

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING
LONDON STATE OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 106A
PRACTICE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Date: February 19, 2002

Time: 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Committee members: Sandra Qamar RN, Chairperson
Tamara Hutchison, RN, Vice Chair
Kelly Arpin, LPN
Artis Perret, ARNP
Carol Maynard, LMHT
Patricia McAnany, RN;
Georgia Briery, RN
Karen Aten, RN

Staff: Diane Glynn Bobbie Parker

- I. The Practice Committee was called to order by Sandra Qamar at 2:30 p.m.
 - A. Committee members and staff were present. Also present were: Board President Karen Gilpin and Board Member Teresa Harder. Guests: See sign-in sheet.
 - B. Sandra Qamar recognized Carol Maynard who was recently appointed to the Board.
- II. The committee members reviewed the onsite packet. Mandatory overtime is on the agenda and will be discussed.
- III. There were two additions to the February Agenda, a review of K.A.R regulations 60-16-103 and 60-16-104.
- IV. Georgia Briery made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 4, 2001 committee meeting as presented. Karen Aten seconded the motion.
- V. Since the last Board meeting no complaints/concerns have been brought to the committee's attention. However, Teresa Harder brought to the committee's attention an article in the Hutchinson newspaper. The Director of Bethel College stated ADN's are educated to practice in a structured environment. However, there are a number of ADN's practicing in home health, health departments, and as school nurses. Diane Glynn said there have not been any ADN nurses disciplined due to their area of practice. In rural areas, BSN and ADN nurses are interchangeable. The committee noted the concern.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Mandatory Overtime/Abandonment

The committee reviewed the 2nd draft prepared by Pat McAnany. Georgia Briery motioned to accept the guideline and Kelly Arpin seconded the motion.

KSNA questioned employee/employer issues. There was a lengthy discussion of what and what does not constitute patient abandonment, what is acceptance of an assignment as well as examples that should be included in the guideline, and

work place employment issues that should not be included in the guideline. Diane Glynn informed the committee the abandonment definition is being worked on in the Investigative Committee and will be going back to that committee in May as draft #7. The committee asked Pat McAnany to draft another guideline. Pat asked for everyone's input. Georgia Briery withdrew her motion for acceptance.

B. Nurse patient staff ratios

After discussion, the committee decided nurse/patient staff ratios should be managed by other means. It is difficult to assign numbers based on the patient census only. Acuity levels are different. Nurses as individuals vary in the number of patients they can safely care for and patients vary in the amount of care they need. With the nursing shortage, adequate staffing has at times become critical. Pat McAnany handed out a California plan for nurse/patient ratios that they are hoping to meet. Whether California will or not remains to be seen. Georgia Briery will work on an adequate nurse staffing guideline draft to be presented at the May meeting.

VII. New Business

A. Statute/Regulation review

1) K.S.A. 65-1151

The Practice Committee asked the ARNP committee to draft language to insert into this regulation. Discussion between the two committees involved limitations on an RN scope of practice under a doctor's order versus delegation. More and more RN's in acute care are asked to carry out conscious or moderate sedation, which falls under KSA section (g). Hospitals make their own policies on conscious or moderate sedation. The ARNP committee declined to draft the language. A Task Force may be created to develop the definition. Tammy Hutchison will work on definitions.

2) K.A.R. 60-16-102

There was a question on whether IV certified LPN's may infuse corticosteroids.

3) K.A.R. 60-16-103 and K.A.R. 60-16-104

The regulations were presented to the committee to review the clean up of the language. The committee accepted the new language.

VIII. Sandra Qamar adjourned the committee at 4:22 p.m.

Sandra Qamar, RN, Chairperson