

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE October 29, 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 9:05 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, CAPA

Judith Cordia, EdD, RN

Margaret Puccinelli, PhD, RN

Margaret Covelli, BSN, MHA, RN

Shirlee Snyder, EdD, MSN, BSN, RN

Barbara Fraser, MS, RN

Mable Smith, PhD, JD, RN

Lilly Gonzales, MSN, MA, RN

Nancy L. York, PhD, RN, CNE

Leanna Keith, BS, RN

Dawn Koonkongsatian, RN, BSN, CDN

Vickie L. Wright, MSN, MBA, RN, CRRN, CCM

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Karen Fontaine, MSN, RN

Robyn Nelson, RN, DNSc

Susan Rae Gooch, RN, BSN

Robert Rowe, Jr., MSN, RN

Jan Kramer, MSN, RN

Patsy Ruchala, DNSc, RN

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Chris Sansom, BSN, RN, Director of Operations

Fred Olmstead, Board Counsel

Laura Fillmore, Touro University

Jeanne Hately, Everest College

Tom McKay, Oxman College

Laura Dvorkin, Oxman College

Michael Dvorkin, Oxman College

Dr. Judy Burckhardt, Kaplan College

Michelle Nicols, Valley Hospital University System

Lois Hine, Dean of Nursing, Apollo College

Doug Turner, Director, Apollo College

Mary Love, Program Director, Apollo College

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Michele Nichols, Director of the Valley University System spoke during public comment. The five Valley Hospitals she represents would like the Board to consider the opinion of the CNO of Valley Hospital System that Las Vegas has sufficient associate degree nurses but needs more programs for BSN nurses to provide for the needs of the

community in giving safe healthcare. M. Covelli, a CNO from a Valley Hospital, concurred that this was their position.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of August 7, 2009, meeting of the Education Advisory Committee were approved with corrections on attendance for Shirlee Snyder and Barb Fraser.

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Review and discussion of alternative clinical sites for refresher courses: There was much discussion and agreement that many refreshers would not be returning to medical surgical units. Selection by employers and refreshers would create a good boundary. M. Chalfant spoke in favor of the traditional acute hospital clinical. R. Colosimo agreed to bring back a specific policy outlining characteristics of clinical sites and refreshers to use as guidelines for approval of preceptorships.
2. Poster presentation CEU: R. Colosimo said many requests for CEU poster presentations were probably a result of increased faculty at schools of nursing. Discussion centered on whether we should look at continuing education in different formats for approval.
3. New grad hires: R. Colosimo said K. Fontaine had shared this article on the difficulty with new grad hires with turnover statistically high creating high cost for agencies.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Scheduling of EAC meetings for 2010, February 5, April 16, August 20, October 15, are the 2010 dates: These dates were approved by the committee for 2010.
2. Review and discussion on the Oxman College application for ADN nursing program in Las Vegas: Dr. McKay and President Dvorkin presented their intentions to offer a high quality nursing program in Nevada. R. Colosimo reminded the committee that Oxman College does not currently have a license from CPE. The license will be for a medical assisting program and they will need a waiver from CPE to start a nursing program before the usual 18-month waiting period for a second-degree program.
3. Review and discussion on the Everest College application for an associate degree Program of nursing in Las Vegas: J. Hatley the regional nursing director presented the application for Everest College. The committee was very concerned about the lack of definition of clinical placements. R. Colosimo expressed concern that the application lacked specific information on the nursing corporate structure. J. Hatley stated the nursing corporate structure is part of Corinthian College. Some EAC members expressed concern about the scarcity of qualified nursing faculty for a new program.
4. Review and discussion on the Kaplan College application for an associate degree Program of nursing in Las Vegas: L. Gonzales presented the application. The committee asked questions about clinical placements and faculty. N. York noted that microbiology was later in the program and the 24-credit semester was an overload.
5. Review and discussion of proposed curriculum change for Nevada State College: S. Snyder presented the proposed changes that are working way through college system of approval. The committee was supportive of changes.
6. Review and discussion of proposed curriculum change for Touro University: L. Fillmore discussed the change to a preceptorship for the last clinical experience. Committee noted that these students are hard to place but thought it was a good idea.
7. Review and discussion of proposed curriculum change for Apollo College Reno: M. Love presented the change for more pharmacology, which was supported by EAC

8. Board directed review and discussion of curriculum past changes and current proposal for Apollo College Las Vegas: Dr. Hines presented the finalized curriculum for Apollo. The curriculum includes more pharmacology. Another change is that theory and regular clinical has been added to the last course rather than a 360-hour preceptorship with no theory. D. Turner the new director felt this would be better for the junior faculty.
9. Review and discussion of proposed curriculum change for Kaplan College: V. Wright expressed much concern about the 200 hundred hours of clinical that was being cut out of LPN program to accommodate the RN associate degree with LPN exit and entry.
10. Review and discussion of third quarter G-4 NCLEX scores: R. Colosimo noted the GBC and UNR had 100% for quarter. Also noted that TMCC, NSC and WNC were all in mid 90% range. The Board made some recommendations to reduce Apollo College Las Vegas admissions at the September meeting because of NCLEX first time pass rates have been consistently in the 55% range. The average for national first time NCLEX pass rate for the third quarter was 88%.
11. Review and discussion of patient safety supervising student clinicals: R. Colosimo reminded everyone that patient safety is very important and that some preceptors, faculty, and students need extra supervision to be safe.
12. Review and discussion of exit exams for nursing programs: R. Colosimo shared that S. Tanner from NLN shared the importance of exam predictors being integrated into courses and curriculum if utilized and stated some nursing schools who use as exit exam are being sued. Major issues have arisen if the exams are not integrated into the curriculum.
13. NCSBN and NSBN updates: D. Scott was elected to NCSBN Board of Directors, Director-at-Large. C. Sansom shared that NSBN was one of ten top boards in US and was asked to share best practices with a selected group at the national level. F. Olmsted explained that D. Scott would be testifying before the Legislative Interim Healthcare Committee regarding the topic of nurses' supervision of medical assistants. Nurses may not delegate nursing care to medical assistants since the Nurse Practice Act does not give nurses the authority to delegate to unlicensed assistive personnel and this has caused confusion for nurses in a variety of practice settings.
14. Agenda items for the next meeting: Minimum competency requirements for faculty, preceptors, number of students, and nurses, continuing education options and current definitions.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:55