

Nevada State Board of  
**NURSING**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE  
EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 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 9:05 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

Wendy Merchant, MSN, RN	Mary Hackie, MSN, RN
Leanna Keith, MSN, BS, RN	Susan Adamek, MSN, RN
Barbara Fraser, MS, RN	Shirlee Snyder, EdD, RN
Mary Hackie, MSN, RN	Helina Whitney, RN
Kris Miller, PhD RN	Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN
Dina Faucher, PhD, RN	Mable Smith, PhD, JD, RN
Judith Cordia, EdD, RN	Karen Fontaine, MSN, RN

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Christine Young, RN, BSN	Laura Fillmore, DNP, RN
Mary Ann Lambert, MSN, RN	Lilly Gonzales, MSN, MA, RN
Mary Chalfant, MS, BSN, RN	Jennifer Richards, PhD, RN, CNRN
Vickie Wright, MSN, MBA, RN, CRRN, CCM	

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director	
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel	
Sarah Wheeler, Management Assistant	
Katherine Cylke, DNP, RN	Catherine D'Amico
Jana Nerz	Vicki Dominguez, MSN, RN
Madelon Lawson	Susan Ervin
Peggy McGraw	Pat Riede

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public comment was offered at the beginning and end of the meeting by the chair, R. Colosimo. Public comments were as follows:

- R. Colosimo announced that the Nevada State Board of Nursing News Magazine is now ePublished and copies are bulk mailed to all nursing facilities and schools in Nevada. She stated that if anyone has a problem with receiving the magazine they should contact Sarah Wheeler. R. Colosimo thanked H. Whitney for her "Walk with Me" article and M. Hackie for the "Saving Lives, Saving Trees" idea.

- J. Cordia discussed concerns regarding conducting student background checks. D. Scott explained that NSBN could conduct background checks if it was allowed in statute. R. Colosimo suggested forming a subcommittee to further research this issue. J. Cordia, K. Fontaine, C. D'Amico, and D. Faucher are on the subcommittee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the January 19, 2012 meeting were approved as written.

## **B. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Review and discussion regarding requirements for nursing program full-time faculty, definitions, and interpretations. R. Colosimo explained that the regulation requires that 50 percent of faculty be full-time. Problems arise if all specialty areas are taught in one semester, which could result in 10 adjunct faculty employed at one time. F. Olmstead suggested committee members create a definition of full-time faculty to be provided to the Board as a recommendation. D. Scott suggested asking the Board to clarify or rewrite the regulation. R. Colosimo added that the intent of the regulation, necessitating faculty majority be full-time, should stay the same to ensure that faculty is safe and competent. A subcommittee was formed to further research this issue. Members of the subcommittee include L. Keith, S. Adamek, C. Perna, and V. Dominguez.

## **C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Orientation of new committee member: Dina Faucher. R. Colosimo introduced D. Faucher and she was welcomed by all committee members. R. Colosimo added that J. Kramer has moved out-of-state; therefore, the committee has one vacant position. Applications for committee members will go before the Board in May.
2. Review and discussion of Truckee Meadows Community College curriculum change. K. Fontaine provided committee members with a handout and stated that the nursing program name change was approved by the Nevada System of Higher Education. The Program Outcomes and Student Learning Outcomes had been revised and were approved by the college. The change eliminates a 4-credit Biology course and adds two 1-credit pharmacology courses. Catalog pages and pre-requisites were also added to the program. S. Snyder asked whether starting students would have an additional 4 credits than those who transfer. K. Fontaine explained that TMCC was able to show the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) that transfer students were unfairly treated with credit transfers, concluding that students originating with TMCC would have an additional 4 credits. M. Hackie suggested adding “demonstrate virtual” since students would be learning medication administration and computer competency. K. Fontaine agreed and recommended eDose to all nursing programs.
3. Review and discussion regarding Kaplan Nursing Program’s proposal for simulation for Obstetrical Nursing Course. K. Cylke presented a proposal to replace the 30 clinical hours for obstetrical nursing with 100 percent simulation for the Practical Nursing (PN) program. She explained that hospitals are reluctant to take PN students into Labor & Delivery (L&D) because LPNs do not typically work in this area. She further explained that high-fidelity simulation would provide consistent scenarios and experiences, while still allowing didactic and theory to be included in the course framework. K. Cylke provided that Kaplan would utilize case scenarios incorporating different goals each day. K. Fontaine referenced NAC 632.690 and suggested finding alternatives for L&D for maternal experience up to labor and then incorporating simulation. K. Cylke explained that Kaplan explored this option, but clinics were only willing to take 1-2 students at a

- time. K. Cylke added that Kaplan's long-term goal is to revise the curriculum and K. Fontaine suggested making this proposal temporary while Kaplan completes its curriculum revisions. R. Colosimo stated this proposal would be limited and allowed only because of Kaplan's inability to get clinical experience. Additionally, the Board must approve the simulation before it could be implemented. M. Hackie recommended and B. Fraser supported approving Kaplan's proposal for two years. D. Scott suggested Kaplan College provide an update of the simulation progress and curriculum revisions in one year. M. Hackie agreed and suggested comparing current data and proposed graduates at that time. It was moved and seconded to approve Kaplan's proposal for simulation for Obstetrical Nursing Course for two years and conduct a review after one year.
4. Review and discussion regarding Everest College Nursing Program's change in utilization of simulation as part of the clinical hours. D. Faucher presented Everest College's proposed change to 50 percent simulation. She explained that manikins had been purchased and she has completed a simulation certification course. She added that this would be a proactive plan to ensure that all students benefit from a controlled environment. Everest College's request to increase from 25 percent to 50 percent simulation correlates with Quality & Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) and NCLEX blueprints. The request would also include evaluations each quarter. R. Colosimo stated that the initial discussion regarding simulation concluded with waiting until the NCSBN study had released data. Pat Riede, CSN Associate Degree Chairperson supported simulation but, as with other members, does not know how much is appropriate. M. Hackie proposed that Everest reapply after results from the NCSBN study had been released. It was moved and seconded to deny Everest College Nursing Program's request for change in simulation.
  5. NCSBN and NSBN updates:
    - D. Scott informed the committee of the two Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) files 112-11 and 113-11 which have been through a public workshop, a Board meeting for public comment and to a Legislative Committee on Healthcare for review. LCB File 112-11, which included regulations for Medication Aide-Certified, education, discipline, etc., was codified on February 15, 2012. LCB File 113-11 regarding APN regulations, received some opposition and went back to the Board in March where Board staff was asked to rewrite and resubmit the regulation changes.
    - D. Scott explained that the Board of Nursing is now allowed to share information with other healthcare boards at the investigative stage to help ensure patient safety.
    - D. Scott explained to the committee that nurses may now delegate to unlicensed assistive personnel. The nurse is still responsible to know that the delegated person is safe, knowledgeable, and competent.
    - D. Scott informed the committee that there will be two vacant Board member positions in November 2012. One opening is for an RN, the other may be filled by an RN or an individual who serves the uninsured and/or the underinsured. The application is available on the Governor's website. D. Scott explained the Board does not play a role in selecting board members. She added that the Nevada Nurses Association (NNA) can make a recommendation to the Governor, but he is not bound to appoint from the NNA list of recommendations.
  6. Review and discussion of 2012 first quarter G-4 NCLEX pass rates. R. Colosimo announced that all schools were above 80 percent and she congratulated the educators on their hard work.
  7. Review and discussion of update on clinical scheduling system. R. Colosimo gave an update on board staff's progress regarding the implementation of the clinical scheduling

- system. On April 13, 2012 the schools were trained by Ann Burgess, the Computerized Clinical Placement Consultant. The agencies' training will soon follow. R. Colosimo added that a webinar is scheduled on May 30 to begin the process in northern Nevada.
8. This agenda item was removed.
  9. Update on Medication Aide-Certified. R. Colosimo explained that the Medication Aide-Certified (MA-C) laws and regulations have been codified. Board staff has created an application which has been mailed to all Nursing Assistant Training Programs and the regulations are available on the Board's website. She reminded members that MA-Cs can only work in long term care and pass low risk medications.
  10. Review and discussion of implementation of new policy for Continuing Education Providers. R. Colosimo explained that the Board approved the revised application for Continuing Education Providers. The application will now allow provider numbers to be valid for two years and the fee would be increased from \$30 to \$100. R. Colosimo explained that the changes are partly due to providers being negligent about renewing their provider number and offering continuing education on an expired provider number. She added that a new policy may encourage timely renewals because expired providers could be fined for offering courses with an expired provider number. S. Snyder suggested increasing the fine from \$100 to \$1000 and M. Hackie agreed. S. Adamek suggested offering an orientation packet with the new and renewal applications so providers could be informed of what is expected of a continuing education provider.
  11. This agenda item was removed.
  12. Review and discussion of Continuing Education Provider request for Herbal Education programs. K. Fontaine explained that she was asked if a herbologist could conduct a Continuing Education (CE) course. B. Fraser stated that she had a similar CE course. Members recommended the national standards in the Nurse Practice Act and referring providers to the American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) guidelines. R. Colosimo concluded that she will create an orientation packet for CE Providers and she will research the ANCC guidelines.

**C. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:** There were no recommendations at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.