

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## MINUTES EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING October 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, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy, Ste. B300, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 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  
Susan Adamek, MSN, RN  
Connie Carpenter, EdD, RN  
Sherrilyn Coffman, PhD, RN  
Jody Covert, MSN, RN  
Dina Faucher, PhD, RN  
Laura Fillmore, DNP, RN  
Lilly Gonzales, MSN, MA, RN  
Mary Hackie, MSN, RN  
Andrea Highfill, BSN, RN  
Mary Ann Lambert, MSN, RN  
Wendy Merchant, MSN, RN  
Kris Miller, PhD, RN  
Carrie O'Reilly, PhD, MSN, RN  
Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN  
Patsy Ruchala, DNSc, RN  
Maureen Scott-Feagle, MSN/Ed, RN, CNOR  
Heather Locker, LPN, nursing student member

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN, CAPA

### OTHERS PRESENT

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel  
Ginette Ouellet, MSN, RN  
Kimberly Baxter, MSN, RN, FNP-BC  
Jean Benzel-Lindley, PhD, RN  
Mary Chalfant, MS, BSN, RN  
Katherine Cylke, DNP, RN  
Jeannette Calderon, Management Assistant  
Diane Elmore, PhD, RN  
Pat Riede, MSN, MBA, RN  
Shirlee Snyder, EdD, RN  
Karah Smith, nursing student  
Nikki Rose Ty, nursing student  
Adnan Al Mouazzen, MPH, BSN, RN

**CALL TO ORDER:** This meeting was called to order by R. Colosimo, at 9:03 a.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- M. Scott-Feagle announced that the website for the local chapter of the Association of PeriOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) is under construction and she welcomed links to nursing programs and organizations.

- C. O'Reilly announced that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Clinical Faculty Workshop was a success. R. Colosimo thanked the EAC sub-committee for organizing the event. An article regarding the workshops may be published by the Nurse Educator Journal.
  - D. Faucher announced that the Oncology Nursing Society is looking for student nurse members. In addition to membership students will have the opportunity to receive scholarships from the Oncology Nursing Society.
  - P. Ruchala informed the committee that she is on the Board of Directors for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and they are searching for an executive director. Geraldine Bednash, PhD, RN, FAAN, Chief Executive Officer of the AACN will retire effective June 2014.
- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the August 22, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
- B. OLD BUSINESS** - No business
- C. NEW BUSINESS** -
1. Orientation of new committee members: R. Colosimo welcomed new committee member Jody Covert. She was appointed to the committee for her first term during the September Board meeting.
  2. NCSBN and NSBN updates:
    - a. Legislative Update: F. Olmstead reviewed the details of Assembly Bill 456 regarding the advertisement of professional credentials.
      - i. AB170 APRN: F. Olmstead reviewed Assembly Bill 170. He explained that the proposed regulation changes will be available on the Board's website for review.
    - b. NSBN Update: R. Colosimo informed the committee that the Board will now allow licensee and certificate holders to attend Board meetings via videoconference.
      - i. Breckinridge School of Nursing at ITT: R. Colosimo informed the committee that during the September Board meeting Breckinridge School of Nursing at ITT was granted reconsideration and its teach out plan was approved. The Board also required that a consultant closely monitor the teach out. M. Lambert has agreed to act as the independent consultant and she is very knowledgeable of Nevada regulations regarding education. Her first visit to the program was on October 29, 2013.
  3. Review and discussion regarding NCLEX first time pass rates for the third quarter of 2013: R. Colosimo addressed the new report from National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). She explained that the national NCLEX first time pass rate dropped to 83%; however, Nevada is currently at 87%. She added that testing for initial licensure for international graduates in Nevada is at a 27%.
  4. Review and discussion regarding NAC 632.640 – 632.680 for possible changes to regulation for nursing programs and comparison with NCSBN model rules: R. Colosimo reviewed the regulations regarding provisional, conditional and full approval statuses for nursing programs in Nevada and what is required to maintain approval. The regulations must be changed to include the term “national nursing accreditation” due to the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission's (NLNAC) name change. W. Merchant added that NAC 632.615 requires a qualified administrator on site when program begins; however, she believes that should be required when the application for program is presented, not once students are

admitted. M. Lambert recalled as a past Board member, when new programs in Nevada were presented to the Board they were presented by members of the corporation with no understanding of Nevada regulations. F. Olmstead reminded the committee that they are reviewing nursing education regulations for possible changes and any proposed changes will need to be further developed in workshops and obtain Board approval.

5. Review and discussion regarding Nevada Career Institute (NCI) application for an associate degree program in nursing: C. Carpenter, director of nursing for NCI presented the proposed application for an associate degree in nursing program. Nevada Career Institute purchased a new campus that will host all of its programs and if approved, will be ready to admit their first cohort in June of 2014. The new campus will have administrative offices, a simulation lab, a computer lab, a science lab, faculty offices, conference rooms, 5 student lounge areas, restrooms and a simulation center. Dean of Health Sciences for CSN, P. Riede, recommended that they hire one instructor, one director and an IT staff member to help with the simulation center. C. Carpenter explained that NCI hired a marketing company to conduct a study regarding nursing in Nevada. The report concluded there will be a 17% increased need of registered nurses by 2020. C. Carpenter added that NCI will be asking the Board to approve admissions for 40 students per cohort and they currently have 22 part-time and 5 full-time MSN faculty. The committee discussed student clinical placement issues; however, NCI Administrator J. Benzel-Lindley stated that they have found several facilities that will be interested in providing placements for their students. C. Carpenter continued forward and presented the concept-based curriculum with 72 credits in 6 semesters; each semester will be 15 weeks with a 2 week break between semesters which would make the program 18 months long. C. O'Reilly liked the step-out plan for CNA certification and LPN licensure which will allow students to financially support their continued education. W. Merchant expressed concern about the Nevada and U.S. History and Humanities diversity courses only being 2 credits, concluding that they may not transfer to a BSN program. Various committee members expressed the importance of clearly informing the students of the transferability of credits. H. Lockert, student member, expressed the importance of revising the curriculum to make it easier for students to follow the pathway to obtaining a BSN degree.
6. Review and discussion regarding the first task force consortium meeting: R. Colosimo thanked those who joined Board staff at the first task force meetings. The issue with schools requesting more clinical time than needed was addressed and a solution was developed. The task force will continue to meet at least once every two months.
7. Review and discussion regarding Truckee Meadows Community College request for curriculum change: J. Covert, director of nursing at TMCC presented the curriculum change. She explained that the changes were developed and approved with the help of various faculty committees. The curriculum changes were developed to comply with ACEN requirement of an associate degree in nursing program not exceeding 72 credits in 5 semesters. They anticipate implementing the curriculum in the fall of 2014. In addition, the changes will allow students to graduate with an associate of science in nursing opposed to an associate of applied science. W. Merchant explained that the current, applied science degree is a terminal degree which is not intended to be transferred for a higher degree. K. Miller expressed gratitude for the very creative help W. Merchant has given her and J. Cordia, director of nursing for WNC. R. Colosimo agreed that J. Covert's work and leadership in helping others in the community is very important and thanked the faculty that helped her with the curriculum changes.

8. Review and discussion regarding tracking of patient safety initiatives in schools of nursing: R. Colosimo informed the committee about the Board's Goals and Objectives. The Board would like to see all schools of nursing reporting and analyzing safety concerns.
9. Review and discussion regarding near miss and medication error tracking in schools of nursing: R. Colosimo expressed the need for schools of nursing to share information regarding near miss and medication error reporting and tracking. She would also appreciate practice committee members to communicate with the education members regarding new practice techniques and equipments. T. Smyer shared that UNLV students get tested through HESI and they acquire individual reports on competency and a progressive growth scale.

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

Recommendations for agenda items for the next meeting include:

- Continued review of education regulations
- Conference reports from committee members

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- M. Hackie informed the committee that she is involved in a task force at the Clark County School District (CCSD) to eliminate the bill allowing unlicensed personnel to provide insulin at schools.
- S. Coffman requested that the Clinical Faculty Workshop sub-committee offer another workshop before the summer semester.
- R. Colosimo announced that the next Education Advisory Committee meeting will be held on January 23, 2014

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.