

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING October 25, 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  
Sherrilyn Coffman, PhD, RN  
Susan Adamek, MSN, RN  
Kris Miller, PhD, RN  
Dina Faucher, PhD, RN  
Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN  
Mary Hackie, MSN, RN  
Barbara Fraser, MS, RN  
Lilly Gonzales, MSN, MA, RN  
Mary Ann Lambert, MSN, RN  
Judith Cordia, EdD, RN  
Maureen Scott-Feagle, MSN/Edu, RN, CNOR

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tish Smyer, DNSc, RN, Board Liaison  
Laura Fillmore, DNP, RN  
Karen Fontaine, MSN, RN  
Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN, CAPA  
Jennifer Richards, PhD, RN, CNRN  
Leanna Keith, MSN, BS, RN  
Helina Whitney, RN  
Mary Chalfant, MS, BSN, RN  
Vickie Wright, MSN, MBA, RN, CRRN, CCM

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel  
Deborah Ain, MSN, RN  
Carrie O'Reilly, PhD, MSN, RN  
Marjorie Leahy, MSN, RN  
Heather Locker, LPN  
Lori Renfro  
Connie Carpenter, EdD, RN  
Katherine Cylke, DNP, RN  
Adnan Al Movaffen, MSN, RN  
Jojo Pampilon

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- M. Lambert informed the committee that the University of Nevada, Reno has changed its admission requirements.
- S. Coffman informed the committee that Nevada State College admitted 2 cohorts of students in the accelerated track for Fall 2012.
- M. Scott-Feagle informed the committee that the local chapter of the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) is going to be coordinating announcements for educational opportunities and solicited committee members for inclusion on their mailing list.
- M. Leahy informed the committee that she is scheduling a Clinical Faculty Workshop in December 2012.

- The committee was informed that the Mosby Faculty Conference will be held January 2-5, 2013, in Las Vegas.
- The committee was reminded that Nevada Organization of Nurse Leader scholarship deadline is fast approaching.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the August 29, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

## **B. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Review, discussion, and action regarding the EAC subcommittee proposal for the Board to seek the authority to do criminal background check on student nurses: Committee member J. Cordia explained that the subcommittee is working with the Nevada Hospital Association and will bring an update to the next meeting.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding the EAC subcommittee proposal to ensure that nursing programs meet the requirement in NAC 632.675 (1) a program of nursing must have competent and stable faculty. The majority of the members of the faculty must be full-time employees: Committee members discussed the difference between contact hours or credit hours and agreed that a faculty's paid hours shall be used to determine full-time status. The Compliance with Full Time Policy was reviewed and the committee moved to have it presented to the Board for approval.

## **C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Orientation of new committee member: No Business.
2. NCSBN and NSBN updates – Fred Olmstead, General Counsel: F. Olmstead gave an update to the committee members related to the following items:
  - Legislative update –NSBN proposed a BDR for 2013 legislature to change the APN title to APRN for clarity and public safety. Currently, the bills have not been released by the Governor.
  - NSBN update – The Board approved the International Graduate Policy which will require international graduates to obtain licensure in their country of nursing education in order to become eligible to take the NCLEX for licensure in Nevada.
  - NCSBN update – E-Push system available to employers through Nursys.
3. Review and discussion of 2012 third quarter G-4 NCLEX pass rates: R. Colosimo informed the committee that NCSBN has made updates to their website. At this time all schools are doing well and have much improved from the past years. In addition, NCSBN may have a new testing feature to help prevent students from using electronic devices during their test date.
4. Review and discussion regarding Nevada's clinical capacity for nursing students: This agenda item was continued to the next EAC meeting.
5. Review and discussion regarding home hospital issues with specialty units: Committee member C. Perna informed the committee that the Dedicated Education Unit at Summerlin Hospital's medical surgical unit for UNLV students has been functioning for six months. UNLV will wait for a year to gather data in order to determine student outcomes before looking at specialty units. S. Coffman expressed concern with others that DEU would be difficult for specialty units because of clinical capacity issues.
6. Review and discussion of clinical education of APNs in Nevada facilities: R. Colosimo informed the committee that L. Keith asked to add this agenda item but is absent. R. Colosimo gave a summary of L. Keith's concerns about APNs clinical education in Nevada facilities from out-of-state programs because of differences in scope of practice.
7. Review, discussion and action regarding a possible regulation revision to require a Roles course for an RN opting to take the NCLEX-PN: The committee reviewed the current regulation NAC

632.150 regarding qualifications for a license. Discussion continued about clarification on whether an applicant that graduated from a program for registered nurses must complete a practical nurse roles course prior to taking the NCLEX-PN or prior to the issuance of a license to practice as a practical nurse in Nevada. R. Colosimo will work with board staff to determine the correct order of the process for the course and NCLEX exam. The committee was in support of this requirement. Kaplan College and Nevada Career Institute expressed that they may be able to teach the course.

8. Review and discussion of continued competency issues for Safety in Nevada: R. Colosimo gave the committee material to review and asked to continue this discussion to the next EAC meeting.
9. Review and discussion of NAC 632.600-632.640 for possible future changes in the approval process for nursing programs: Committee members reviewed the regulations and suggested the following changes:
  - NAC 632.600 (3) “has not graduated its first class” is not correct language as schools are provisional for two years and are graduating students.
  - NAC 632.605 (2)(h) shall include that schools must have a proposed plan for faculty acquisition and (i) shall include a plan for clinicals to be submitted along with the admission cycles for students.

There was good discussion regarding education regulations and public safety which will be continued throughout year.

10. Review, discussion and action regarding changes to Kaplan College’s PN nursing program calculation of curriculum credits based on Institutional accreditation changes: L. Gonzales and K. Cylke from Kaplan College presented the committee with the proposed changes on awarding academic credits mandated by Kaplan College’s institutional accreditor, Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC). This change will only affect their LPN program, which is currently awarding 89 academic credits and will change to 67 academic credits. This change will not affect the curriculum, tuition or course contact hours. Others schools in Nevada with the same institutional accreditor will also be required to make this change. The committee moved to recommend the Board approve Kaplan College change to curriculum credits.
11. Review, discussion and action regarding a change of admission procedures for Carrington College nursing program: W. Merchant from Carrington College, Reno informed the committee that they will be changing their admission test from the HESI test to the Kaplan Admission Test. The Kaplan Admission Test is comprised of three categories; basic reading, writing and math. Applicants must score 62%-63% on each of the three categories; the National average is 65%. The cut off score will be 35%-38%. The committee moved to recommend the Board approve Carrington College’s admission examination change.

#### **D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:**

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

- Nevada’s clinical capacity for nursing students
- Continued competency issues for safety in Nevada
- Review education regulations

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- R. Colosimo informed the committee members that the next Education Advisory Committee meeting will be held January 31, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.