

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE April 15, 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 9:05 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	Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN
Judith Cordia, EdD, RN	Margaret Puccinelli, PhD, RN-via telephone
Margaret Covelli, BSN, MHA, RN	Patsy Ruchala, DNSc, RN
Barbara Fraser, MS, RN	Mable Smith, PhD, JD, RN
Lilly Gonzales, MSN, RN	Ruby Wertz for Shirlee Snyder, EdD RN
Leanna Keith, BS, RN	Jennifer Richards, PhD, RN CNRN
Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN	Laura Fillmore, DNP, RN
Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN	Karen Fontaine, MSN, RN
Vickie L. Wright, MSN, MBA, RN, CRRN, CCM	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Margaret Covelli MSN, RN
Jan Kramer, MSN, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Ginette Ouellet, MSN, RN
Rebecca Mills, PhD
Joanne Lemming
Lara Carver, PhD, RN

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of January 28, 2011 meeting were approved with corrections.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and discussion regarding legislative update on BSN clinical instructors: The legislature may not act on the BSN with five years experience teaching clinical

which will sunset on December 31, 2011. The Nevada State Board of Nursing (NSBN) would revert to the previously utilized waiver policy to help schools with qualified faculty shortages.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Orientation of new members: No new members were present. R. Colosimo reminded attendees that the committee has a few openings and to please encourage practice and education members to apply.
2. Review and discussion of the 2011 first quarter NCLEX first time pass rates: Most of the fully approved schools continued in the 90% range. Kaplan and Carrington, Reno both achieved a 100% pass rate with 20 or more students and they have had National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) site visits which were positive. University of Southern Nevada also had 100% which is an improvement for the first quarter. Touro University improved to 75% but the numbers of students are low. National University was at 20% for just five students for first quarter.
3. Review and discussion regarding simulation of clinical hours: R. Colosimo explained that many phone calls in relation to simulation from a variety of sources have been received. The committee reviewed the definition of “clinical” in practice decisions and agreed it is still a good definition. Discussion ensued about the many types of simulation. All members agreed that in the future developing a best practices policies and rubric for the NSBN to utilize would be helpful.
4. Legislative update: D. Scott gave committee members a legislative update on the medication aide-certified bill and a bill requiring national certification for APNs. Both bills have made it through one house. She also explained how Nurses Day at the legislature was very valuable as many nurses appeared and much education on APN practice was achieved. Additionally, at this time it appears there will not be an umbrella board.
5. Review, discussion and action on revisions to the extension policy for provisional nursing schools: R. Colosimo stated the Board would discuss this issue at its July business meeting and any proposed policy changes would be reviewed by the committee at its August meeting.
6. Review, discussion and action on the proposed policy for admissions to provisional schools: The possibility of limiting provisional school admissions until NCLEX and nursing accreditation were in place was discussed. This will also be discussed by the Board during its July business meeting and the policy would be reviewed by the committee at its August meeting.
7. Review, discussion and action for a policy to require core learning experiences in skills lab, case study or simulation: R. Colosimo will send a survey out to educators and practice nurses. Once the results are in she will bring them back to the committee to use for basis of discussion.
8. Discussion regarding changes in refresher programs: Two online out of state programs have stopped enrolling Nevada students because of difficulty with clinical placements. Sue Ullrich from Southern Nevada Medical Industry Coalition has turned in an application for a refresher program. The program will be able to provide some incentives for employers. B. Fraser and J. Richards were very interested and pleased to have employer incentives. The committee was positive about having another program as the waiting list at College of Southern Nevada is at least 1 ½ years long.
9. Review, discussion and action regarding international graduate transcripts: R. Colosimo informed the committee that the board offices have been receiving more calls, mostly anonymous, complaining about international graduates who have bought

- fraudulent but official looking transcripts. Board staff asked that if anyone is aware and has specifics on this problem to please inform NSBN.
10. Discussion of the closure of Carrington College's nursing program in Las Vegas:
Carrington College submitted a letter to the board in March stating it was closing its nursing program in March of 2012. A copy of this letter is available on our website. Carrington College's Reno campus will remain open.
 11. Nevada State College sharing information on admission standards: R. Wertz shared information on the quality applications that are being received enabling acceptance and increased GPA.
 12. Suggestions for agenda items for the next meeting:
 - Best practices on simulation
 - Continuing education for certified nursing assistants
 - Review of July business meeting and discussion of extension of provisional approval policy

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