

The Georgia Board of Nursing met March 5, 2010 via teleconference at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, 31217.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Delynn Keeton, RN, MN, CPHRM, President  
Scott Thigpen, RN, MSN, CEN, CCRN, Vice President  
Kellie Lockwood, RN, MSN  
Janice Flynn, DSN, RN  
Dawn Taylor, JD, Consumer Member  
Susan Ayers, RN, BSN, MPH  
Linda W. Smith, RN, MSN

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Anderson, RN, BSN, MPH

### STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Bond, Executive Director  
Pam Candler, Board Support Specialist  
Adrienne Price, RN, MSN, Legal Nursing Consultant – Discipline  
Katrina Martin, RN, MSN, Licensing Nursing Consultant – Licensing Supervisor  
Janet Jackson, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Mrs. Keeton called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.

### EXCELSIOR GRADUATES ENDORSING INTO GEORGIA

The Georgia Board of Nursing discussed the following:

- A proposed “option” for licensure under OCGA § 43-26-7(b) for non traditional nursing program graduates: Applicants for licensure must fit within date requirements of enrollment on July 1, 2008 and graduation by June 30, 2011 as stated in OCGA § 43-26-7(b)(2)(B)(ii)(II). Applicants must submit an application for licensure by examination with the required fee and information. Clinical experience of such nontraditional applicants may be considered by the GBON on a case by case basis as stated in the Code Section.

Dr. Flynn moved to accept the following Option as presented as a policy of the Board.

**Licensure by Examination** for graduates of **non traditional** nursing education programs under the provisions of OCGA § 43-26-7(b)(2010) [As amended by HB 475]

**Non traditional** applicants for licensure who:

1. **Graduated** from non traditional nursing education program **and** who
  - Enrolled before July 1, 2008
  - AND**
  - Complete the program by June 30, 2011 \*\*\*
2. **Passed** NCLEX-RN **post** graduation
3. May (or may not) be **licensed as a RN in another state or NCLEX jurisdiction**

May submit an application for licensure by examination as a graduate of a nontraditional nursing education program under OCGA § 43-26-7 (b) (2) (B).

\*\*\* The applicant must be a graduate of a **non traditional nursing education program** as defined in OCGA § 43-26-7(e).

\*\*\* The applicant is subject to meeting the **clinical experience requirements** for nontraditional nursing education program graduates prior to licensure **if the applicant's clinical experience is deemed lacking by the GBON**. See the last paragraph in (B)(ii) II under OCGA § 43-26-7 (b) (2). See also OCGA § 43-26-7(b) (3). Such clinical experience may be considered by the GBON on a case by case basis.

Mr. Thigpen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Taylor moved to promulgate a rule concerning this option with a cut-off date of June 30, 2011. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thigpen moved that the Option will not become effective until the information requested by the Board regarding the names of students endorsing into Georgia and other pertinent information is received including NLNAC status. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Keeton will send an email to Jud Turner, Lobbyist for Excelsior College, stating that the Board needs to receive a written list of the names for each Excelsior student who falls in the category of enrollment before July 1, 2008 with proposed graduation no later than June 30, 2011 and Excelsior College's NLNAC approval letter including the conditions. A copy of the letter will be sent to Excelsior College.

#### CORRESPONDENCE/FILINGS – KAREN KELLY DANIELS

The Georgia Board of Nursing discussed the following:

- Correspondence and several documents dated February 19, 2010 that were filed with the Board by Karen Kelly Daniels. Statements in the filings indicated Ms. Daniels intended the documents to be considered as Motions regarding the Cease and Desist hearing that was held before the Board on January 14, 2010.

Mr. Thigpen moved to deny Karen Kelly Daniels' motion to dismiss order. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Taylor moved to deny Karen Kelly Daniels' motion to reconsider and dismiss with prejudice the February 8, 2010 order accepted by the Georgia Board of Nursing. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Smith moved that the Executive Director be allowed to sign the order as presented with the express permission of the Board President. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### HOUSE BILL 1040

The Board discussed the use of the word "gross" found on line 61 of page two as it relates to the kind of negligence.

Ms. Smith moved that the word "gross" remain as it appears on line 61, page 2 of House Bill 1040 and if the word is removed, the Georgia Board of Nursing cannot support the bill. Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### INACTIVE STATUS/VOLUNTEER STATUS

The Georgia Board of Nursing discussed the following:

- Prepare to discuss rules regarding granting inactive status and volunteer at next scheduled board meeting (March 17-18, 2010)
- Organization and review of research materials

- How to help staff to review application files for licensure

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs. Bond called attention to Senate Bill 430 – Multi-State Compact Legislation as introduced by Senator Untermann. Mrs. Bond also shared the past history of this legislation with the Board.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Thigpen moved, Mrs. Taylor seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5 (c) and 43-26-11, to *deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases*. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, March 5, 2010, Mrs. Keeton declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

## **LEGAL SERVICES**

Ms. Smith moved to accept the private consent agreement as presented by Legal Services. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Smith moved to authorize the Executive Director to sign, with express permission, for the President. Dr. Flynn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING**

Mrs. Martin reported that the APRN Sub Committee recommended that CNS should not be recognized as advanced practice registered nurses.

The Board discussed Advanced Practice Registered Nurses are still in support of remaining under the Georgia Board of Nursing rather than considering the Georgia Composite State Board of Medical Examiners.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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Delynn Keeton, *President*

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Sandy Bond, *Executive Director*

The minutes were recorded by Gwendolyn Dodson, Administrative Assistant, and approved March 17, 2010.