



Board of Nursing

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES APRIL 27, 2022 BOARD MEETING

Held at the Maryland Board of Nursing,
4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215,
and VIA Conference Call

Attendance

NAME	TITLE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Board Members			
Gary Hicks, RN	RN Member (Clinician), Board President	X	
Ann Turner, MSN, APRN-CNS, CCRN, CCNS	RN Member (Acute Care Nurse), Board Secretary	X	
Christine Lechliter, RN	RN Member (Nurse Administrator)		X
M Dawne Hayward, RN	RN Member (Delegating Nurse—Supervised Group Living)	X	
Emalie Gibbons Baker, CNM	APRN Member	X	
Susan K. Lyons, NP	APRN Member	X	
Jacqueline J. Hill, Ph.D., RN, CNE	RN Member (Baccalaureate Nursing Educator)	X	
Robin L. Hill., DNP, RN	RN Member (Practical Nursing Educator)		X
Healthier Westerfield, DNP, RN, CNE, CMSRN	RN Member (Associate Degree Nursing Educator)	X	
Charlene Harrod-Owuamana, LPN	LPN Member		X
Damare Vickers	LPN Member	X	
Susan Steinberg	Consumer Member	X	
Audrey Cassidy	Consumer Member	X	
Board Counsel			
Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General	X	

Katherine Cummings	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Margaret Lankford	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Board Staff			
Karen E.B. Evans	Executive Director	X	
Rhonda Scott	Deputy Director	X	
Leslie Johnson	Executive Assistant	X	
Joyce Cleary	CNA Training Programs	X	
Iman Farid	Health Policy Analyst	X	
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice	X	
Brian Stallsmith	Information Technology	X	
Amber Havens-Bernal	Discipline & Compliance Programs	X	
Shawnta' Bates	Investigations	X	
Tonya Spruill	Safe Practice Committee	X	
Sara Tongue	Investigations	X	
Maxine Traynham	Fiscal Management	X	
Millicent Nwolisia	Fiscal Management	X	
Others			
Tijuana Griffin	Washington Adventist University	X	
Jane Krienke	Chief Nursing Officer	X	

Open Session

1. **Call to Order:** Turner made a motion to go into open session. Gibbons-Baker seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously. The open session began at 9:05 a.m.

- A. Roll call and declaration of quorum: A roll call of the Board members was conducted, and a quorum of the Board was present.
- B. Board of Nursing Updates: Karen Evans, Executive Director, provided updates regarding the following: IT (limited functionality and capability), Minorities Health and Minorities Disabilities (gaining access to their programs in order to add the information to MBON website), Complaints concerning GNA testing through Credentia (Leadership meeting to follow-up with concerns), English Language Proficiency (given to the Education and Exam team for review, follow-up report to come next month), and NLC audit taking place (working with the Safe Practice Program to meet all criteria along with reinstating the Oversight Committee).

2. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** J. Hill made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Items B and C were reviewed and recommended for approval by the CNA Advisory Committee

- A. Initial Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Program Seeking Board Approval:
Removed from Consent Agenda for discussion

B. Renewal of Approved CNA Training Programs:

- Dr. James A. Forrest Career & Technology Center (CNA only)
- Fredrick County PS Career & Technology Center (CNA/GNA)
- Tas Vawn Health center Academy (CNA/GNA)

C. Approval of Faculty for CNA Training Programs:

- Bobbie Jo Phelps (R204221), Carroll Community College
- Abigail H. Buckwalter (R228027), Carroll County Career and Technology Center
- Megan Thacker (R122255), CCBC
- Noel Williams (R159799), Future Care-Irvington
- Carol Marks (R192040), Future Care-Irvington
- Zina Stevenson (R128973), Future Care-Irvington
- Gaynell Dryer-Williams (Multi-State 2011009467), Heritage Care
- Erin Schaeberle (R186393), Howard Community College
- Agnes Moneri (R099509), IT Works Learning Center
- Keena Victoria Carter (R145857), IT Works Learning Center
- Arneshuia Bilal (R156421), Montgomery College
- Victoria Decker (R234926), Montgomery College
- Margie Denise Vaughan (R229987), New Destiny
- Barbara Harvey (R062589), New Destiny
- Ta’Nya Ward, New Program Coordinator, PGCC (Non-Nurse)—FYI
- Christina Santos (R157460), Stella Maris
- Vanessa Fahie (R060278), UMMC

D. Approval of Change or Addition of Clinical Site for Approved CNA Training Programs:

None

3. Discussion of Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

A. Certified Nursing Assistant Training (CNA) Program Seeking Board Approval - Additional Sites Didactic and Clinical: Karen E.B. Evans

- UM Medical Center
 - Lyons made a motion to approve the University of Maryland Medical Center’s CNA program. Turner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously
- UM Midtown Campus
 - Hayward made a motion to approve the University of Maryland Midtown Campus site for didactic and clinical. Turner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Education - Tabled

5. Certification - Tabled (Jaray Richardson, Manager, Certification)

6. Licensure and Advanced Practice - Tabled (Shetarah Goodwin, Manager, Licensure)

7. Legislative Affairs (Iman Farid, Health Policy Analyst)

A. April Legislative Memorandum

- HB 49 cross-filled with SB 380: Public Health Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program Nurse Practitioners. This bill allows registered nurse practitioners to prescribe and dispense auto-injectable epinephrine to certificate holders who operate youth camps. The Board submitted a Letter of Support with Amendments.
- HB 55 cross-filed with SB 1011: Health Occupations Nurse Anesthetists Drug Authority. This bill authorizes a nurse anesthetist to prescribe, order, and administer drugs under certain circumstances. The Board submitted a Letter of Support.
- HB 112 cross-filed with SB 230: Health Occupations Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting. This Bill requires the Board to issue an expedited temporary license or certificate to a service member, veteran, or military spouse. It requires the Board to include a certain item on a license or certification application. The Board submitted a Letter of Support with Amendments.
- HB 218: Health Occupations Nursing Dialysis Technicians. This bill establishes a separate category of dialysis technicians. It repeals the requirement that a dialysis technician be a certified nursing assistant. This bill also alters the composition of the Board advisory committee. The Board submitted a Letter of Support with Amendments.
- HB 276 cross-filed with SB 513: Health Occupations Clinical Nurse Specialists Prescribing Authority. This bill alters the definition of "clinical nurse specialist" and "practice as a clinical nurse specialist" for the purpose of authorizing clinical nurse specialists to prescribe drugs and durable medical equipment. In addition, it alters the definition of "authorized prescriber" for the purposes of the Maryland Pharmacy Act. It authorizes a licensed physician to personally prepare and dispense a prescription written by a clinical nurse specialist. The Board submitted a Letter of Support with Amendments.
- HB 384: Public and Nonpublic Schools Bronchodilator and Epinephrine Availability and Use Policies. This bill requires each county board of education to establish and update policies for administering bronchodilators and auto-injectable epinephrine. It requires the State Department of Education to develop training to identify symptoms of anaphylaxis, asthma, or respiratory distress. The Board submitted a Letter of Concern.
- HB 462 cross-filed with SB 159: Health Occupations Authorized Prescribers Financial Reporting. This bill requires an authorized prescriber who receives a financial incentive from a pharmaceutical entity

to file a financial disclosure form. The Board submitted a Letter of Opposition.

- HB 533 cross-filed with SB 523: Health Occupations Licenses, Certificates, and Registration Immigrants. This bill prohibits the Board from denying licensure or certification to an immigrant, if the individual meets certain requirements. It requires each applicant to disclose either a Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number on their application. The Board submitted a Letter of Information.
- HB 625 cross-filed with SB 440: Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland Establishment. This bill establishes a Commission to study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland to be charged with examining certain topic areas. The Board submitted a Letter of Opposition.
- HB 821 cross-filed with SB 518: Career Pathways for Health Care Workers Program. This bill establishes the Career Pathways for Health Care Workers Program in the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of providing matching grants to eligible employers for training programs attended by health care workers. The Board submitted a Letter of Support.
- HB 975 cross-filed with SB 696: Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment for Nurses and Nursing Support Staff Program Establishment and Funding. This bill establishes the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program and Fund to assist certain nurses and nursing support staff with the repayment of certain education loans. It requires the Comptroller to distribute a certain amount of money received by the Board of Nursing to make certain grants for the Program. And lastly, it requires the Department of Health to convene a stakeholder workgroup for a certain purpose. The Board submitted a Letter of Opposition.
- HB 1188: Public Health Sickle Cell Disease. This bill renames the Statewide Steering Committee on Sickle Cell Disease. It requires the Maryland Department of Health to establish and implement a system of providing information on the sickle cell or thalassemia traits to certain individuals. It requires the Department to maintain on its website a certain list of resources. The Board took no position.
- HB 1208: Health Occupations Healthcare Workforce Expansion. This bill establishes requirements related to the expansion of the workforce in nursing-related fields. It establishes the Licensed Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse Preceptorship Tax Credit Fund. It requires the Department of Health to convene stakeholder work groups to study expanding the State apprenticeship program to the healthcare workforce. The Board submitted a Letter of Support with Amendments.
- HB 1346 cross-filed with SB 812: State Government Cybersecurity Coordination and Governance. This bill establishes the Office of Security Management and Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Unit. It requires the Unit to establish assistance groups to deliver or coordinate support services. Additionally, it requires the Unit to offer training opportunities, and it requires each unit of the Executive Branch to report

certain cybersecurity incidents. The bill also requires the Maryland Cybersecurity Coordination Council to study aspects of the State's cybersecurity vulnerabilities. The Board took no position.

- SB 77: Health Occupations Boards Investigations Right to Counsel. This bill allows a licensee or certificate holder to be represented by counsel during an investigation that could result in charges or sanctions. The Board submitted a Joint Letter of Opposition with the Board of Physicians.
- SB 355: HIV Prevention Drugs Prescribing and Dispensing by Pharmacists and Insurance Requirements. This bill authorizes pharmacist to prescribe and dispense pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis medications for HIV prevention under certain circumstances. The Board submitted a Letter of Information.
 - Steinberg made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Legislative Committee. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Direct-Entry Midwives and Electrology (Monica Mentzer, Manager, Practice)

Item A has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Electrology Practice Committee.

A. Report of On-Site Visit to an Electrology Practice Office

- J. Hill made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to accept the office report inspection and inspection reports and to take no action with Chablis Lakes' license to practice electrology, E01472, or her electrology practice office located at 909 Baltimore Boulevard, Number 155, Westminster, Maryland. Hayward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Quarterly Reports

Quarterly reports were provided as follows:

A. Discipline and Compliance Programs (Probation and Discipline)	Amber Havens Bernal
B. Safe Practice Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request has been made for the Board to remove Jacqueline Payne Borden from the Safe Practice Committee due to non-attendance. Jacqueline Payne Borden has attended 3 out of 45 committee meetings. J. Hill made a motion to approve the request. Turner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. 	Tonya Spruill

C.	CNA Advisory Committee and Certification	Jaray Richardson
D.	Direct-Entry Midwifery Advisory Committee	Monica Mentzer
E.	Electrology Practice Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steinberg made a motion to accept the report and recommendations by the committee. Hayward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. 	Monica Mentzer
F.	Practice and Education	Dr. Camille Forbes-Scott - Tabled
G.	Investigations Status Report	Shawnta' Bates
H.	Background Review	Della Sanders
I.	Fiscal Management Report	Maxine Traynham

10. Other

A. LPN Scope of Practice

- Encouragement to the Board to review LPN regulations for LPN opportunities in the acute care environment and the actual curriculum for LPN programs versus RN programs.

Adjournment: President Gary Hicks walked through the written statement required by the Open Meetings Act to close an open session. The written statement is attached. At 10:58 a.m., J. Hill made a motion to close the open session pursuant to the statutory authority and reasons cited in the written statement. Cassidy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

April 27, 2022 Closed Session Summary

Closed Session was held from 11:23 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore MD 21215. The same Board members present for the open session were present for the closed session (unless recused from a particular matter). The authority for the closed session was Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 3-305(b)(13) in order to discuss confidential matters involving applicants for licensure/certification that are prohibited from public disclosure pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-303(f), Health Occ. §§ 1-401 *et seq.*, and/or Gen. Prov. § 4-333. The topics actually discussed were confidential matters involving applicants for licensure/certification.

The Board voted to take the following actions during closed session:

- Review of applicants who are the subject of a complaint:
 - Take no action on a complaint involving 1 RN applicant(s);
 - Issue an Intent to Deny to 2 LPN applicant(s);
 - Issue an Intent to Deny to 1 RN applicant(s);
- Review of applicants with a criminal history:
 - Issue an Intent to Deny to 1 CNA applicant(s)
 - License 1 LPN applicant(s);
 - License 2 RN applicant(s);
 - Certify 2 CNA applicant(s);

- Certify 1 MT applicant(s);
- Certify 2 CNA applicant(s) and issue a Public Advisory Letter.

(During the closed session, the Board also performed quasi-judicial and administrative functions that are not subject to the Open Meetings Act and are therefore not summarized above.)