

*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 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.

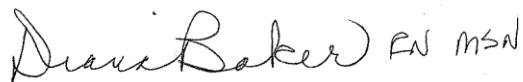
### **Strategic Plan Booklet**

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.

Recorded by

Handwritten signature of Diana Baker RN MSN.

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