



Board of Nursing

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES MAY 22, 2024 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			
Christine Lechlitter, BSN, MBA, NE-BC	RN, Nurse Administrator Member, Board President	X	
Rachel Sherman, DNP, CRNP, FNP-BC, ACHPN	Advanced Practice Member, Board Secretary	X	
Iskra Gillis, MSN, RN, NEA-BC	Licensed Nurse Member, LPN, RN, APRN	X	
Dawne Hayward, RN, CM/DN, CDDN	RN, Delegating Nurse Member	X	
Jacqueline Hill, PhD, RN, CNE	RN, BSN Educator Member	X	
Irene Molina, DrPH, MSN, RN, CCRN-K, CPH	RN, Associate Degree Educator Member	X	
Robin Hill, DNP, RN	RN, Practical Nurse Educator Member	X	
Dawn Pfluger, BSN, RN, CPN, CRRN, CWOCN	Acute Care Nurse Member	X	
Ameera Chakravarthy, PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, CNE	Advanced Practice Member	X	
Gary N. Hicks, DNP, RN, CEN, CNE	RN Clinician Member		X
Tyler Adamson, MPH	Consumer Member	X	
Board Counsel			

Michael Conti	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Katherine Cummings	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Carla Boyd	Assistant Attorney General	X	
Board Staff			
Rhonda Scott	Executive Director	X	
Dr. Camile Forbes-Scott	Deputy Director	X	
Adrienne Smith	Executive Assistant	X	
Nikki Brown	Executive Assistant	X	
Dr. Sheila Green	Education Consultant	X	
Monica Mentzer	Manager of Practice	X	
Mitzi Fishman	Director of Legislative Affairs	X	
Jennay Ghowrwal	Health Policy Analyst	X	
Audience Members (Not all attendees are documented)			
Tijuana Griffin	Washington Adventist University	X	
Maiju Lehmijoki Wetzel	Loyola University	X	
Angie Hines	University of Maryland School of Nursing	X	
Lori Edwards	University of Maryland School of Nursing	X	
Hyunjeong Park	Towson University	X	

Open Session

1. Call to Order: Sherman made a motion to go into open session. J. Hill seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously. The open session began at 9:07 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: Rhonda Scott, Executive Director, provided updates regarding the following:

- Christine Lechlitter announced as the new Board President
- Currently working to have the ELP regulations promulgated
- Recruiting for the Director of Operations position (still open) and interviews are in progress for the Director of IT position
- CNA Training Program Town Hall was successful and will be ongoing every three months

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

Items B, C and D were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Practice and Education Committee

A. Initial Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Program Seeking Board Approval:

None

B. Renewal of Approved CNA Training Programs:

1. Dr. James A. Forrest Career and Technology Center – CNA Only (Program Code: 22530)
2. Kent County High School – CNA/GNA (Program Code: 22512)
3. North Garret High School – CNA/GNA (Program Code: 22551)
4. North Point High School – CNA/GNA (Program Code: 22508)
5. Reach! Partnership #341 – CNA Only (Program Code: 22898)
6. Tidal Health – CNA/GNA (Program Code: 23057)

C. Approval of Faculty for CNA Training Programs:

1. Community College of Baltimore County
 - Margaret Mary Lennon, R219036
2. Frederick Community College
 - Mary Wilson, R082906
 - Shamira Israel, R179740
3. Hagerstown Community College
 - Jenae Parkolay, R225530
4. Harford Community College
 - Amy Ertwine, R173399
5. Stein Academy
 - Joyce Cleary, R079635
6. Stella Maris, Inc.
 - Esther Brant, R156077

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

1. None

E. Other:

1. Watkins Mills High School has closed its CNA Training Program effective Fall 2021.
2. Julia Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center – Withdrawal of Approval.

3. Discussion of Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

None.

4. Education (Dr. Sheila Green, Education Consultant)

Items A through E were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Practice and Education Committee

A. Loyola University – New BSN Program

- Hayward made a motion to approve the initial program approval for Loyola University's new BSN program. Sherman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Carroll Community College – Dr. Jennifer Fritzges

- Sherman made a motion to approve Dr. Jenifer Fritzge for program director for Carroll Community College. Hayward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Medical Learning Center Practical Nursing Program, Fairfax & Arlington, VA/NSE
 - Hayward made a motion to find the Medical Learning Center Practical Nursing Program not substantially equivalent as of November 20, 2023. Pfluger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. University of Maryland/Master of Science in Nursing Leadership & Management Specialty
 - Sherman made a motion to accept the Practice and Education Committee's recommendation to approve the substantial modifications to the University of Maryland School of Nursing competency-based curriculum. Hayward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. Towson University/Master of Science Entry to Nursing Practice Program
 - Hayward made a motion to approve the Practice and Education Committee's recommendation to approve Towson University Department of Nursing's establishment and implementation of the Masters of Science in Nursing Entry to Practice Program. Sherman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Certification (Jaray Richardson, Manager, Certification)

None

6. Licensure and Advanced Practice (Carolyn Bailey, Director of Licensure)

None

7. Legislative Affairs (Jennay Ghowrwal, Health Policy Analyst)

- A. Legislative Updates: Informational only
 - HB 1125 cross-filed with SB 999: Certified Nursing Assistants Licensing Requirements and Administrative Updates is effective October 1, 2025
 - HB 1388: Labor and Employment – Noncompete and Conflict of Interest Causes – Veterinary and Healthcare Professionals is effective June 1, 2024
 - HB 146 cross-filed with SB 221: Health Occupations Boards – Reciprocal Licensure and Certification is effective July 1, 2024
 - HB 1047: Consumer Protections – Self-administered Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits was effective April 25, 2024
 - HB 1053: State Board of Nursing – Executive Director Qualification Study is effective July 1, 2025

- HB 1105: APRN – Certification Requirement and Exceptions is effective July 1, 2024
- HB 1127 cross-filed with SB 950: Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations Conducted Through Telehealth Reimbursement and Study is effective July 1, 2024
- HB 1171 cross-filed with SB 944: Non-prescription Drugs and Devices – Provision by Registered Nurses and Sale of Contraceptives Through Automatic Devices is effective October 1, 2024
- HB 149: Medical Records – Destruction Authorization is effective October 1, 2024
- HB 177: Hospitals – Care of Infants After Discharge is effective October 1, 2024
- HB 411 cross-filed with SB 408: Public Health – Opioid Overdose Reversal Drugs – Standing Orders is effective October 1, 2024
- HB 522: Public Schools – Student Telehealth Appointments – Policy and Access effective July 1, 2024
- HB 545 cross-filed with SB 441: Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program – Nancy Grasmick Public School Professional Award – School Nurses is effective July 1, 2024
- HB 576 cross-filed with SB 453: Mental Health – Emergency Evaluation and Involuntary Admission Procedures and Assisted Outpatient Treatment Programs is effective July 1, 2025
- HB 581 cross-filed with SB 472: State Government – Permits, Licenses, and Certificates Processing – Transparent Government Act of 2024 is effective July 1, 2024
- HB 594: Legal Advertisement or Legal Notice – Publication in a Newspaper or a Newspaper in General Circulation – Digital Newspapers is effective October 1, 2024
- HB 676: Right to Try Act – Individualized Investigational Treatments is effective October 1, 2024
- HB 759 cross-filed with SB 996: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses – Professional Liability Insurance Coverage – Notification Requirements is effective October 1, 2024
- HB 809: Members of Boards, Committees, Commissions, Task Forces, or Workgroups – Removal or Suspension is effective October 1, 2024
- HB 84 cross-filed with SB 332: Hospitals and Urgent Care Centers – Sepsis Protocol – Lochlin’s Law is effective October 1, 2024
- HB 934 cross-filed SB 830: State Board of Physicians – Performance of Xray Duties Without a License is effective January 1, 2025
- HB 959: Health Occupations – Certified Dialysis Technicians – Continuing Education Requirement is effective June 1, 2024
- SB 718: Maryland Pathway to Nursing – Pilot Program and Advisory Committee – Establishment is effective June 1, 2024
- SB 33: More Opportunities for Career Focus – Student’s Act of 2024 is effective July 1, 2024

- SB 729: Business, Occupations, and Professions – Security Guards – Use of Force, Reporting Standards, and Certifications is effective January 1, 2025

B. Regulatory Updates

1. Certified Dialysis Technicians
 - Molina made a motion to approve the final CDT regulations. J. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Fee Schedules
 - R. Hill made a motion to approve the fee schedule. Molina seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Hybrid Nursing Assistants Training Programs
 - Molina made a motion to approve the new Hybrid Nursing Assistant Training Program package. Sherman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Item 8.C has been reviewed by the Electrology Practice Committee and Practice and Education Committee with recommendations from both committees to the Board to approve.

- A. Request for an appointment to the Electrology Practice Committee Khloud Hourli, LE (E01462)
 - Sherman made a motion to approve the appointment of Khloud Hourli, Licensed electrologist, E01452, to the Practice Committee. Chakravarthy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Request for re appointment of Ms. Jolene Harris for a second term as the consumer member of the Electrology Practice Committee
 - Sherman made a motion to approve Jolene Harris for a second term on the Electrology Practice Committee. Hayward seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Request for approval of the Illinois Dedicated Electrology Academy (“IDEA”) application survey of out-of-state substantial equivalency for electrology education.
 - Hayward made a motion to approve the Illinois Dedicated Electrology Academy as a substantially equivalent program. Gillis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Quarterly Reports

None

10. Other

None

Adjournment: President Christine Lechlitter walked through the written statement required by the Open Meetings Act to close an open session. The written statement is attached. At 10:18 a.m., Chakravarthy made a motion to close the open session pursuant to the statutory authority and reasons cited in the written statement. Molina seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

May 22, 2024 Closed Session Summary

Closed Session was held from 10:50 a.m. to 4:43 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 CRNP applicant(s);
 - Take no action on a complaint involving 1 AC-WCCM applicant(s);
 - Invite to pre-charge and if no show, issue an intent to deny to 1 RN applicant(s)
- Review of applicants with a criminal history:
 - Certify 8 CNA applicant(s);
 - Certify 5 MT applicant(s);

(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.)