

**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
NURSE/EMT DUAL ROLE TASK FORCE
HELENA, MONTANA
DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2009**

MINUTES

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Item #1: Call Meeting to Order

Members Present: Dr. James Upchurch, Mr. Dwight Thompson, Mr. Ryan Burke, Ms. Sharon Dschaak, Ms. Connie Riechelt, Mr. William Taylor

Staff Present: Ms. Jean Branscum, Mr. Ken Threet, Ms. Anne O'Leary, Ms. Traci Collett Mr. Jerry Morse

Guests Present: Ms. Jennie Nemecek, Mr. James DeTienne, Mr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Mr. Robert Allen, Ms. Kim Powell, Ms. Kathy Hayden, Ms. Rita Harding

Item #2: Review of Agenda

Review and Approval of the November 13, 2009 Agenda

MOTION: Mr. William Taylor made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Nonette Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #3: Review of Minutes

Review and Approval of October 5, 2009 Minutes

MOTION: Mr. William Taylor made the motion to approve the October 5, 2009 minutes as presented. Ms. Nonette Brown seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #4: Open Forum for Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT:

In accordance with 2-3-103(1), MCA, the Board will hold a public comment period. Please note that Open Forum is the public's opportunity to address the Board on any topic that is not on the agenda for this meeting. While the board cannot take action on the issues presented, the Board will listen to comments and may ask the issue be placed on a subsequent agenda for possible action by the Board. The Chairperson of the committee will determine the amount of time allotted for public comment.

There were no persons present to make public comment.

ITEM #5: Administrative Rules

Mr. Tyler Moss, legal counsel for the Board of Nursing, stated that he had not drafted any rules at this time but the Board of Nursing has been approached about this topic.

Ms. Anne O'Leary, legal counsel for the Board of Medical Examiners stated that she has not drafted any rules as she had been out of the office with an injury. She stated that her and Mr. Moss would get together and discuss any possible needed rules changes.

Review Current Rules regarding Legal Questions

- A. Jurisdiction of BON and BOME on disciplinary Issues
- B. Liability for Volunteers on Ambulance Calls
- C. Interfacility Transports – Employment Relationships
- D. Draft Rules Relates to Medical Directors Authority, Liability and Supervision Regarding Nurses Working on EMS Services

Ms. O'Leary stated that her and Mr. Moss would get together and discuss any possible needed rules changes or drafts in the near future.

ITEM #6: Supplemental Training Process for Registered Nurses

Ms. Traci Collett began the discussion and stated that she had met with Ms. Cari Harris, Ms. Connie Reichelt and Mr. Ken Threet in the office and discussed this issue. The issue discussed was whether a nurse would be required to complete a full EMT-Basic course or if a module of training could be developed to define what would be required for the nurses to work in the pre hospital setting. Ms. Collett stated that the Board of Nursing did not feel that they would add a pre hospital endorsement to nursing licenses but would look at adding a rule that would require a nurse to have a certain amount of training for the pre hospital arena or any other changes as needed. The task force discussed possible rules changes that would allow Medical Directors to authorize nurses to function on an ambulance, verify training and change rules that would define supplemental training. The committee discussed and agreed that nurses would require some specific skills training to be authorized to function on an ambulance and that if a skills set is to be developed; it would be at the basic level for now.

MOTION: Mr. William Taylor made the motion that Mr. Ryan Burke and Ms. Connie Reichelt get together and draft a set of skills that would be forwarded to the members of the committee for review before the next meeting with the goal of maximizing the use of Registered Nurses in the pre hospital areas where there is need and protecting them from inappropriate legal action. Ms. Sharon Dschaak seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM # 7: Pre Hospital Endorsement for Nurses

Ms. Traci Collett stated that the Board of Nursing was not looking at adding a pre hospital endorsement to nursing licenses at this time.

ITEM # 8: Recommendations to the Board of Nursing, Board of Medical Examiners and Department of Health and Human Services

No recommendations were identified by Task Force members.

ITEM # 9: Determine Next Steps

When the skill set is determined by Ms. Connie Reichelt and Mr. Ryan Burke, they would get it to Board staff to distribute for review.

Adjourn

MOTION: Ms. Sharon Dschaak made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Dwight Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting date is January 11, 2010