

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES FROM THE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING January 31, 2013**

### **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

Mary Hackie, MSN, RN	Heather Locker, LPN
Sherrilyn Coffman, PhD, RN	Helina Whitney, RN
Susan Adamek, MSN, RN	Lilly Gonzales, MSN, MA, RN
Kris Miller, PhD, RN	Mary Ann Lambert, MSN, RN
Leanna Keith, MSN, BS, RN	Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN, CAPA
Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN	Jennifer Richards, PhD, RN, CNRN
Mary Chalfant, MS, BSN, RN	Maureen Scott-Feagle, MSN/Ed, RN, CNOR
Connie Carpenter, EdD, RN	

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Laura Fillmore, DNP, RN	Barbara Fraser, MS, RN
Wendy Merchant, MSN, RN	Dina Faucher, PhD, RN
Karen Fontaine, MSN, RN	Judith Cordia, EdD, RN
Vickie Wright, MSN, MBA, RN, CRRN, CCM	

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Debra Scott, Executive Director	Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Deborah Ain, MSN, RN	Patsy Ruchala, DNSc, RN
Carrie O'Reilly, PhD, MSN, RN	Sarah Warmbrodt, MSN, MEd, RN
Marjorie Leahy, MSN, RN	Jody Covert, MSN, RN
Tracy Schreiner, MSN, RN	Fran Roberts, PhD, RN, FAAN
Shawna Alvarez	Jessica Crain

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Carrie O'Reilly from Touro University informed the committee they received CCNE accreditation for another 5 years as of September 2012.
- Patsy Ruchala announced that Mary Ann Lambert will retire from Orvis School of Nursing at UNR at the end of the spring semester. P. Ruchala acknowledged that M. Lambert has been an excellent undergraduate coordinator and she will be missed.
- Debra Scott informed the committee that Karen Fontaine has resigned from the Education Advisory Committee.

- Roseann Colosimo announced that the second Clinical Faculty Workshop will be held on March 15, 2013 at College of Southern Nevada. The fee for the workshop is \$25, lunch will be included and 7.2 CEUs will be awarded.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the October 25, 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 checks on student nurses. Subcommittee members were not available for discussion; therefore, the agenda item was moved to the next EAC meeting.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Orientation of new committee member: There were no new committee members to orient.
2. NCSBN and NSBN updates – Debra Scott, Executive Director: D. Scott gave an update to the committee members related to the following items:
  - Legislative update – A Board meeting will be held on February 13, 2013. Board members will decide whether to oppose, support or remain neutral regarding current legislative Bills including Senate Bill No. 69.
  - NSBN update – Tish Smyer has been reappointed to serve her second term with the Board. In addition, two new members were appointed: Cathy Dinauer and Mary-Ann Brown. On January 9, 2013, the Board rescinded the Amniotomy Practice Decision.
  - Nevada’s nursing graduates reached a 94.37 percent National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rate for the year 2012 ranking second in the nation. R Colosimo thanked everyone for their hard work!
  - NCSBN update – The National Council of State Board of Nursing (NCSBN) NCLEX test plan has been changed. Effective April 1, 2013 the passing standard will be revised from the current -0.16 logits to 0.00 logits. This change will make the exam slightly more difficult to pass but will improve the patient safety of new graduate nurses.
3. Review and discussion of 2012 G-4 NCLEX pass rates: R. Colosimo informed the committee that almost all Nevada nursing programs reached a G-4 NCLEX pass rate over 80% for first time test takers for 2012. Nevada Career Institute achieved a 75% G-4 NCLEX pass rate with 15 out of 20 students passing. Western Nevada College and College of Southern Nevada-PN reached 100% for 2012.
4. Review and discussion regarding Nevada’s clinical capacity for nursing students: No business
5. Review and discussion of NAC 632.640-632.680 for possible future changes to regulations for nursing programs:
  - NAC 632.640: The committee led by P. Ruchala discussed the issue of transferable credits. K. Miller stated there should be clear statements of exactly what schools will accept credits. R. Colosimo explained that when Apollo-Carrington withdrew its program she learned that schools with national institutional accreditation do not accept each other’s credits as regionally accredited institutions do. The group felt that rewording the regulation would be helpful and improve student understanding. The committee proposed the addition of “allow the members of the faculty to participate in the determination of academic policies and procedures and the development and evaluation of the curriculum and other aspects of the program to which they may be able to contribute,” to section (1)(d). C. O’Reilly felt that this is very important and must be mandatory for those that come from corporate entities. M. Leahy explained

that they do make recommendations to their national board for changes in their curriculum.

- NAC 632.645: The committee proposed the addition of “plan for sufficient clinical,” to section (2)(d). M. Chalfant stated that affiliation agreements should be detailed about what clinical areas will be or will not be available for placement showing the exact numbers of clinical groups and placement for each group, or in lieu of having affiliation agreements for approval of nursing programs, it would be best to have a letter of support from facilities with specific clinical planning.
- NAC 632.660 the committee proposed the addition of “administrative experience may be modeled from NLNAC or CCNE.”
- NAC 632.680 the committee proposed the addition of “provisional schools must have admission numbers approved by the Board,” to section (1).

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

6. Review and discussion of continued competency issues for Safety in Nevada: No business
7. Review and discussion of the records required by hospitals for student clinical: S. Coffman stated that it is difficult to have all the requirements before the students begin clinicals and every facility has a different list of requirements. S. Adamek explained that those standards will vary with each agency and that best thing to do is to have the highest denominator in place to assure that all the information will be available in the student's file.
8. Review and discussion of Carrington College application for Associate Degree Program in Las Vegas: R. Colosimo informed the committee that Tracy Schreiner, MSN, RN, Nursing Consultant, guided the “teach out” for the Carrington Nursing program that was completed in the Spring of 2012. T. Schreiner and Fran Roberts, PhD, RN, Nursing Consultant, explained that students will be graduating from an associates degree in nursing program with the option of taking courses towards a bachelor's of science in nursing from Chamberlin College of Nursing's RN-BSN program. T. Schreiner went through admission process, clinical placement plans and the curriculum layout. M. Hackie asked what they are doing about the faculty only having a one-week break between semesters; T. Schreiner was unaware of this issue but will address it with their board. S. Adamek explained that she receives 30 applications for every new graduate position and preferential treatment is given to applicants with a BSN and she questioned where these graduates would be employed. Carrie O'Reilly asked if a faculty development plan was in place. T. Schreiner responded that she will have faculty attend the new program director seminar offered by NLNAC and faculty will also have the option to earn their advance degree at no cost while employed as faculty at Carrington College. P. Ruchala and M. Lambert asked about the transferrable credits with regional accreditation and their experience with the Carrington College-Reno students wanting to pursue their BSN. T. Schreiner stated that higher education is of importance which is why they decided to associate with Chamberlin College of Nursing. Student H. Lockert added that she did not fully understand the issues of transferability of credits and the limited options for students even during their nursing program. M. Scott-Feagle concurred explaining that it is probably difficult for students to grasp the importance of accreditation. L. Gonzales addressed curriculum layout particularly the NCLEX-RN review only as a lab with no lecture. T. Schreiner explained that the NCLEX-RN review is both lab and lecture and she will have curriculum layout re-evaluated. C. Perna was very concerned about clinical placement in specialty areas. T. Smyer added that the Board will ask her about stable leadership on the campus and T. Schreiner informed the committee that W. Merchant will be in Las Vegas to help begin the program. T. Smyer strongly encouraged having a permanent full time Director before taking the application to the Board for acceptance.

9. Review, discussion and possible action on the revision of the English Proficiency Policy: R. Colosimo introduced revisions to the policy stating that the 2012 English proficiency exam results provided that about 50 % of the applicants fail the exam. This reinforces the important measure for patient safety that this policy provides. It was also discovered that the International English Language Test Service (IELTS)-Academic Examination is much easier to pass and will be removed as an option effective of May 1, 2013. The policy has also been revised to include the English proficiency requirement for internationally educated endorsement applicants that have been licensed within the immediately preceding 5 years. The committee moved to recommend the Board approve the revisions to the English Proficiency Policy.
10. Review, discussion and action on the revision of the International Graduate Policy: R. Colosimo stated that this policy was approved by the committee in August 2012 and was subsequently approved by the Board on September 12, 2012. The policy has been revised to include endorsing applicants who have been licensed in the United States less than 2 years to be required to show evidence of licensure in their country of initial nursing education. R. Colosimo reminded the committee that fraudulent documents are an issue for patient safety and is the reason for this requirement. D. Scott added that California had a meeting with the professional licensing board members from the Philippines and was informed that a list of quality approved nursing programs would be forthcoming. The committee moved to recommend the Board approve revisions to the International Graduate Policy.

**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 of education regulations

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- D. Scott informed the committee members that NSBN is celebrating 90 years of nursing regulation. There will be a travelling display including a poster, custom Florence Nightingale lamp and a guestbook visiting facilities and schools all over Nevada. Also, two open house celebrations have been scheduled on Friday, September 20, 2013 at the Tuscany Suites in Las Vegas and Friday, November 8, 2013 at the Tamarack Junction in Reno. If anyone wishes to host the display or attend an open house celebration please contact Gail Trujillo, Executive Assistant.
- R. Colosimo informed the committee members that the next Education Advisory Committee meeting will be held April 11, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.