


**Meeting of the  
Idaho Board of Nursing  
APRN Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2021**

<u>Time and Place</u>		A regular meeting of the Idaho Board of Nursing was held on January 15, 2021 by virtual conference (Zoom).
<u>Presiding</u>		Cathy Arvidson
<u>Call to Order</u>		The meeting was called to order at 9:02 attendance was taken, and a quorum was declared.
<u>Members Present</u>		Cathy Arvidson, Gwen Smith, Jessica Garner, Starla Higdon, Zachary Morairty, Helene Reusser, Betty Brosh Schoenecker, Chad Bailey, Marylyn Hippe, Ralene Wiberg
<u>Members Absent</u>		Keith Davis MD, new member.
<u>Staff Present</u>		Sarah Phipps, Associate Executive Director Andrea Anzalone, Program Manager: Investigation and Discipline Kim Doods, Technical Records Specialist
<u>Other Attendees</u>		Tim Frost, Health Profession Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager/Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses & Operations Manager-Idaho Board of Nursing
<u>Welcome</u>		The meeting was brought to attention at 9:02 am.

		<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
<u>October Meeting Minutes - approval</u>	1.	[The 2021 January Minutes did not capture motion or approval to accept the October 2020 Meeting Minutes]
<u>Update from the Committee Chair Physician Appointment to Committee Update</u>	2.	Cathy Arvidson announced a motion was made, seconded and approved for the physician appointment by the Board of Nursing at their November 5, 2020 meeting. Members received updates from Cathy Arvidson to anticipate extending a welcome to Dr. Keith Davis.
<u>Legislative Updates</u>	3.	<p>Tim Frost: Two pieces of Legislation;</p> <p>Grounds of discipline statute. Amends Idaho Code to allow the agency to act if the licensed nurse enters a criminal guilty plea. Historically, the Board lacked authority to propose even a temporary suspension. The public does not see informal agency action, such as Idaho Counsel was in contact with defendant's attorney to amend probation terms to refrain from health care practice. Title 67 ties criminal convictions with safety to practice.</p> <p>APRN compact, has not yet been filed. Waiting for more stakeholder input. Discussion included entry into practice required hours. Idaho asserts when NP graduates, they don't need to have 2,080 hrs.</p>
<u>Chair Updates</u>	4.	<p>ISU gave an update, new psych program will begin in the fall. Not for NP but for Mental Health. Will be a good option for rural areas.</p> <p>Chair allowed staff to pause for roll call and verify we have voted on minutes.</p>
<u>Clinical Practice Updates from Committee Members</u>	5.	Committee Roundtable Discussion – discussion included issues such as APRN practice scope during the COVID19 state of emergency and full practice authority.
<u>Update from the Idaho Board of Nursing</u>	6.	<p>Sarah Phipps discussed the 11/5/20 Board met in November, code of ethics and nursing and healthcare professionals shared by Cathy in the meeting. The Board upholds the ANA code of ethics. Noting some movement towards a focus on education in Idaho. Historically, the Board has authority to monitor and approve schools in Idaho, including site visits, curriculum approval, faculty parameters, posting annual NCLEX data pass rates. Another clarification is regarding physical vs distance programs. A formalized policy is in draft version. Faculty qualifications, interpretive statement was finalized and published. Sarah Phipps clarified - schools having accreditation visits. There is a need for clarity but no change in rules.</p> <p>Committee members proposed solutions including: to support faculty in one state with student in Idaho. One issue is we can't change what's stated in Rule. Policy document only clarified. Distance education policy provided guidance and oversight.</p>

		Approval and verification will be done. Making sure the schools meet requirements based on any type of modality.
<u>Investigations/Discipline Case Review</u>	7.	<p>Andrea Anzalone Board staff for Investigations/Discipline shared the closed case review:</p> <p>For the 2020 Case review year, 100 cases/closed investigations - 40% in other states (mapping cross-border practice complaints is an important marker to consider once the APRN compact is enacted).</p> <p>Regarding the complaint numbers and if they represent unique practitioners: there are of the 40 cases referenced: 16 complaints were filed against 7 NPs due to COVID-19 office closures and patient records requests from APRNs whose offices closed due to their own COVID19 diagnosis crisis. Look forward to collaboration in compliance operations with DOPL Health Professions and the Board of Pharmacy and Board of Medicine under new DOPL.</p>
<u>Alternative to Discipline Board's Associate Director of Alternative Programs</u>	8.	<p>Katie Stuart, Board staff, addressed the Committee with an introduction and overview of one of the Board's Alternative to Discipline (ATD) programs. The Program for Recovering Nurses (PRN) started in the late 1990s. The program requires a time frame out of APRN practice for as long as professional organizations recommend: Only the CRNA national organizations states parameters for re-entry into practice after one (1) year of compliance.</p> <p>The Board's other sub-committee, the Program for Recovering Nurses Advisory Committee (PRNAC) meets quarterly for case reviews and recommendations to the Board. All APRNs go to treatment centers for a 5 day evaluation then 90 days of treatment, discharge summary, in contact with vendor (Southworth Associates). Compliance is required: including drug testing by urine, blood, hair, commitment to a 12 step program, meetings, sponsors, nurse support group (including other health care professionals). During PRN enrollment and compliance, the nursing license is in active-restricted status or non-practice status as needed and while seeking treatment. Treatment duration is a five (5 year gold standard). Nursing largest employment pool.</p> <p>It was discussed for professionals who are self-referrals – to direct them to vendor first.</p>
<u>APRN Advisory Committee Review of APRN National Certifying Practices</u>	9.	<p>Sarah Phipps led a conversation focused on licensing APRNs applying in Idaho with various credentials and not always certified due to exams are no longer available for some specialties. Rules clearly state certification is required. The Committee may re-evaluate rules. How can we fill the need if there isn't a certification exam available? There may be no impact due to population focus. To the Board they'd need to show what it means to say, "yes I can practice" by Consensus model &amp; may be grandfathered</p>

<u>2019 APRN Renewal Audit Update</u>	10.	Sarah Phipps: The last APRN audit occurred in 2019 when Board staff selected a 3% sample. The audit tool was sent to selected APRNS. Specific to the renewal application attestation affirming hours of active practice, peer review practices, national certification which includes pharmacology hours for maintenance. The Board is in the process of determining the value of the data and plan for addressing responses, trends and outliers.
<u>Upcoming Meeting Dates and Tentative Agenda Items</u>	11.	<p>The following dates were chosen for the next meetings: 03/19/2021 06/18/2021</p> <p>Future dates are contingent upon the Board of Nursing meeting dates; this committee will convene approximately 6 weeks before.</p> <p>The Board will meet: Nov 4/5 2021. Typically APRN 4-6 before. maybe mid-September. Chair requested unavailable dates from Committee Members: Board staff shared that 9/17 may be too close to board materials being due, but proposed 9/17 will work. Plan to confirm next meeting.</p>
		<b><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b>
	The meeting Adjourned at 10:58 a.m. on Friday 1/15/21	
<b><u>MINUTES APPROVAL</u></b>		
<u>Signatures:</u>	<div></div> <div><div></div><div>Chair</div></div>	
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