

*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 9:35 a.m., December 16, 2010. Location of the copy of the Open Meetings Act was announced.

**Roll Call**

The following board members were present:

Steve Pitkin, Chairperson  
Linda Hruza  
Carol Wahl  
Alice Kindschuh  
Nolan Gurnsey  
Pamela List  
Trish Lenz  
Aubray Orduna

The following board members were absent:

Brendon Polt  
Terrie Spohn  
Mary Wendl  
Larry Rennecker  
Diane Hoffmann  
Kelli Stotts  
Linda Stones  
Florence Brown

A quorum was not established so no action items could be addressed. 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, Practice Consultant; Sheila Exstrom, RN, Nursing Education Consultant, and Juan Ramirez, Research Assistant.

Dr. Aubray Orduna was introduced to the group as a new education member, replacing Marilyn Valerio who has served her terms on the board.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the October 28, 2010 meeting will need to be approved at the next meeting.

### **Enrollment and graduate nurses presentation**

Ramirez presented the enrollment and graduation data collected from the reports of nursing schools to emphasize the numbers of available nurses may exist. The data details the efforts of the Center for Nursing in increasing the numbers of practicing nurses in Nebraska.

### **Institute of Medicine discussion**

Exstrom offered a slide presentation that explained the key messages and recommendations of the IOM report and the RWJ efforts in answer to the new Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Health Care Reform).

### **Nebraska Leadership Coalition**

Baker reported on the Nursing Issues Forum that was held in Omaha in November. She also indicated that a vote was held to determine continuation of the Leadership Coalition since the Center for Nursing is established and meeting goals and objectives. However, the vote indicated a desire to continue the Coalition.

### **Passport Project**

Baker reported that she had met with Helen Meeks regarding the contract for Pam Taylor and the software that will be used for the Passport Project. Baker will be officially sending the contract through channels for approval. It is anticipated that the project will be in place and ready to implement in the Fall semester 2011. Pitkin was asked to be sure that he has all of the schools' information ready for implementation.

### **Foundation Board**

Exstrom reported that the Foundation will be meeting for the first time after the first of the year. She will determine a time and place for the meeting based on the availability of the board members.

### **Nebraska Center to Champion Nursing in America**

Marilyn Valerio, former board member and representative for the Nebraska CCNA, reported to the board via teleconference about the activities of the meetings in Washington DC on November 30 and December 1, 2010. She reported on the key messages and recommendations of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and Robert Wood Johnson reports. She stated that the final report of the meeting will be available by the end of January. It was suggested that those people from Nebraska who attended the meeting in Washington DC, as well as someone from UNMC and/or Creighton University, be invited to the next meeting in February. Valerio will contact the

participants and provide an invitation to them. She will coordinate an agenda time with Baker.

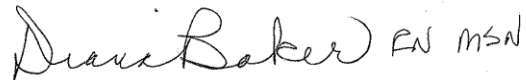
**Strategic Plan**

Since most of the members of the board did not attend, the Strategic Plan will be addressed at the next meeting with continuing revisions. Baker will send a copy of the booklet to all member of the Board to ensure that each person has the latest version.

**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, February 24, 2011 at the Cornhusker State Industries (CSI), Conference Room C.

Recorded by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana Baker RN MSN".

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