

**Kansas Board of Nursing
Landon State Office Building, Room 108
LPN IV Therapy Committee Minutes
September 15, 2009**

Time: 1:00 to 2:00 P.M.

Committee Members: Janet Jacobs, LPN, Chair
Debbie Hackler, RN, BSN
Susan White, RN, MSN

Absent: Kim Hensley, LPN, Vice Chair (with notice)
Sharon Gonzales, MSN, RN

Staff: Mary Blubaugh, MSN, RN
Diane Glynn, JD, RN, Practice Specialist
Inge Reed, Administrative Specialist

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Janet Jacobs, LPN, Chair at 1:02 in room 108 of the Landon State Office Building.

Review of Onsite Packet:

Additions/Revisions to the agenda: Add under new business: Graduates from old programs that have not been approved.

Minutes: It was moved that the minutes as corrected for December 16, 2008 meeting be approved. Motion #1 Hackler/White.

Unfinished business:

Future of IV Therapy Committee: M. Blubaugh reported that at the last committee meeting she was instructed to meet with the AG's office due to difficulty getting people to sit on this committee. It is written in statute that we have an advisory committee meet every year. The regulations are what list the specific non-Board members and regulations are what the Board can change. Janet Arndt from the AG's office reviewed this and thought we could revoke regulation 60-16-105 and combine the IV Therapy Committee with the Practice Committee as long as we add IV Therapy to the title of that committee. Janet Arndt felt that would meet the statutory requirement.

The IV Therapy Committee recommends the activities and responsibilities of the IV Therapy Committee be merged with the Practice Committee and that regulation 60-16-105 be deleted.

Presentation: Debbie Hackler was presented a certification for her years of service on the IV Therapy Committee.

New business:

Are students allowed to test twice?

D. Glynn reported that we send them two different tests. They were designed for two different test pools. If a student did not pass the first time can they take the other test? Yes they can. Discussion was held about studying between the tests and that two weeks would be a reasonable time frame between tests.

Students completing IV Therapy course before licensure:

D. Glynn reported that K.A.R. 60-16-104 (c) states to be eligible to enroll in an intravenous fluid therapy course, the individual shall be a nurse with a current license. One provider has been admitting non-licensed individuals who don't qualify after the course. The committee directed D. Glynn to send a letter to all providers to remind them to check for current licensure. It was suggested to also send an e-mail to the PN educator council president to forward to schools.

Graduates from old programs:

D. Glynn reported that a licensee submitted a copy of a certificate from Freed's Pharmacy Program dated August 15, 1995 requesting to be IV certified. There is nothing in the regulation that states you have to have had a current course. It states completed a course. The approved provider list from 1995 cannot be found. Freed's became Omnicare and has no records from 1995, so we cannot verify if the licensee has completed an IV Therapy course. It was consensus of the committee for the licensee to complete a current IV Therapy course before certification.

Intraosseous access:

D. Glynn reported that she had gotten a question asking if intraosseous therapy is considered IV therapy under our statutes and regulations. D. Glynn read through the statutes and regulations and found nothing that speaks about intraosseous therapy. Intraosseous therapy is when a needle is placed into the bone to give IV fluids. A discussion was held and since there was nothing in the regulation to prohibit an IV therapy certified LPN to administer IV fluids through the intraosseous access then they can do it. D. Glynn will send letters to educators to suggest that maybe they should add to their curriculum to teach intraosseous therapy.

Agenda for next meeting: None

Adjourn: 2:54 P.M.

Committee Chairperson

Date