

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE April 16, 2010

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
Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director
Mary Chalfant, MS, BSN, RN
Judith Cordia, EdD, RN
Margaret Covelli, BSN, MHA, RN
Barbara Fraser, MS, RN
Lilly Gonzales, MSN, RN
Leanna Keith, BS, RN
Dawn Koonkongsatian, RN, BSN, CDN
Vickie L. Wright, MSN, MBA, RN, CRRN, CCM
Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN, CAPA
Margaret Puccinelli, PhD, RN-via telephone
Patsy Ruchala, DNSc, RN
Mable Smith, PhD, JD, RN
Shirlee Snyder, EdD RN
Nancy L. York, PhD, RN, CNE
Christine Young, Student, Ad Hoc

MEMBERS ABSENT

Karen Fontaine, MSN, RN
Susan Rae Gooch, RN, BSN
Jan Kramer, MSN, RN
Robyn Nelson, RN, DNSc
Jennifer Richards, PhD, RN CNRN
Robert Rowe, Jr., MSN, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Laura Fillmore, Touro University

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: M. Covelli shared with group that at AONE meeting, there was lots of discussion of proposal in New York legislature to require a BSN in 10 years. Ms. Covelli supported better education of nurses and wondered how the NSBN could be involved. Debra Scott said Nevada Education and Practice Alliance would be a good group to get this moving for Nevada. P. Ruchala supported the need to elevate the level of nursing practice in Nevada. T. Smyer added better access to evidence –based studies, which identify better patient outcomes with BSN nurses.

B. Fraser expressed concern about reminder post cards being no longer sent when legislative process is complete.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of January 29, 2010 meeting of the Education Advisory Committee were approved with corrections for National League of Nursing and Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and discussion regarding clinical competence issues for faculty: J. Cordia stated creating a culture of competence for nursing educators was responsibility of each school. Much discussion also followed concerning that the accelerated programs with year round faculty decreased the time available for faculty practice like summer. Committee agreed nothing further to be done by committee each school is responsible.
2. Review, discussion, and action regarding outline for White paper for NSBN: The outline presented was approved with additions for numbers of foreign educated nurses. M. Covelli shared the accent is the problem and the research they conducted showed accent could be reduced. Also there was a discussion of concern to improve knowledge of high school counselors about BSN preparation. R. Colosimo will be contacting members over the summer for help with areas so a draft will be ready for August EAC meeting.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and discussion regarding NCLEX G-4 first quarter results: R. Colosimo stated UNLV and TMCC were at 100%. The other fully approved schools were above 90%, which is great. The exception was Touro University, which presented an action plan before the NSBN in March. The 40% score for 36 students is of concern. Kaplan College had a solid 87% for first quarter.
2. NCSBN and NSBN Updates:
 - Certified Nursing Assistant Advisory Opinion- D. Scott explained the decision B.Frasier asked a couple of questions to clarify about nursing assistants in a couple of roles in Hospitals. 40 hours as a CNA is required for renewal.
 - Fingerprint policy on renewal – D. Scott explained the national issues that brought about the need to have periodic fingerprinting of nurses. The policy will come out in magazine, on website and with personnel lists. All will receive a temporary 6 month renewal, which is plenty of time for fingerprints with no break in work.
 - Refresher policy revision – R. Colosimo explained NSBN approved long term care Out patient and skilled nursing facilities for clinical placement with approval by the Education consultant.
3. Review, discussion, and action regarding proposed requirement for documentation of clinical resources on provisional 6-month reports: N. York suggested adding the specific number of students in class as helpful. Group agreed that since the consortium schedule can be fluid that the provisional schools should be responsible to immediately email changes to the education consultant. This was settled on rather than monthly reports
4. Review and discussion regarding faculty to student ratio when simulation is replacing clinical: P. Ruchala asked to have this on the agenda as some are beginning to replace clinical with simulation. The group agreed that simulation replacing clinical must be at a faculty to student ratio of 1 to 8. If replacing lab then should be at standard lab ratio 1 to 12 or 15.
5. Review, discussion, and action regarding University of Southern Nevada accelerated program: N. York asked about lack of remediation for second-degree students. M. Smith stated if couldn't keep up then could be absorbed by generic curriculum. M.

Smith stressed that was a benefit of identical curriculums. Committee was generally positive about prerequisites for second degree admission

6. Review, discussion, and action regarding University of Southern Nevada curriculum change: M. Smith presented that clinical time in Peds OB would be reduced from 144 hours to 90. Mental health and community would be combined into one course. The hours gained would then be utilized for a pharmacology course and a later medical surgical course with clinical. The number of credits for the degree remains the same. EAC members were very supportive of Pharmacology course. M. Chalfant stated lots of student input were used to make changes.
7. Agenda items for next meeting: White paper

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