

*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 9:30 a.m., February 24, 2011. Location of the copy of the Open Meetings Act was announced.

**Roll Call**

The following board members were present:

Steve Pitkin, Chairperson (until 1 pm)  
Diane Hoffmann (until 1 pm)  
Alice Kindschuh  
Trish Lenz  
Pamela List  
Larry Rennecker  
Terrie Spohn  
Linda Stones  
Kelli Stotts  
Carol Wahl – by telephone  
Mary Wendl

The following board members were absent:

Florence Brown  
Linda Hruza  
Nolan Gurnsey  
Aubray Orduna  
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.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the October 28, 2010 and December 16, 2010 meetings were approved.

**Center for Nursing website**

Ramirez reported that the Center for Nursing website now has Google Analytics for monitoring the number of visitors who view the website. It has been active since January 9, 2011 and is averaging about 8-10 hits per day and 2.73 pages per visit.

Ramirez also addressed the need to edit some of the web pages for updates to information and to add links as they come available and are pertinent to the Center for Nursing. It is not possible to edit anything on the home page, and conversations with the original company who built the webpage indicate a very high dollar amount. Bowen suggested that Joe Sacco, president of the company and the original developer be contacted to discuss changes. Additionally, the existing domain is set to expire in December 2011 and we do not want to lose the web address again. Bowen will take the lead on this issue and coordinate with Juan.

The Nursing Leadership Coalition has requested that links to various groups of nursing associations and organizations be listed on the website to indicate a schedule of area workshops and continuing education opportunities. Juan is working toward this goal.

#### **April Strategic Planning Forum**

Baker stated that she has been informally authorized to attend the meeting for the Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers strategic planning meeting to be held April 25-26, 2011.

#### **Nurses Day at the Legislature**

Stones was pleased to discuss the successful participation at the Nurses Day at the Legislature this year. Attendees totaled 267 nurses. Presenters included Marilyn Valerio, Don Wesley and Senator Campbell.

Stones also indicated that she would be stepping down from the Nebraska Nurses Association position on the legislative planning committee, and would be willing to serve as the Center for Nursing representative to this committee. List made the motion, seconded by Kindschuh **that the board approve Linda Stones as the Nebraska Center for Nursing representative for the Nurses Day at the Legislature planning committee.**

Voting Aye: Hoffmann, Kindschuh, Lenz, List, Rennecker, Spohn, Stotts, Wahl and Wendl. Abstain: Pitkin and Stones. Absent: Brown, Hruza, Gurnsey, Orduna, and Polt. Motion carries.

#### **Nebraska Leadership Coalition Annual Summit meeting**

Exstrom reported that the annual summit is scheduled for March 10, 2011 at Kearney and the topic this year is "Make Communication Work for You." This is possibly the last summit conference that will be held. The Deans and Directors met at the November Issues Forum to disband the group, but the popular vote was to continue the Leadership Coalition. A planning group will assemble to rework the goals and objectives of the group.

Baker indicated that Ramirez was available to present a display at the conference. Stones made the motion, seconded by Wendl **that the board authorize the \$150 payment for displaying the Center for Nursing posters and website at the conference.**

Voting Aye: Hoffmann, Kindschuh, Lenz, List, Rennecker, Spohn, Stotts, Wahl, and Wendl. Abstain: Pitkin and Stones. Absent: Brown, Hruza, Gurnsey, Orduna, and Polt. Motion carries.

### **Update of the Foundation Board**

Exstrom reported that the first meeting of the Foundation Board is being scheduled in mid to late March.

### **National Summit to Advance Health Through Nursing**

Marilyn Valerio, former member of the board, presented information from the IOM/RWJF meeting held in Washington DC in late November 2010 regarding Nebraska's participation and the key consideration for Nebraska nurses. She indicated that four activities must be completed to stay aligned with the National Summit: (1) Remove scope of practice barriers; (2) Implement nurse residency programs; (3) Increase the proportion of nurses with a baccalaureate degree to 80% by 2020; and (4) Build an infrastructure for the collection and analysis of inter-professional health care workforce data. Valerio also addressed the Future of Nursing : Campaign for Action Regional Action Coalitions (RAC). Board members agreed that the best place for these activities is the Center for Nursing, but with little to no staff availability it is just not feasible at this time. Therefore, the business of the RAC will have to be conducted at another venue with Center for Nursing membership involvement. Valerio indicated that she will communicate back to the board periodically about progression of the RAC.

### **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 current booklet.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Center for Nursing will be on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at the Cornhusker State Industries (CSI), Conference Room C.

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