

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

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EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

August 29, 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
Wendy Merchant, MSN, RN
Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN
Sherrilyn Coffman, PhD, RN
Barbara Fraser, MS, RN
Helina Whitney, RN
Kris Miller, PhD RN
Dina Faucher, PhD, RN
Judith Cordia, EdD, RN
Maureen Scott-Feagle, RN
Jennifer Richards, PhD, RN, CNRN
Mary Chalfant, MS, BSN, RN
Laura Fillmore, DNP, RN
Lilly Gonzales, MSN, MA, RN
Mary Ann Lambert, MSN, RN
Karen Fontaine, MSN, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tish Smyer, DNSc, RN, Board Liaison
Mary Hackie, MSN, RN
Susan Adamek, MSN, RN
Vickie Wright, MSN, MBA, RN, CRRN, CCM
Leanna Keith, MSN, BS, RN
Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Deborah Ain MSN RN
Jody Covert MSN RN
Karen Bow
Connie Carpenter PhD RN
Patsy Ruchala DNS RN

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- The committee was informed that Nevada State College has reached its 10 year anniversary.
- K. Fontaine discussed the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) requirements of 72 credits throughout 4-5 semesters for associate degree in nursing programs.
- M. Lambert advised the committee that BSN programs have been asked to decrease their program requirements by 8 credits. Discussion ensued regarding funding cuts in northern Nevada nursing programs and funds being provided to the Nevada System of Higher Education programs in the south.
- J. Cordia advised the committee that there is an issue with clinical sites capacity.

- The committee members discussed the goals for the Education Advisory Committee for the upcoming year. It was suggested that all education related regulations be reviewed for currency.
- Home hospitals were identified as an issue that needs to be further researched.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the April 19, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Fingerprinting and NSBN clearance of student nurses proposal presented by EAC subcommittee: Nevada Hospital Association (NHA) expressed their support for the proposal and have offered to include credentialing. Committee members K. Fontaine and J. Cordia will follow up with NHA member, Marissa Brown.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding policy for regulation requiring 50% fulltime faculty presented by EAC subcommittee: This agenda item was continued to the next EAC meeting currently scheduled for October 25, 2012.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Orientation of new committee member: R. Colosimo introduced new member M. Scott-Feagle, to the committee. She was welcomed by all committee members.
2. NCSBN and NSBN updates – Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director: D. Scott gave an update to the committee members related to the following items:
 - Legislative update
 - NSBN update
 - NCSBN update
3. Review and discussion of 2012 second quarter G-4 NCLEX pass rates: R. Colosimo was pleased to announce that the state of Nevada's G-4 NCLEX pass rate is above 80% for the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2012.
4. Review and discussion regarding Nevada's clinical scheduling system: Nevada's clinical scheduling system has been fully implemented in southern Nevada. Northern Nevada hopes to implement the clinical scheduling system by the Spring of 2013. Currently, two orientations have been held for the northern consortium.
5. Review and discussion regarding Medication Aide–Certified progress: Purrfect Nursing Services has been approved as a MA-C training program and will be using the National Council of State Boards of Nursing curriculum. The program will be 144 hours, although only 100 hours are required by statute. Headmaster Diversified Technologies has been selected to provide the state examination. The first MA-C class is anticipated to begin at the end of September and will include 15 students. K. Fontaine questioned if there is a demand for MA-Cs in northern Nevada and R. Colosimo replied that she has no definite proof of a demand but the Long Term Care Association believes that there will be 400 MA-Cs in Nevada within 5 years.
6. Review and discussion regarding Kaplan College associate degree program change from online to on grounds: Lilly Gonzales, Nursing Program Director for Kaplan College informed the committee that the change was made because students were struggling with the online didactic and were requiring additional tutoring. Kaplan decided that the didactic should be in a classroom setting instead of online.
7. Review and discussion regarding continuing education: The committee discussed the difference between continued competence and continued knowledge or education. Granting continuing education units for those who offer preceptorship was discussed. The

- committee agreed that granting 10 continuing education units for 120 hours of preceptorship is acceptable; however, a change in regulation may be required and additional research will to be done to determine the continuing education certificate requirements. The committee also discussed the possibility of offering continuing education credits to nurses who obtain membership to a professional nursing organization. The motion to offer continuing education credits for professional membership was not approved with the consensus that continued competence should be discussed at the next EAC meeting to allow for further research.
8. Review and discussion and action regarding policy to validate an applicant's passing a licensure examination for international graduates in their country of education: R. Colosimo presented the International Graduate Policy to the committee explaining that with this policy NSBN may be able to reduce the amount of fraudulent applications and transcripts submitted by applicants. The committee unanimously agreed and approved the policy to require international examination applicants to obtain licensure in their country of education.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

Recommendations for agenda items for the next meeting include discussion on:

- Capacity for nursing students clinical sites and home hospital issues
- Education regulation review
- Subcommittee report on 50% full time faculty
- Student credentialing
- Continued competence
- APN clinical education

PUBLIC COMMENT – K. Fontaine shared that research on student retention has been completed with significant results showing a 15% improved retention being achieved by an integrated multi dimensional plan. The final results of study will be published.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.