

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE February 13, 2009

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 9:03 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, CAPA
Judith Cordia, EdD, RN	Robyn Nelson DNSc, RN
Margaret Covelli, BSN, MHA, RN	Margaret Puccinelli, PhD, RN
Karen Fontaine, MSN, RN	Robert Rowe, MSN, BSN
Leanna Keith, BS, RN	Shirlee Snyder, EdD, RN
Dawn Adams Kocnkongsahan, RN	Vickie L. Wright, MSN, MBA, RN, CRRN, CM

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jan Kramer, MSN, RN	Barbara Fraser, MS, RN
Lisa Black, PhD, RN	Patsy Ruchala, DNSc, RN
Connie Carpenter, EdD, RN	Mable Smith, PhD, RN, JD

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, APN, Board Executive Director
Elvira G. Phelps, Apollo College
Rosemary Thuet, Apollo College
Carlos Salazar, Oxman College
Tom McKay, Oxman College
Lilly Gonzales, Kaplan College

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: R.Colosimo informed members that a request for annual and provisional reports had been received from a Las Vegas Sun reporter. R. Thuet and M. Chalfant stated their schools had also received inquiries from same reporter.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of October 27, 2008 meeting of the Education Advisory Committee were approved with a correction adding Vickie Wright in attendance and correcting Dr. Nelson’s credentials.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and discussion regarding continued competence models was tabled to gather more information.

2. Review, discussion and action regarding proposal for Nursing Educator Inservice Day: R. Colosimo stated a number of excellent programs had been held by Nevada State College (NSC) and Touro University and she was wondering with budget crisis if members still wanted to pursue planning an NSBN Nursing Educator Inservice Day. EAC members felt they had sufficient options and Dr. Snyder told everyone of a future offering at NSC.
3. Discussion of new nursing graduation employment: R. Colosimo reported on the presentation by Bill Welch, Jan Kramer and Robyn Nelson at the Board's January Board meeting in Las Vegas. R. Nelson asked about whether University of Oklahoma /Orbis would be coming to the Board meeting for approval in March. She still has concerns about clinical placements. T. Smyer stated she would speak to Dr. Nelson's concerns if Oklahoma/Orbis are on agenda in March. R. Colosimo stated Oklahoma/Orbis has been on the agenda the last two NSBN meetings and has cancelled a few days before. R. Colosimo stated she would let committee members know as soon as she did whether they would appear or cancel.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Legislative update: D. Scott reviewed the positions taken by the NSBN on legislative bills affecting nursing. Some members of EAC were concerned with the NSBN supporting medication aides-certified. D. Scott explained the provisions that the Board has requested be amended to the bill. The Board will support the Whistle Blower law protecting nurses. The NSBN is neutral on the staffing bill.
2. Review and discussion regarding 2008 G-4 first time NCLEX: NSC achieved 80% and will apply for full approval. Touro achieved 80%. Dr. Nelson noted many of Touro's students in the last class took NCLEX after Jan 1st because of transcript issues so she is hoping for 80% pass rate for the class.
3. Review and discussion regarding the Oxman application for an LPN to associate degree nursing program: Dr. Tom McKay and Carlos Salazar presented the changes to the Oxman College Program for an LPN to associate degree program. R. Colosimo noted Dr. McKay had only recently been hired and previous administrator did not meet NRS requirements. Dr. McKay stated he knew application needed work but stated his intention is to bring a complete and acceptable application. M. Puccinelli cautioned about the small population of LPNs in state and the options already available to them. A number of members expressed concern that the curriculum was not targeted to LPN to RN students.
4. Review regarding online refresher programs: R. Colosimo read information acquired from the three online refresher programs that most students cannot find a clinical placement due to liability issues. Arizona permits outpatient clinicals and some Nevada students do their clinical in Arizona to finish the program. There also was a discussion of the length of time some refresher course candidates are out of practice; some for as long as 15-20 years. The committee decided it needed more information before making recommendations to the NSBN but agreed that the current situation of only 4 students out of 30 completing the program was concerning.
5. Review regarding goals and procedures for Education Advisory Committee: R. Colosimo reminded the members that the NSBN values and relies on the committee to give much needed input to their decisions. Recently a few provisional schools requested to bring changes to the NSBN directly. This was accommodated because of pressured timeline, but is not usual. The peer review and feedback of nursing education issues is very important.

6. Review and discussion regarding Touro curriculum change approved by NSBN- Laura Fillmore: Dr. Nelson presented the realignment of courses and the members of the committee fully supported the changes as conceptually sound.
7. Review and discussion regarding University of Southern Nevada (USN) admission requirement change approved by NSBN – Dr. Mabel Smith: M. Chalfant described the changes in admission standards that the NSBN approved. A few questions were asked regarding the language requirements and the reason for lowering the science grade requirements.
8. Review and discussion regarding proposed curriculum change from Western Nevada College (WNC) – Dr. Judith Cordia: The committee supported the basic concepts driving the changes in the curriculum.
9. Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting: The committee recommended the following issues for the next EAC agenda: discussion of student placements, how will we know when hospitals are at capacity?

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