

These minutes were approved by the board

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Nebraska Center for Nursing
Thursday, February 23, 2012**

Gold's Building, Room 534
1050 N Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting of the Nebraska Center for Nursing was called to order by Pam List, Chairperson at 9:35 a.m., February 23, 2012 at the Gold's Building, Room 534, 1050 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. List announced the location of an available copy of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Pamela List, Chairperson
Jeanette Goodwin (left at 11:00 a.m.)
Nolan Gurnsey (arrived at 9:40 a.m. and left at 1:45 p.m.)
Diane Hoffman (left at 1:45 p.m.)
Trish Lenz
Steve Pitkin
Brendon Polt (by telephone from 10:20 to 10:30)
Linda Stones (left at 2:10 p.m.)
Mary Wendl

The following members were absent:

Kathy Campbell
Alice Kindschuh
Aubray Orduna
Terrie Spohn
Kelli Stott
Carol Sukup

Also present were the following from DHHS, Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit, Office of Nursing and Nursing Support: Karen Bowen, RN, Office Administrator, Sheila Exstrom, RN, Nursing Education Consultant, and Juan Ramirez, Research Assistant.

There was a quorum present from 10:20 to 10:30. The agenda was arranged so that items needing action were presented at that time. The remainder of the meeting was discussion of the agenda items.

B. Review of Agenda

Trish Lenz moved and Diane Hoffman seconded that the agenda be approved as printed. Motion carried.

C. Approval of the Minutes

Steve Pitkin moved and Linda Stones seconded that the October 27, 2011 and the December 15, 2011 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

D. Election of Officers

There were no prior nominations for chair; Nolan Gurnsey was nominated for vice chair and Mary Wendl for secretary. After discussion, Linda Stones agreed to have her name placed in nomination for chair.

Trish Lenz moved and Diane Hoffman moved that the ballot be accepted as above. Motion carried.

Steve Pitkin moved and Jeanette Goodwin seconded that Linda Stones for Chair, Nolan Gurnsey for Vice Chair, and Mary Wendl for Secretary are elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

E. Center for Nursing Foundation

Sheila Exstrom reported that the Center for Nursing Foundation has received their tax exemption from the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) and that the exemption is retroactive to the date of the Foundation's Incorporation, September 13, 2010 meaning that any contributions received by the Foundation since that date are considered tax deductible.

Sheila also explained that the IRS had required a change to the bylaws so that the Foundation Board is appointed by the Center for Nursing from suggested names from the organizations represented on the board. Another bylaw change was to have staggering three year terms with each appointment (other than those from the Center for Nursing) being limited to two terms.

Diane Hoffman moved and Mary Wendl seconded that the bylaws change of the Center for Nursing Foundation be approved. Motion carried.

Steve Pitkin moved and Linda Stone seconded that the following appointments be made to the Center for Nursing Foundation:

- Linda Lazure—Nebraska Nurses Association—1 year—end December 2012
- Anthony LaRiche—Nebraska Board of Nursing—3 year—end December 2014
- Linda Hruza—Licensed Practical Nurse Association of Nebraska—1 year—end December 2012
- Nancy Pares—Nebraska Assembly of Nursing Deans and Directors—2 year—end December 2013
- Kermit Moore—Nebraska Organization of Nurse Leaders—3 year—end December 2014
- Connie Wagner—Nebraska Health Care Association—2 year—end December 2013
- Monica Seeland—Nebraska Hospital Association—3 year—end December 2014
- Nolan Gurnsey—Nebraska Center for Nursing—indefinite term
- Mary Wendl—Nebraska Center for Nursing—indefinite term
- Alice Kindschuh—Nebraska Center for Nursing—indefinite term

Motion carried.

Linda Stones moved and Nolan Gurnsey seconded that the Secretary of the Center for Nursing send thank you notes to the Nebraska Hospital Association and the Baird Holm attorneys at law for their assistance including monetary assistance in the establishment of the Nebraska Center for Nursing Foundation.

F. Foundation Report

Linda Lazure joined the board meeting to report on the activities of the Center for Nursing Foundation. She reported on the IRS tax exemption status that was recently received. She reported that the Foundation is asking for the Center to submit some “bigger” items for the Foundation to use for fund raising. She offered some suggestions for the center board to consider and discuss.

G. Nebraska Action Committee Report

Vicki Vinton and Linda Lazure joined the board meeting. Vicky introduced herself as the newly hired director of the Nebraska Action Committee. She is located at the Omaha Visiting Nurses Association address and she shared her e-mail address and telephone number and her contact information. She presented an update on the activities of the NAC explaining that the overseeing committee as well as the practice and education work groups has been meeting. She commented that a major activity will be to obtain funding to finance the activities of the NAC. She distributed a sign-up sheet for persons to indicate their names and the activity within NAC that they would be most interested in working with or getting feedback regarding the activity. She distributed a chart showing the current organizational structure and work group members of the NAC explaining that they are still “fluid” as they are in the beginning phases of their activities.

Linda Lazure and Vicki Vinton left the meeting. The meeting recessed for lunch from 12:00 a.m. to 12:10 am and then continued to conduct business during lunch.

H. Annual Report

Juan Ramirez distributed copies of the annual report to the members and did a slide presentation of some of the content of the report. It was noticed by the committee members that the enrollment numbers of the nursing programs as well as licenses has been increasing. The question was asked if our predictive model needs to be redone. Juan commented that the nursing shortage model at the national level as been redone twice and shows the nursing shortage to be considerable less than initially identified. Juan will research how to update our model. Discussion was held regarding who should receive the report. It was determined to send it to the State Senators, the Foundation Partners, Dr. Schafer, the Nursing Deans and Directors and to post it on the Center for Nursing website.

I. Update on RWJ Grant application

Juan reported that our grant proposed to the Robert Wood Foundation has been accepted and is now awaiting to see if it will be funded.

J Strategic Planning

The remaining portion of the meeting was discussion regarding the strategic plan including suggestions of projects for the foundation.

Suggestions for the Center included encouraging nurses to submit stories about “Nurses Caring for Nebraska”. Perhaps could be placed on the website or recognized in other communications.

Another suggestion is to validate or revise the predictive model regarding supply and demand of nurses.

Determining methods to make the center more visible to both the nursing community and the entire Nebraska community

Suggestions to share with the foundation included:

- Putting together a recruiting project to include public relations of nursing, perhaps using vignettes showing nurses in action in Nebraska. Maybe a college or university journalism or marketing program would like to do it as a project and could then give as a “donation in kind” to the CFN foundation.
- Promoting and possibly financing the Passport project
- A celebration of recognition of nurses

Due to the loss of a quorum, it was decided to continue the discussion at a future meeting.

K. Legislative Update

The list of legislative bills of interest that was attached to the agenda was briefly reviewed and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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