

# **Advisory Committee on Nursing Assistants and Medication Aides**

## **Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 632.072**

**Advisory Committee members**—The Advisory Committee consists of 11 members, appointed by the State Board of Nursing, as follows:

- A representative of facilities for long-term care;
- A representative of medical facilities that provide acute care;
- A representative of agencies to provide nursing in the home;
- A representative of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS);
- A representative of the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the DHHS;
- A representative of the Aging and Disability Services Division of DHHS;
- A representative of the American Association of Retired Persons or a similar organization;
- A nursing assistant;
- A registered nurse;
- A licensed practical nurse; and
- A medication aide-certified.

**Powers and duties**—The Advisory Committee shall advise the State Board of Nursing on matters relating to nursing assistants and medication aides-certified.

## **Background**

### **Legislation:**

- Senate Bill 85 (Chapter 840, *Statutes of Nevada 1989*) required the certification of nursing assistants and established the Advisory Committee. According to testimony in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor on February 15, 1989, the federal government,

through the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, developed procedures for approving nurse assistant training programs with curricula of a minimum number of hours.

- In 2011, S.B. 411 (Chapter 255, *Statutes of Nevada*) amended the Advisory Committee's purpose to include offering advice on the certification of medication aides, who are defined as nursing assistants certified by the State Board of Nursing, to administer authorized medications in designated facilities.

**Legislative history**—The following legislative history has been compiled and is available on the website of the Research Library:

- 1989—S.B. 85 [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#)—Sponsored by the Senate Committee on Human Resources and Facilities.

In addition, the bill page for the following legislation is available on the Legislature's website:

- 2011—[S.B. 411](#)—Sponsored by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy.

**Reports to the Legislature**—No reports to the Legislature are required pursuant to NRS 632.

- NRS 622.100 requires a report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) including information relating to licensing and disciplinary actions. The State Board of Nursing has nine license types, including certified nursing assistants. (Senate Bill 69 [Chapter 518, *Statutes of Nevada 2017*] revised the reporting provisions.)

**Records held by the LCB:**

- *Nursing Assistants*, Nevada State Board of Nursing, 2006

**Current contact**—Cathy Dinauer, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing

**Website**—<http://nevadanursingboard.org/>

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**NRS 632.072 Advisory Committee on Nursing Assistants and Medication Aides: Creation; appointment; duties.**

1. The Advisory Committee on Nursing Assistants and Medication Aides, consisting of 11 members appointed by the Board, is hereby created.

2. The Board shall appoint to the Advisory Committee:

(a) One representative of facilities for long-term care;

(b) One representative of medical facilities which provide acute care;

(c) One representative of agencies to provide nursing in the home;

(d) One representative of the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services;

(e) One representative of the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services;

(f) One representative of the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services;

(g) One representative of the American Association of Retired Persons or a similar organization;

(h) A nursing assistant;

(i) A registered nurse;

(j) A licensed practical nurse; and

(k) A medication aide - certified.

3. The Advisory Committee shall advise the Board with regard to matters relating to nursing assistants and medication aides - certified.

(Added to NRS by [1989, 2008](#); A [1999, 2239](#); [2011, 1326](#))

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**Information Concerning Board or Commission  
Subject to Review by the  
Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission**

as required by *Nevada Revised Statutes* 232B.230



**Board or commission name:**

Nevada State Board of Nursing; Advisory Committee on Nursing Assistants and Medication Aides-Certified

**Members' names with expiration date of term, and indicate the number of vacancies:**

The CNA Advisory committee members are: Edward Czar Aquino, RN (Long term Care); Sherry Crance, RN-HFI III (Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance); Tracy Gentry, CNA (member); Rhonda Meyer, RN (Division of Healthcare Financing and Policy); Jennifer Williams-Woods (Division of Aging); Carole Wiseman, RN (AARP); Carla Wright, MSN-ed RN (member).

**Physical address:**

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**Mailing address:**

Nevada State Board of Nursing  
5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Suite 300

**Web site address (if any):**

[www.nevadanursingboard.org](http://www.nevadanursingboard.org)

**Web site developer** (if not EITS, please indicate if EITS approved the web site):

Rhoda Hernandez, IT technician for the NSBN thru Wordpress

**Executive director's name and contact information:**

Cathy Dinauer, MSN RN  
Executive Director  
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**Staff members' names including titles and status as full-time or part-time** (attach additional pages as necessary):

Catherine Prato-Lefkowitz, PhD, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing Education is the Nevada State Board of Nursing (NSBN) employee who sits as chair of the committee.

**Days and hours of operation:**

The committee meets four times a year.

**Created by what authority:**

The committee was created via NRS 632.072.

**Authority to adopt regulations (NRS) and citation to regulations (NAC), if applicable:**

This is an advisory committee only and does not have authority to adopt regulations.

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List by LCB File No. and date of adoption the five regulations most recently adopted by the board or commission, with any applicable deadline for the adoption of any such regulation:

N/A

List any required regulations that have not been adopted, with any applicable deadline for the adoption of any such regulation. Please identify each such regulation by LCB File No., if available, or by reference to the provision of NRS or Statutes of Nevada requiring adoption of the regulation:

N/A

Governing structure of the board or commission pursuant to statute:

NRS 632.072 provides the CNA Advisory committee is created to advise the Nevada State Board of Nursing with regard to matters relating to nursing assistants and medication aides - certified. The Governing structure is 11 volunteers are appointed by the Board and the meetings are chaired by an employee of the Board.

Duties of the board or commission:

The duties of the CNA Advisory committee are to advise the Nevada State Board of Nursing with regard to matters relating to nursing assistants and medication aides - certified.

Statement of the objectives and programs of the board or commission:

The mission of the NSBN is to protect the public's health, safety and welfare through effective regulation of nursing. Generally speaking, NSBN is tasked with insuring the CNA schools have competent and qualified faculty using appropriate curriculum and providing good quality clinical experiences. Thus, when a student graduates from a CNA program in Nevada, that student will be prepared to pass the CNA test, achieve a CNA certificate and find employment as a CNA.

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**Itemized list of services offered  
by the board or commission:**

The CNA Advisory Committee provides guidance to the board regarding all matters pertaining to the education, testing, certification, and practice of CNAs.

**Dates of the immediately  
preceding six meetings and  
the online location where the  
minutes can be found:**

The dates of the last six meetings are as follows: February 1, 2018, October 5, 2017, August 3, 2017, April 6, 2017, February 2, 2017 and July 12, 2016. All Committee meeting dates and minutes can be located at: [www.nevadanursingboard.org](http://www.nevadanursingboard.org)

**Statutory tax exemptions,  
abatements, or money set aside  
for the board or commission:**

NRS 372.325 - Sales tax Exempt

**Description of the manner in  
which the board or commission  
is funded, including all funding  
sources:**

The CNA Advisory Committee has no funding. All Committee members are volunteers. No Committee member is eligible to receive a salary or to receive per diem allowances. CNA Advisory Committee members may receive reimbursement for the actual expenses of attending a meeting (mileage). If a Committee member seeks reimbursement, the funds are drawn from the Nevada State Board of Nursing account.

**Please identify any forms  
required by the board or  
commission to be used by  
members of the public which  
are not available for  
downloading from the web site  
of the board or commission:**

The CNA Advisory Committee does not require the use of any forms.

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Does the board or commission have any recommendations for consolidation with another board or commission? If so, which one(s) could be revised to include the charge to the board or commission that is the subject of this review?

None

Does the board or commission believe that its objectives and programs have been effective in accomplishing the purposes for which the board or commission was created? Please explain the response with any information the board or commission believes is relevant:

The CNA Advisory committee believes that its objectives have been effective based upon the objective data regarding the pass rates of first time CNA test takers.

Any recommendations for statutory changes which are necessary for the board or commission to carry out its objectives and programs:

None

If additional space is necessary, please attach additional pages and refer to the attachments on the form.

Please include with this form:

1. The operating budget of the board or commission.
2. A statement setting forth the income and expenses of the board or commission for at least 3 years immediately preceding the date on which the board or commission submits this form, including the balances of any fund or account maintained by or on behalf of the board or commission.
3. The most recent legislative audit or other audit of the board or commission, and any efficiency studies or constituent or staff surveys conducted in the past 3 years.
4. Any reports required to be filed with the Legislative or Executive Branch over the past 3 years. Please indicate if any reports were filed late or have not been filed.
5. A copy of the organizational chart showing the governing structure of the board or commission and its staff.
6. A copy of the most recent strategic plan of the board or commission.

For occupational and professional licensing boards and commissions, please provide the following additional information:

1. Statement of the fee charged for each license, certificate, registration, permit, or other similar authorization issued by the board or commission.
2. Statement of how frequently each license, certificate, registration, permit, or other similar authorization issued by the board or commission must be renewed and the fee charged for such renewal.
3. For each license, certificate, registration, permit, or other similar authorization issued by the board or commission, list the fee charged for an equivalent license, certificate, registration, permit, or other similar authorization in each of the following states: Arizona, California, Idaho, Oregon, and Utah.
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# **Advisory Committee on Nursing Assistants and Medication Aides (Attachment to the Review Form)**

Page 1—Physical address:

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