

WV Center for Nursing
Board of Directors
February 1, 2007
1:00 p.m.
Center for Nursing Office
Conference Call

Agenda

Attending via teleconference: Amy Campbell, Shelia Kyle, Dottie Oakes,
Cheryl Basham, Cynthia Persily, Denise Campbell
Attending on site: Duane Napier
Guests: Karen Hoschar
Not Attending: Janice Maynard, Theresa Witt, Pam Alderman,
Melissa Aguilar, Vickie Jones

I. Call to order

Dr. Persily called the meeting to order and established that a quorum was present.

II. Approval of minutes from meeting date(s): January 12, 2007

Approval of the Board minutes of January 12 was deferred until the next regular board meeting.

III. Executive Director's Report

Duane Napier, the Executive Director, had no report.

IV. Old Business

A. Celebrating Nursing Excellence recognition program (date determination)

The meeting was called to discuss and make decisions relative to the actual Recognition program and which event this will occur.

Duane Napier stated he had originally spoken with the director of the WV Nurses Association several months ago and discussed partnering the WVCN recognition project along with their projected event. Recently, he had found that their planning was not progressing. He stated that he then discussed the possibility of piggybacking the recognition onto the events that the RN Board was planning, with their Executive Director. The RN Board 100 year gala is scheduled for October 18th at the Cultural Center. The Great Hall and auditorium has been reserved; and WVCN would be expected to absorb some of the cost of the food, rent, etc.

Duane Napier stated that he has since been informed that the WVNA finally met in the past two weeks and decided to hold their fall conference on October 19th; on October 20th their board meeting will be held that morning and the celebration event that evening. However, no location has been secured, and WVNA plans to charge for attendance and to use those funds for their foundation. Duane stated that if WVCN partners with WVNA; he recommends that a grant be given for our part or that WVNA will grant the funds to WVCN and the Center would spearhead everything.

Denise Campbell suggested that WVCN agree to work with the RN Board for their event and for WVCN's recognition project; and maybe give a small award to WVNA, to soften or not offend, since both groups represent and work with RNs. Duane Napier suggested that WVCN could pay for a speaker for the WVNA celebration; or some of the other costs.

Dr. Persily paused the discussion and gave background information on the past discussions of the WVCN recognition project. Dr. Persily stated that WVCN never intended or discussed doing its own event; the Center does not have the wherewithal to do so. Since both the RN Board and WVNA are celebrating 100 years of their existence in 2007; suggested that WVCN do the award at the RN Board event – since it was already being planned. However, the two organizations are planning two very different events – RN Board event at Cultural Center is a reception with historical displays about nursing and a reenactment; looking at ways to celebrate the 100 years. WVNA is planning a dinner – buffet style – with music/dancing – not black-tie – not a real “gala”.

Dr. Persily was concerned that as a state agency, it sounded like what WVNA wanted us to do, was to support dinner/foundation; WVCN needs to operate within state guidelines. Duane Napier stated that he had checked on this option and WVCN would have to do some type of grant, to offset part of the WVNA event. Dr. Persily suggested offsetting the speaker, or buying a page in their program. She also stated that WVNA has had a change in leadership, and are working on their budget and funding, setting up their foundation; and they have no interest in their event “being an endless recognition of nurses”.

Duane Napier stated that he has also spoken with staff of the North Carolina Center for Nursing about their gala, and wondered if the WVCN Board would want to start soliciting funds to do our own event in 2009.

Dottie Oakes stated that she felt that the purpose was to recognize nurses – one way it was accomplished in North Carolina was to ask each hospital CEO to allocate some funding; those that did were also recognized. Anything else generated could be used for scholarship funding – after

paying for the event. Once you get it established, it takes on a life of its own and should be something WVCN works toward.

Duane Napier stated that the letters are ready to go out for solicitation – may be able to use to inform the various agencies of their staff that were recognized; and is working on having them buy an ad in the program; which might pay for its printing costs.

Dr. Persily moved the discussion back to the decision that the members needed to make. Does the WVCN want to hold its own event, want to join with RN Board, or work with WVNA at its event? If WVCN decides to join with the RN Board, how does WVCN want to help support the WVNA event?

Dr. Sheila Kyle made the motion that the WVCN should join with the RN Board and hold our nurse recognition program at their event on October 18th. Dr. Kyle also moved to allocate \$1,000 to WVNA for speaker expenses, as long as the topic is consistent with the mission of the WVCN. Denise Campbell seconded.

Discussion continued regarding both motions. Ms. Oakes was concerned about allocating funds to another professional nurse organization, when there are others that may request the same thing. Ms. Basham asked if there is some way that WVCN could pay for the speaker, without giving WVNA the money. Ms. Denise Campbell stated that she didn't like nurses being separated out; that is one thing that hurts all.

Dr. Persily suggested asking for a proposal from WVNA, or any organization, outlining what they would use the funds for that would be consistent with WVCN's mission and deciding on a case by case basis.

Ms. Oakes disagreed as the oft-state position of the Center is the lack of funding; she did not see the value of opening the Center up to funding requests at this point in time. Dr. Kyle concurred; many on the Board belong to other state organizations; could be hard to manage or defend in the nursing community.

Dr. Persily suggested that perhaps WVCN could buy an ad in the program for the WVNA event – that would list the nurses that will receive an award at the RN Board event on October 18th. Ms. Amy Campbell suggested that assistance to WVNA maybe would not have to be monetary assistance, could WVCN offer something in-kind?

Dr. Persily asked Mr. Napier if he had received an actual request for assistance from WVNA? Mr. Napier replied negatively. However, he

stated that in the past he had volunteered to work with the WVNA's event committee; however, any other assistance is for the Board to decide.

Dr. Persily stated that she felt that the Board did not have to decide at this time how to help with the WVNA event and that decision could wait until they have more of their event planned, and officially request assistance.

Dr. Persily also stated that the Board should start thinking about planning for an event in 2009. Mr. Napier asked Ms. Oakes for her assistance and she agreed.

The motion passed unanimously that the WVCN will hold its recognition program in conjunction with the RN Board's event on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at The Cultural Center in Charleston. Mr. Napier will contact the RN Board staff and make any necessary arrangements.

The second motion was withdrawn and not voted upon.

- V. New Business – None.
- VI. Sub-Committee Reports – None.
 - A. Advisory
 - B. Data
 - C. Executive
 - D. Nomination
 - E. Operations
 - F. Planning
 - G. Recruitment & Retention Initiatives
- VII. Legislative Issues – None.
- VIII. Strategic Plan – None.
- IX. Announcements

Denise Campbell stated that she met with Delegate Hartman while at the Capitol and he is a supporter for a license plate for nurses; however, the other two legislators on the committee are not committed. Ms. Campbell asked if the Board members could contact their representatives to support.

Dr. Persily reminded the group that as a Board member of a state agency, they cannot lobby; not within our purview; can do as a private citizen.

Amy Campbell asked that if the official license plate legislation does not pass, if WVCN could do our own – not through DMV. Dr. Persily agreed that is

something WVCN might want to think about for an event.

X. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

With the next meeting date already scheduled, Dr. Persily asked for motion to adjourn. Dr. Kyle so moved; Amy Campbell seconded; and the meeting was adjourned.

Signatures:

Chair

Date

Board Secretary/Executive Director

Date