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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., 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)

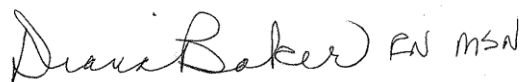
Marilyn Valerio and Linda Lazure presented information to the Board regard an update to the Neb-RAC Coalition. Meetings continue to be held to inform the nursing communities about the Neb-RAC, and the committee is still hoping to be able to apply for consideration on June 1, 2011. Lazure indicated that 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.

Recorded by



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