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CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
August 5, 2020
3:00 p.m.

Electronic Meeting: On March 19, Governor Reynolds issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, wherein she temporarily suspended the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code section 21.8 "Electronic Meetings" to the extent the statute prevented a governmental body from holding a meeting by electronic means. Consistent with this Proclamation, conference call instructions for members of the public to participate in the open session portion of the meeting are as follows:

1. At the specified time, dial the Reservations Plus dial-in number (1-866-685-1580).
2. When prompted, enter the conference code (5152814822) followed by #.

Board in Attendance

Mark Odden, ARNP, Chairperson
Kathryn Dolter, RN, Vice Chairperson
Nancy Kramer, RN
B.J. Hoffman
Amy Beltz, LPN
Gordon Goettsch, DDS

Board excused Stephanie Carr, RN

Staff

Kathy Weinberg, RN, Executive Director
Laura Hudson, RN, Associate Director CE/Workforce
Jimmy Reyes, RN, Associate Director Education/Practice
Doug Bartels, Associate Director Enforcement
Bill Hansen, Enforcement
Lucas Bee, Enforcement
Kathleen Beebout, RN, Enforcement
Diane Burkert, RN, Enforcement
Taunya Cunningham, RN, Enforcement
Eric Holsapple, Enforcement
Anne Ryan, RN, Enforcement
Laci Olson, Enforcement
Rhonda Ruby, INAP Program Manager
Michele Royer, INAP Case Manager
Tessa Register, Assistant Attorney General
Tracey Westby, Enforcement Secretary
Karly Stamper, Secretary

Mark Odden called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

On a motion by BJ Hoffman, the Board voted to adopt the agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Weinberg updated the Board on the COVID-19. Ms. Weinberg encouraged everyone to visit our website. She stated the website lists every memo and correspondence regarding the emergency licensees. Ms. Weinberg updated the Board that the Nursing Education Practice partners met July 30, 2020. The discussion concerned clinical students and maintaining the workforce. The group hopes to encourage the Governor, clinical sites, and colleges to view nursing students as essential workers. The group discussed the concern that clinical sites do not have enough PPE and whether nursing students would be able to provide their own. Laura Hudson conducted a survey among the workforce centers in the United States asking for information on how other nursing programs have handled this. She received information on 18 centers. Kathryn Dolter stated it was wonderful that the Board hosted that and that there was good conversation. They will meet again in October to see where they are. Ms. Weinberg said staff is continuing to work on the licensing bill and all the licensing boards will have essentially the same rules. Ms. Weinberg stated that the Governor extended the proclamation until August 23, 2020, possibility extending it every 30 days. All laws and rules previously waived are still waived. All proclamation-related information is up to date on our website.

HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE STATEMENT

AAG Tessa Register explained that in March, this Board joined four other boards (medicine, PA, pharmacy, and dental) to issue a joint statement regarding hydroxychloroquine shortages and best practices. AAG Register wanted to bring a petition to amend that statement to the Board's attention. In light of the different meeting dates of each Board, AAG Register recommended the Board vote to delegate authority to Chairman Odden to review and approve a joint response to the petition. AAG Register stated the Board has not had any questions from licensees regarding the March statement. Kathy Weinberg state the important thing is to remember it is a policy statement, it is not mandatory rules.

On the motion of Kathryn Dolter with Gordon Goettsch seconding, the Board voted to delegate Mark Odden the authority to review and approve a response to the petition to amend the joint statement regarding hydroxychloroquine.

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE NRC CLINICAL

Kathy Weinberg stated she wanted the Board's thoughts on whether the clinical portion of the nurse refresher course must be completed in-person in light of COVID-19, or whether nurses could complete that portion virtually. The board has issued orders that require nurses to complete a refresher course. BJ Hoffman has 2 points: 1. He was not very comfortable with virtual, as virtual was not practical, and 2. IDOT does not allow to take a virtual driving test. BJ

Hoffman stated his personal preference would be to wait until they are able to do in person clinical. Nancy Kramer agreed and stated that BJ Hoffman’s points are excellent. The other board members agreed that it was very important for licensees to complete clinical portions in person. Board consensus was to still require licensees to complete the clinical portion of the nurse refresher course in person.

ENFORCEMENT

Closed Session

3:25 p.m. On a motion by Kathryn Dolter, the Board voted unanimously, with BJ Hoffman not participating due to a disconnect in the call, by roll call vote to move into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential; Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d), to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings; and pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(f), to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case conducted according to the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 17A.

Open Session

On a motion by Amy Beltz at 4:02 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session.

REVIEW OF ENDORSEMENT APPLICATIONS

On the motion of Kathryn Dolter, the Board voted to modify the Board Order on case 18-258 Caitlin Bernau.

On the motion by Nancy Kramer, the Board voted to approve the Examination Consent Order for case 20-190 Kayla Cornelison.

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, the Board voted to approve the Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreements, and Final Orders on the following cases:

- 19-345 Meghan Munford
- 19-395 Alison King
- 19-396 Alicia Dentlinger
- 19-445 Roxanne Prescott
- 19-530 Lon Buitkofer
- 20-182 Nikki Whelchel

On the motion on Kathryn Dolter, the board approved the Stipulation and Order for Licensure Reinstatement for case 20-113 Tara Sanders.

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, the Board voted close the following cases:

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| 19-024 | 19-509 | 20-029 |
| 19-247 | 19-531 | 20-037 |
| 19-470 | 19-545 | 20-042 |
| 19-472 | 19-547 | 20-044 |

19-476	19-548	20-071
19-480	19-571	20-139
19-488	20-021	20-155

4:06 p.m. On a motion by Kathryn Dolter, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.