

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING January 19, 2012

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

Fred Olmstead, Board Counsel

Wendy Merchant, MSN, RN

Mary Hackie, MSN, RN

Jan Kramer, MSN, RN

Susan Adamek, MSN, RN

Mary Ann Lambert, MSN, RN

Laura Fillmore, DNP, RN

Mary Hackie, MSN, RN

Lilly Gonzales, MSN, MA, RN

Kris Miller, PhD RN

Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN

Helina Whitney, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Christine Young, RN, BSN

Shirlee Snyder, EDD, RN

Mable Smith, PhD, JD, RN

Barbara Fraser, MS, RN

Mary Chalfant, MS, BSN, RN

Leanna Keith, MSN, BS, RN

Karen Fontaine, MSN, RN

Jennifer Richards, PhD, RN, CNRN

Judith Cordia, EdD, RN

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Katherine Cylke, DNP, RN

Patsy Ruchala, DNSc, RN

Adnan AlMouzzen, MSN, RN

Marjorie Leahy, MN, RN

Ruby Wertz MSN RN

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- R. Colosimo announced D. Koonkongstian resigned as a member of EAC due to travel restraints, which will cause frequent absences.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the October 14, 2011 meeting were approved with two corrections.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and discussion of waiver process for BSN plus 5 years experience: R. Colosimo stated that faculty waivers must be renewed every year. Faculty members who are not enrolled in a Masters of Nursing program must be enrolled after the initial year or the waiver will not be renewed. M. Hackie noted the high number of waivers at Roseman University and wondered if they were within the 75 percent requirement for faculty holding a MSN. R. Colosimo will verify that Roseman University is abiding with all requirements. T. Smyer added that a faculty member may have received a waiver but would not be teaching so numbers may be skewed. L. Gonzales asked if the 75 percent full time ratio needed to be teaching a specific day or if faculty members with waivers could teach concurrently for a period of time. R. Colosimo will discuss this with F. Olmstead, Board Counsel and report to the committee.
2. Review, discussion and approval of 2012 meeting dates: It was moved and seconded to approve the 2012 meeting dates as April 19, August 23, and October 25.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Orientation of new committee members: Susan Adamek and Helina Whitney. R. Colosimo introduced S. Adamek and H. Whitney. She added that these new members bring experience in hospital and hospice settings. Committee members welcomed S. Adamek and H. Whitney.
2. Review and discussion of 2011 NCLEX pass rates: R. Colosimo congratulated many schools on their excellent NCLEX pass rates. She added that Touro University and National University were below the required 80 percent pass rate for calendar year 2011. R. Colosimo informed the committee members that the Board commended S. Owensby and Carrington College, Las Vegas for maintaining satisfactory NCLEX pass rates during its teach out.
3. Review and discussion of Medication Aide-Certified regulations: R. Colosimo explained that the Medication Aide-Certified regulations were reviewed publically on December 21, 2011 and January 10, 2012. At the January Board meeting, D. Mathis and K. Davis suggested a 1-4 student ratio, as opposed to the 1-8 ratio specified in the proposed regulation revisions. The Board approved this change. F. Olmstead added that the next step for the MA-C regulations is to go before the Legislative Commission scheduled for February 15, 2012.
4. NCSBN and NSBN updates:
 - F. Olmstead explained that LCB files R112-11 and R113-11 were discussed at the January Board meeting. The Board changed the language on nursing program exit exams, requiring that exams not be used as a tool for measuring the completion of a program. F. Olmstead added that the regulations were then brought before the Legislative Committee on Health Care. At this time the Medication Aide-Certified regulations will move forward and will go before the Legislative Commission. File R113-11, the regulation file which includes minimal changes to the Board's regulation regarding APNs will be presented to the Board for further discussion and review.
 - R. Colosimo announced that the Board withdrew approval for Royal Allied Health Institute Nursing Assistant Training Program. She added that the College of Southern Nevada would hold spots in its March class for Royal Allied students. She publicly thanked CSN for providing this option for the misplaced students.
 - R. Colosimo informed committee members that the Board expressed much concern for nursing programs with high administrative turnovers.

- R. Colosimo informed members that the Board fully approved Carrington College, Reno. Board members commended W. Merchant and Carrington College for its successful NCLEX pass rates. R. Colosimo added that Carrington College received its full approval a year earlier than the time allowed by regulation.
5. This agenda item was withdrawn.
 6. Review and discussion of Future of Nursing campaign: S. Adamek explained that Nevada Alliance for Nursing Excellence's (NANE) application would most likely be approved and Nevada probably will receive designation from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the AARP as a Future of Nursing Access Coalition, unofficially in February and officially in March. She further stated that NANE is planning a big "roll out" for Nurses' Week in May. She added that students are knowledgeable on the Future of Nursing Campaign. Committee members agreed this would be beneficial for Nevada.
 7. This agenda item was withdrawn.
 8. Review and discussion of Kaplan revision to the program: K. Cylke explained that there are four areas of the program that Kaplan would like to change. K. Cylke suggested that all nursing program applicants be given the same admissions test. She explained that PN students were not required to test, but Kaplan saw a number fail the admissions test. J. Kramer added that CSN had similar problems with their LPN-ADN program. Another change suggested would be to eliminate the 2.5 high school GPA requirement for the ADN program. She explained that this would level the admission requirements for students with a GED who miss out on points granted for GPA. A third change suggested is that LPN applicants be required to have an interview with the nursing program Director. The Director would assess the applicant's readiness and understanding of the program. Lastly, Kaplan wishes to increase the number of attempts on the admissions test to four for the Scholastic Level Exam. Gonzales explained that she did not anticipate nursing students needing the fourth attempt, but it would mirror the rest of the campus program requirements. J. Kramer asked if Kaplan had an interview rubric that it would share with CSN. K. Cylke agreed to share the rubric and thanked committee members for their feedback.
 9. Review and discussion of Nevada State College curriculum changes to the accelerated program: R. Wertz explained that the accelerated track transformed the four-semester program into three semesters. She stated that the program added more Med Surg and clinical hours. The number of credit hours for upper division nursing courses remains the same. This accelerated program integrates community health nursing throughout the curriculum because the trend has changed from nurses working in an acute care setting to practicing in community settings. R. Wertz added that NSC's program is designed for students who have already have Bachelor's degree. P. Ruchala noted that accelerated programs tend to have more mature students, as they have already been successful at the college level. C. Perna mentioned that her experience with the accelerated program was that students struggled with the amount of clinical hours in one semester. R. Wertz added that NSC invites families to the program orientation to better appreciate the time commitment the student will need to make. She stated that NSC hopes to increase enrollment in this program and admit twice a year.
 10. Review, discussion, and action on education policies and procedures: R. Colosimo presented three policies and procedures to the committee: The *Collection of Annual Reports Policy* allows the Board to collect and review reports from each nursing education program. This policy was created to determine compliance with NRS & NAC and practice decisions as they relate to the education of nurses in Nevada. The *Site Visit of Nursing Schools for Continuing Approval of Program Policy* provides that Board staff will notify

- the school at least 30 days in advance of the survey. The Board will accept NLN or CCNE accreditation reports for fully approved programs in lieu of a NSBN site survey as long as the timing fits within the legal requirements. The *Affidavit of Graduation Policy* allows nursing programs to send affidavits so graduates may begin the licensure process while Board staff awaits official transcripts. K. Miller added that this policy is still needed, as some registrar offices do not understand the importance of expediting official transcripts so students may be made eligible to test for the NCLEX. R. Colosimo suggested that affidavits be utilized until official transcripts come in a timely manner. It was moved and seconded that the policies and procedures be approved and forwarded to the Board for final approval.
11. Review and discussion of interprofessional education for prelicensure students: L. Fillmore asked committee members if a professional, other than a nurse, could teach a pathology or pharmacology course. She explained that a pharmacist with an understanding of teaching could provide vast knowledge to students. P. Ruchala added that she spoke with D. Scott regarding a pharmacist teaching in a nursing program and was informed that it would meet the legal requirements in the NPA as long as there was a lead faculty member for the course. The pharmacist could be a guest lecturer or co-faculty. M. Lambert noted that interprofessional education should be focused on education and suggested a course that combined pathology, pharmacology, and nursing so students could learn the disease/condition, the appropriate medications used in treating the disease/condition, and nursing interventions. T. Smyer suggested courses be taught by interdisciplinary professionals. R. Colosimo added that faculty members need an RN license to teach in nursing, but the idea of giving interdisciplinary experiences to students early in their education is proactive. She added that dialogue between physicians and nurses could be better understood as communication is key in minimizing errors. R. Colosimo suggested and committee members agreed to revisit this agenda item during the next EAC meeting.
 12. Review and discussion of consortium and clinical software: R. Colosimo stated that the Board approved the money to fund the StudentMAX program. StudentMAX will be housed within the NSBN. S. Wheeler and Jill Racicot, UNLV administrative assistant in charge of the consortium, contacted Jana Bitton from StudentMAX and set up a two-day training session for prospective participants on March 14-15. R. Colosimo added that a new version of the software is coming out this summer and the company needs testers for its pilot project. Board staff agreed to pilot the new software, which would eliminate the training cost that the company usually charges. R. Colosimo explained that the pilot would only include Southern Nevada nursing programs and facilities. The Board will front the cost of the program for all nursing programs and facilities that participate during the first year. The schools and facilities would be required to pay the annual fee thereafter. M. Lambert asked if a demo was available. S. Wheeler stated she would send the demo link out to all deans and directors. R. Wertz suggested using personal computers during the training if a room with adequate computers could not be obtained. S. Wheeler will check with J. Bitton to see if this is a possibility. Committee members were excited to see this plan come into action.
 13. Review and discussion of Nevada State Board of Nursing News magazine: R. Colosimo explained that the Board would be moving to a bulk-mailing system. The magazine is published at no financial cost to the NSBN, although Board staff contributes many hours to each issue's publication. This new mailing system will allow the NSBN to increase the number of pages of the magazine from 16 to 24. This system will allow facilities and schools to receive shrink-wrapped magazines to save on postage cost. The new

distribution plan will allow students to receive the magazine. K. Cylke suggested sending a mass email message to all Nevada license holders whose email addresses are available. R. Colosimo added that Board staff will hold an in-house meeting focused on content and future foci for the magazine. K. Cylke suggested adding a “fun factor” to get nurses to read the magazine such as articles by published Nevada nurses, Sudoku, and cartoons. R. Colosimo asked that ideas for the magazine be sent to S. Wheeler for consideration. C. Perna recommended creating an app for the magazine and committee members welcomed this idea. R. Wertz added that the magazine and app could be used as a resource tool for students and could be integrated into the classroom. R. Colosimo thanked members for their input and suggestions.

C. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.