

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING October 14, 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
Wendy Merchant, MSN, RN Mary Hackie, MSN, RN
Shirlee Snyder, EDD, RN Jan Kramer, MSN, RN
Mary Ann Lambert, MSN, RN Laura Fillmore, DNP, RN
Leanna Keith, MSN, BS, RN Jennifer Richards, PhD, RN CNRN
Karen Fontaine, MSN, RN Christine Young, RN, BSN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Margaret Covelli, MSN, RN Kris Miller, PhD RN
Dawn Koonkongstian, MSN, RN Lilly Gonzales, MSN, MA, RN
Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN
Mable Smith, PhD, JD, RN Barbara Fraser, MS, RN
Judith Cordia, EdD, RN Mary Chalfant, MS, BSN, RN
Vickie Wright, MSN, MBA, RN, CRRN, CCM

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN RN FRE Executive Director
Joanne Lemming Patsy Ruchala, DNSc, RN
Adnan AlMouzzen, MSN, RN Mary Brann, PhD, RN
Vicki Dominguez, MSN, RN Ebenezer Sackey
Kellee Fisher

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- R. Colosimo announced M. Covelli and M. Lawson have reached their term limits. R. Colosimo thanked M. Covelli and M. Lawson for their service on the EAC.
- T. Smyer announced that NCSBN is looking into creating model rules for NLNAC and CCNE accreditation for the U.S. and territories. More discussion regarding this model will take place at NCSBN's World Café Education Meeting in December.

- R. Colosimo announced that National University will be closing its Associate Degree in Nursing program. They will “teach out” the students currently enrolled and will officially close in December 2012.
- M. Lambert announced that NCSBN’s Chief Executive Officer, K. Apple, received an award of distinction from the University of Nevada, Reno.
- R. Colosimo requested suggestions for articles for the next issue of NSBN’s Nursing News magazine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the August 19, 2011 meeting were approved with the correction of K. Fontaine being absent.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and discussion of inservice certificates for Certified Nursing Assistants: R. Colosimo informed attendees that M. Lawson created a template for CNA continuing education certificates that can be used by everyone.
2. Article for discussion on best practices for simulation: R. Colosimo presented a simulation model and explained that some programs in Nevada were already utilizing simulations practices.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Orientation of new committee members and the introduction of Sarah Wheeler: D. Scott introduced Mary Ann Lambert as a new committee member and all members welcomed her to Education Advisory Committee. R. Colosimo introduced S. Wheeler, her new management assistant. Lastly, D. Scott announced NSBN’s new IT assistant, A. Fleiner.
2. Review and discussion of 2011 third quarter NCLEX pass rates: R. Colosimo explained that the third quarter pass rates are not available until October 17, 2011.
3. Review and discussion of proposed grade change requirement for Breckinridge School of Nursing at ITT: R. Colosimo stated that EAC and the Board had expressed concerns to ITT regarding its low admission requirements. R. Colosimo stated that they are now requesting to change their grade standard to a “B” minimum. K. Fisher explained that this philosophy would create a more centralized institution which is the same from state to state. K. Fisher also explained that Breckinridge School of Nursing at ITT is currently analyzing HESI A2 and hoping to increase its admission requirements to balance the grade change. E. Sackey explained that the grade change would benefit students and force them to step up to the challenge. K. Fontaine expressed concern that clinicals were based on pass/fail system. S. Snyder then suggested accepting 75 percent on exams before clinicals were taken into account; K. Fisher will forward this idea to corporate officials for consideration.
4. NCSBN and NSBN updates:
 - D. Scott gave committee members an update on the recent changes to our renewal applications. Applicants will now have to attest that they are aware and complying with CDC guidelines regarding safe injection practices. This requirement will not be audited unless an applicant has been brought to the attention of board staff for unsafe injection practices.
 - D. Scott also explained the requirement of national certification for APNs by 2014. At this time, regulations concerning grandfathering current APNs have not been passed.

- D. Scott informed members that she was reelected to NCSBN Board of Directors as Area I Director. She also informed members that verification of licenses on Nursys will now include lapsed/expired licenses and discipline.
 - R. Colosimo announced that the BSN Waiver Policy was approved by the Board during the September board meeting and waivers will be sent out in November.
 - R. Colosimo informed members that the Faculty Ratio Policy was approved by the Board during the September board meeting.
 - R. Colosimo stated that C. Yucha brought a Dedicated Education Unit model to the Board in September. The board members were in support of this DEU model which is good tool for public safety.
 - J. Kramer's students won NNA's Student Nurse Competition with a video on medication errors due to ineligibility of handwritten orders. This video is available on NSBN's website.
5. Review and discussion of high stakes test policy for Nevada: R. Colosimo expressed concern with high stakes testing. She explained that students who pass all courses but do not pass the high stakes test will not get their degree. R. Colosimo provided a case where one student had to fight to receive her degree. The committee consensus was that the test should be used as a resource to see where a program is weak or where students need remediation.
 6. Review and discussion on Medication Aide-Certified courses for faculty requirements: R. Colosimo stated that employment for MA-Cs would be for long-term care facilities only and they cannot replace a fulltime equivalent. D. Scott explained that the regulations for MA-Cs are currently being drafted. The committee expressed concerns of faculty meeting the criteria of passing medications in long term care facility within the past 5 years.
 7. Review and discussion initial English proficiency exam figures and policy: S. Wheeler presented scores for TOEFL, IELTS, and Pearson Vue tests. She explained that failures were mostly based on inadequate speaking scores.
 8. Review, discussion and action on the review and challenge policy for NCLEX test takers: R. Colosimo stated that the NCLEX challenge is costly for the test taker and requires a large amount of board staff time and resources. D. Scott announced that NCSBN informed her that it is at the discretion of each Board of Nursing to allow these challenges. The committee decided that the policy should be changed to allow one review and challenge per test taker.
 9. Review, discussion of alternative CEU's by utilization of evidenced based articles related to area of practice, CINAHL or other online access: R. Colosimo presented this alternative CEU option, noting that North Carolina instituted a similar policy. D. Scott explained that there would need to be change in regulations in order to allow this option. T. Smyer recommended researching North Carolina's portfolio and reviewing their regulations regarding alternative CEUs.

C. RECCOMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Future of nursing campaign
2. Status of MA-C

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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