discussion, Deb Soholt moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing accept the Voluntary Surrender of the RN license of Linnette Johnson.

Motion seconded by Christine Pellet.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Deb Soholt	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Patricia Wagner	ABSENT
Teresa Disburg	YES	Adrian Mohr	YES	Robin York	ABSENT
Dori Dufault	YES	Christine Pellet	YES	9 YES – MOTION CARRIED	

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DISCIPLINE CASES

JESSICA KLEIN – Andrew Albers, Nursing Program Specialist, presented background on this case. Ms. Klein was present to address the Board.

Motion: Deb Soholt moved that South Dakota Board of Nursing approve RN licensure for Jessica Klein, RN.

Motion seconded by Linda Bunkers.

Diana Berkland	RECUSED	John Jones	YES	Deb Soholt	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Patricia Wagner	ABSENT
Teresa Disburg	YES	Adrian Mohr	YES	Robin York	YES
Dori Dufault	YES	Christine Pellet	YES	9 YES – MOTION CARRIED	

KATHLEEN (CASEY) HARVARD – Andrew Albers, Nursing Program Specialist, presented background on this case. Ms. Harvard was present to address the Board.

Motion: Robin York moved that South Dakota Board of Nursing approve granting a limited licensure to complete the clinical portion of a nursing refresher course upon successful completion of the theory portion of the refresher course for Kathleen Harvard. Ms. Harvard will need to reappear before the Board of Nursing after the completion of the refresher course.

Motion seconded by Dori Dufault.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Deb Soholt	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Patricia Wagner	ABSENT
Teresa Disburg	YES	Adrian Mohr	YES	Robin York	YES
Dori Dufault	YES	Christine Pellet	YES	10 YES – MOTION CARRIED	

R.D. – Andrew Albers, Nursing Program Specialist, presented background on this case. R.D. was present to address the Board.

Motion: Linda Bunkers moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing grant early release from the HPAP Program to R.D., RN.

Motion seconded by Dori Dufault.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Deb Soholt	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Patricia Wagner	ABSENT
Teresa Disburg	YES	Adrian Mohr	YES	Robin York	YES
Dori Dufault	YES	Christine Pellet	YES	10 YES – MOTION CARRIED	

T.H. – Andrew Albers, Nursing Program Specialist, presented background on this case. T.H. was present to address the Board.

Motion: Diana Berkland moved that South Dakota Board of Nursing issue a registered nurse license and also a Letter of Concern related to the recent misdemeanor convictions and pattern of alcohol abuse.

Motion seconded by Linda Bunkers.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Deb Soholt	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Patricia Wagner	ABSENT
Teresa Disburg	YES	Adrian Mohr	YES	Robin York	YES
Dori Dufault	YES	Christine Pellet	YES	10 YES – MOTION CARRIED	

RONALD GALVAN – Andrew Albers, Nursing Program Specialist, presented background on the case. Mr. Galvan was present to address the Board.

Motion: Dori Dufault moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing grant Ronald Galvan III the opportunity to write the LPN boards, and upon successful completion of the LPN board, be granted licensure.

Motion seconded by John Jones.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Deb Soholt	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Patricia Wagner	ABSENT
Teresa Disburg	YES	Adrian Mohr	YES	Robin York	ABSENT
Dori Dufault	YES	Christine Pellet	YES	9 YES – MOTION CARRIED	

SANDY OSWALD – Andrew Albers, Nursing Program Specialist, presented background on this case. Ms. Oswald was present to address the Board.

Motion: Linda Bunkers moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing grant Sandy Oswald permission to write the LPN examination and receive a LPN license upon successful completion of the examination.

Motion seconded by John Jones.

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

MARTHA VANLAECKEN – Andrew Albers, Nursing Program Specialist, and Kris O’Connell, Board Attorney, provided background on this case. Ms. VanLaecken and her attorney were present to address the Board.

Motion: Deb Soholt moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing reactivate the South Dakota Nursing License of Martha VanLaecken, RN, with Probationary Status monitored by HPAP for a period of one year, commencing from the date of employment as a Registered Nurse in South Dakota.

Motion seconded by Diana Berkland.

Diana Berkland	YES	John Jones	YES	Deb Soholt	YES
Linda Bunkers	YES	June Larson	YES	Patricia Wagner	ABSENT
Teresa Disburg	YES	Adrian Mohr	YES	Robin York	ABSENT
Dori Dufault	YES	Christine Pellet	YES	9 YES – MOTION CARRIED	

ELECTION OF 2007 BOARD OFFICERS: President June Larson asked that those interested in holding office let Gloria Damgaard know today, with the election to be held tomorrow. President June Larson, Vice President Deb Soholt, and Secretary Christine Pellet all expressed willingness to continue in their respective offices.

Motion: There being no other nominations, Linda Bunkers moved that the vote of the Board be cast for reelection of all three Board Officers. Motion seconded and carried in a unanimous voice vote.

2007 BOARD MEETING DATES were scheduled as follows:

February 6-7, 2007 Tue & Wed in Pierre. NDL will be held February 4-6, 2007.

April 17-18, 2007 Tue & Wed in Sioux Falls.

June 20-21, 2007 Wed & Thu in Sioux Falls.

September 12-13, 2007 Wed & Thu (subject to the Joint Meeting date) in Sioux Falls.

November 1-2, 2007 Thu & Fri in Sioux Falls.

CNS APPLICANT REQUEST: Linda Young presented background regarding Eleanor M. Bernier's request for licensure as a Clinical Nurse Specialist with Adult Critical Care specialty.

Motion: Diana Berkland moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing deny the licensure as CNS as she has not completed an exam approved by the Board pursuant to SDCL 36-9-86 (3).

Motion seconded by Deb Soholt and carried in a unanimous voice vote.

DOH ACTION ISSUE PROPOSED PA LEGISLATION – Gloria Damgaard presented information regarding legislation proposed by the South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners dealing with Physician Assistants for the 2007 Legislative Session, since the proposals may also affect Certified Nurse Midwives and Certified Nurse Practitioners. Specific proposals regarding supervision ratios, on-site requirements for supervision/collaboration, dispensing of medications, federal employment language, and signing of death certificates were discussed. Board of Nursing Administrative Rules could be modified to accommodate the ratio and supervision stipulations. As is drafted for PAs, CNM and CNP statutes should be modified to include authority to sign death certificates. Gloria Damgaard has discussed Board of Nursing issues with Kathy Mueller of the Department of Health.

TRAVEL

NLCA Summit: December 11, 2006: Gloria Damgaard will attend, with expenses paid by National Council.

Motion: Deb Soholt moved that the South Dakota Board of Nursing approve the following travel funded by South Dakota Board of Nursing:

1. Up to four individuals to attend Forum on the Transition of New Nurses from Education to Practice, February 22, 2007 in Chicago, IL.
2. Up to four individuals to attend APRN Roundtable Discussion, March 22, 2007, in Chicago, IL.
3. Up to four individuals to attend NCSBN Mid-Year Meeting, April 2-4, 2007 in New Orleans, LA.

Motion seconded and carried in a unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Law Enforcement Committee – Andy has been asked to be a part of ??

NCSBN IT Director and NURSISYS Director to visit the Board of Nursing, November 17, 2006, to look over the IFMC database system and determine how best to proceed, since IFMC will no longer support the system.

Nurses Day at the Legislature: February 4-6, 2007

Institute of Regulatory Excellence: January 7-10, 2006 – Nancy Bohr, Linda Young, and Gloria Damgaard.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by President June Larson at 1:16 p.m.