

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING August 19, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Education Advisory Committee was called to order by Roseann Colosimo, PhD, RN, Education Consultant, at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Nursing, 2500 W. Sahara, #207, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 and via videoconference with other committee members at the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Ste. 300, Reno, Nevada, 89502.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Roseann Colosimo, PhD, RN, Board Education Consultant, Chair
Tish Smyer, DNSc, RN, Board Liaison
Mary Chalfant, MS, BSN, RN Mary Hackie, MSN, RN
Judith Cordia, EdD, RN Jan Kramer, MSN, RN
Laura Fillmore, DNP, RN Jennifer Richards, PhD, RN CNRN
Leanna Keith, MSN, BS, RN Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN
Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN Dawn Koonkongsatian, MSN, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Margaret Covelli, MSN, RN
Kris Miller, PhD RN
Mary Ann Lambert, MSN, RN
Wendy Merchant, MSN, RN
Shirlee Snyder, EDD, RN
Karen Fontaine, MSN, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN RN FRE Executive Director
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Joanne Lemming Patsy Ruchala, DNS, RN
Lara Carver, PhD, RN Theresa Tarrant, PhD, RN
Regina McFerrin, MSN, RN Adnan AIMouzzen, MSN, RN
Sherrilyn Coffman, PhD, RN Marjorie Leahy, MSN, RN
Sue Michaels, DNS, RN Sherri Lindsey, MSN, RN
Susan Adamek, MSN, RN Vicki Dominguez, MSN, RN
Mary Brann, PhD, RN Carrie O'Reilly, PhD, RN
Sue Owensby PhD RN

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- T. Smyer informed the group that D. Scott had been elected to National Council of State Boards of Nursing's Board of Directors as Area I Director. T. Smyer also added what an impact Debra's work has had for Nevada and everyone gave Debra a huge congratulations.

- Sherrilyn Coffman announced that the Nevada State College (NSC) grant with the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) was coming to a close. The RN to BSN program originally funded by the grant has been a huge success with 270 RN to BSN students currently enrolled.
- Marjorie Leahy announced that the Board accepted ITT Technical Institute's name change to Breckinridge School of Nursing at ITT.
- Patsy Ruchala from UNR announced that the DNP collaboration with UNLV had received a government grant for \$700,000. Congratulations were expressed to UNR and UNLV.
- Jen Richards announced that the Nevada Alliance for Nursing Excellence (NANE) had submitted an application to be a Regional Action Coalition. Much work was done by a small group including Linda Yi, D. Collins, D. Scott, and J. Richards. It would be tremendous if they are selected.
- Debra Scott announced how she diligently worked to get a nurse on the panel at the October 11, 2011 Nevada Healthcare Forum.
- Sherrilyn Coffman announced that NSC has a nursing clinic at Basic High School and they are in need of a NP for 5 hours per week which might work for a faculty member.
- R. Colosimo announced that Sue Owensby would need one very good medical surgical clinical instructor to help finish out the last class at Carrington College, Las Vegas. Everyone agreed that as a nursing community we support this class finishing with good faculty.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the April 15, 2011 meeting were approved with corrections of the spelling of Cheryl Perna's name and the deletion of CAPA credentials for Madelon Lawson.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review, discussion and possible action on waiver policy for BSN instructors: The Nevada State Board of Nursing (NSBN) would revert to the previously utilized waiver policy to help schools with qualified faculty shortages after the sunset of the law on December 31, 2011. R. Colosimo reviewed the policy and made suggestions for two changes:

- 1) BSN programs could apply for the waiver.
- 2) MSN enrollment is required in the second year of teaching.

There was a robust discussion regarding the requirements for a BSN educated nurse to teach clinical. There was further discussion about how prescriptive the policy should be rather than leave the particulars up to the Director of the program. Finally, the committee agreed that a Director would provide a plan for preparing a BSN plus five year nurse to begin teaching and that these nurses would need to be accepted into an MSN program or higher within 12 months after beginning teaching.

2. Article for discussion on best practices for simulation: This will be reviewed at the next Education Advisory Committee meeting.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Orientation of new committee members: New member Mary Hackie was present and welcomed by all committee members.
2. Review and discussion of 2011 second quarter NCLEX pass rates: R. Colosimo presented this agenda item and was happy to announce that most of the fully approved schools continued in the 90% first time pass rate range.

3. Review, discussion and action of CEU descriptions for acceptable learning for Certified Nursing Assistants: The regulation was reviewed and everyone was asked to help clarify that CNAs do not need CEUs, but rather need inservice hours to meet their requirements for renewal of certification.
4. NCSBN and NSBN updates: D. Scott gave committee members a legislative update on the Medication Aide-Certified regulation and the regulation requiring national certification for APNs. Additionally, she explained the work being done with stakeholders so that nurses will be attesting to safe injection practices on renewal. F. Olmstead stated that during the July 2011 Board meeting, the Board decided to sunset the Extension of Provisional Status Policy. The agenda had been properly posted in all required places; however, a complaint had been received so the sunset will be reconsidered at the September Board meeting.
5. This agenda item was removed.
6. Review and discussion on GBC policy for clinical experience out of state: R. Colosimo stated that Kris Miller at Great Basin College (GBC) asked for a policy on out of state clinical acceptance as a student has a unique opportunity with the Cleveland Clinic. She explained that the focus of this policy was intended for this particular student. After much discussion the committee decided a policy was not needed as the experience met requirements for a degree within an approved school.
7. Review and discussion of Western Nevada College curriculum change: Judith Cordia explained the decision to decrease some psychiatric mental health lab hours. The committee supported the change which will require core learning experiences in skills lab, case study or simulation.
8. Review, discussion and action on the Saint Rose Student nurse volunteer program: Susan Adamek presented the job description and stated the intent was to provide more hospital experience for student nurses. Discussion revolved around whether proper call light responses could be guaranteed. The group thought this was a great step since the economic downturn has virtually eliminated NAP positions.
9. Review, discussion and action on the UNLV DEU (Dedicated Educational Unit) pilot proposal: T. Smyer presented this agenda item. There was much discussion of whether UNLV faculty would be onsite, how clinical instructors would be compensated and issues for the consortium with losing the unit for clinicals to other schools of nursing. Cheryl Perna stated a lot of work was going into this but not all questions can be answered yet. It was decided that D. Scott, R. Colosimo and T. Smyer would meet to sort out regulatory issues before it is presented to the Board.
10. Review, discussion and action on the National University curriculum change: Dr. Carver presented this agenda item. Questions revolved around when the program started and where the pathophysiology course was in the curriculum. The committee provided suggestions of content mapping to help with the curriculum.
11. Review and discussion of current Pre Check vendor for student background checks: There was much discussion about some students slipping through the background checks and what level of error at Pre Check is acceptable. The Board does not regulate students; therefore, the agencies and schools would need to be doing proper background checks to ensure public safety.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.