

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

DATE: November 14-15, 1985

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: State Building
1020 N Street
Sacramento, California

PRESENT: Radell Fraser, R.N., President
Della Goggins, R.N., M.S., Vice President
Patricia Hunter, R.N., M.S.
Patty Majcher, R.N., B.S.
George Shipp, III
Lilly Spltz, J.D.
Margretta Styles, R.N., Ed.D.
Audrey Vossler

ABSENT: Don Gartman, M.D.

ALSO
PRESENT: Catherine Purl, R.N., Ph.D., Executive Officer
Susan Brank, M.S., Assistant Executive Officer
Carol S. Henriksen, R.N., M.S.N, SNEC
Ruth Ann Terry, R.N., M.P.H., SNEC
Marshal D. Wilkerson, Diversion Program Manager
Margaret Salto, Discipline Coordinator
Ursula Guthormsen, R.N., Ph.D., NEC
Melanie McClure, R.N., J.D., NEC
Kathleen Miller, R.N., M.A., NEC
Gerl Simmons, R.N., M.S.N., NEC
Robert Miller, Legal Counsel, November 15 only
Gus Skarakis, Legal Counsel, November 14 only
June L. Long, Deputy Attorney General, November 14 only
Muriel Evens, Administrative Law Judge, November 14 a.m. only
Karl S. Engeman, Administrative Law Judge, November 14 p.m. only
May Ann Bourgeois, Recording Secretary

Thursday, November 14, 1985

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, R. Fraser, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m., and asked the members of the Board to introduce themselves. D. Gartman, P. Majcher and M. Styles were not present. R. Fraser then welcomed representatives from Modesto Junior College, American River Junior College and Sacramento City College.

A motion proposed by D. Goggins, Chair of the Nursing Practice Committee, to accept the statement above failed passage. After extensive discussion, the Board opted to hold regulation hearings on this issue. P. Majcher requested that the Board's Legal Counsel be requested to meet with the Nursing Practice Committee to formulate and approve the language of the proposed regulation before it goes to hearing. She also requested that input be requested from the Legal Counsel for the Physicians Assistant Examining Committee.

MSC-Hunter/Spitz-That the Board hold regulation hearings to define under what circumstances an RN may receive orders from PAs. 7-1-0 (Majcher opposed)

10.3 Certification of Nurse-Midwife from Ethiopia

The Board has received an application for certification from a nurse-midwife who is a political refugee from Ethiopia and is unable to obtain her transcripts. She was allowed to take the NCLEX examination and became a California RN in 1984. Her nurse-midwifery program appears to have met all California standards except for a fetal monitoring course. The Nursing Practice Committee recommends that this candidate be certified as a nurse-midwife in California after she meets the following requirements: (1) complete a fetal monitoring course which meets Board standards; (2) be evaluated in the intrapartum area for competency by a CNM; and (3) successfully complete the California nurse-midwife examination.

MSC-Goggins/Vossler-That the Board approve the Nursing Practice Committee's recommendation regarding certification of the nurse-midwife from Ethiopia. 8-0-0

10.4 Adopt Legal Opinion on RN's Ordering and Performing Laboratory Work

The Board has received inquiries from clinical facilities and the Department of Health Services regarding the performance and ordering of laboratory work by registered nurses. In a legal opinion on this issue received from the Board's Legal Counsel, it was concluded that "the practice of registered nursing includes the ordering of laboratory tests, the results of which may be used in performing nursing functions".

MSC-Goggins/Hunter-That the Board adopt the legal opinion on registered nurses ordering and performing laboratory work. 8-0-0

10.5 Approve Position on Standardized Procedure Guidelines

A Task Force appointed by the Board met on October 19, 1985 to consider the issue of various formats for standardized procedures. It was the Task Force's recommendation that the Board approve the following position on standardized procedure guidelines: (1) that no changes be made in the guidelines at this time; (2) that standardized procedures, regardless of format, be evaluated on an individual basis, and only as they come to the Board's attention, regarding their conformity to the guidelines set forth in Section 1474, California Administrative Code.

MSC-Goggins/Spitz-That the Board approve the Standardized Procedures Task Force position on standardized procedure guidelines. 8-0-0