MINUTES
EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 17, 2014

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Education Advisory Committee was called to order by Roseann Colosimo, PhD, MSN, RN, Education Consultant, at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy, Ste. 300, 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, MSN, RN, Board Education Consultant, Chair
Tish Smyer, DNSc, RN, Board Liaison
Susan Adamek, MSN, RN
Connie Carpenter, EdD, RN
Laura Fillmore, DNP, RN
Lilly Gonzales, MSN, MA, RN
Mary Hackie, MSN, RN
Jody Covert, MSN, RN
Wendy Merchant, MSN, RN
Andrea Highfill, BSN, RN
Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN, CAPA
Dominic Etli, MSN, RN
Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN
Patsy Ruchala, DNSc, RN
Maureen Scott-Feagle, MSN/Ed, RN, CNOR
Amber Donnelli, PhD, RN, CNE
Dina Faucher, PhD, RN
Heather Lockert, RN, nursing student member

MEMBERS ABSENT
Sherrilyn Coffman, PhD, RN
John Coldsmith, MSN, RN, CRNI
Carrie O’Reilly, PhD, MSN, RN
Mary Ann Lambert, MSN, RN

OTHERS PRESENT
Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director
Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN, Associate Director for Nursing Practice
Jeannette Calderon, Management Assistant
Judith Cordia, PhD, MSN, RN
Deborah Ain, MSN, RN
Shirlee Snyder, EdD, RN
Ginette Ouellet, MSN, RN
Adnan Al Mouazzen, MPH, BSN, RN
Ruth Waibel, PhD, MA, RN
Jan DeMasters, PhD, MSN, RN
Shannon Moore, nursing student
Matt Hopkins, nursing student
Vanessa Gepielago, nursing student
Nataliya Vasylyeva

CALL TO ORDER: This meeting was called to order by R. Colosimo, at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
• R. Colosimo shared that Everest College received official notice of nursing accreditation approval from Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) on April 16, 2014
• J. Cordia and J. Covert informed the committee that they had received calls from foreign nurse graduates that were unsuccessful with NCLEX and are now required by the Board to complete additional courses, but due to the program’s admission criteria and other requirements, these
students had to be turned away. J. Covert shared that after 3 years of attempting to complete all admission requirements; a previous student was allowed to take the required course but struggled the entire time and ended up not passing course. R. Colosimo will review the Board’s policy and may propose a change during the July Business meeting.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the January 23, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS –
1. Review and discussion regarding NAC 632.640-632.680 for possible changes to education regulations: The committee discussed the addition of a program “teach out” in regulation. Recently, three Nevada programs have requested a “teach out” for their students. The first program was Carrington College, Las Vegas which had a retention plan for their faculty requiring them to stay through the “teach out”. Second, National University who did not have retention plan but most faculty also taught in their graduate nursing program. The last program is Breckinridge School of Nursing at ITT and their “teach out” has been of concern because they have not had stable faculty. The regulation revisions are being proposed due to the concern that students may not be safe nurses because of inadequate faculty during a program’s “teach out”. D. Scott explained that the proposed revisions will be presented to the Board during its July Business meeting for approval. Once the proposed regulation changes have been drafted, they will go to the Legislative Commission Bureau (LCB), to the Board for approval, discussed at a public workshop, reviewed by the Interim Legislative Commission on Regulations, and then to the Secretary of State to be codified.

C. NEW BUSINESS -
1. Orientation of new committee members: R. Colosimo welcomed new committee member Amber Donnelli, she was appointed to the committee for her first term during the March Board meeting.
2. NCSBN and NSBN updates - Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director
   a. Legislative Update: Proposed regulations to implement AB170 were codified by the Secretary of State on February 25, 2014. The regulations have been added to the Nurse Practice Act online and the booklet is being revised and will be published soon. D. Scott explained the online verification and the four different statuses for APRNs: Active (do not have prescribing privileges), Active-Prescribing (may prescribe scheduled III-V controlled substances), Active-Prescribing CSII (may prescribe schedule II-V controlled substances) II), Active-Prescribing CSII-COLL (may prescribe schedule II-V controlled substances and must have a signed protocol with a collaborative physician to prescribe the schedule II controlled substances). APRNs are also required to have a Professional Portfolio and the Board will begin auditing for portfolios in May. The number of active ARPNs in Nevada has increased in the last year from 880 to over 1000; the rise may be due to independent practice.
   b. NSBN Update: D. Scott stated the National Governors Association (NGA) is thrilled with the developing military medic to LPN program at CSN. There are several resources in the community to assist with tuition.
   c. NCSBN Update: no business
3. Review and discussion regarding NCLEX first time pass rates for the first quarter of 2014:
R. Colosimo shared the 2014 first quarter NCLEX first time pass rates. There continues to be concern with Breckinridge School of Nursing at ITT and Kaplan College ADN program. Everest College and Nevada Career Institute fell below 80% but they have a low number of students testing. Carrington College, CSN, UNLV, UNR and Kaplan College LPN program are all above 90%. NSC, TMCC, Roseman University and WNC are currently at 100%.

4. Presentation by UNLV nursing students on QSEN: UNLV students shared a YouTube video regarding the Quality & Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) competencies. The video was created to help introduce QSEN to first year nursing students.

5. Review and discussion regarding Nevada Career Institute proposed curriculum for associate degree in nursing: This item was removed from the agenda.

6. Review and discussion regarding Western Nevada College curriculum change approve by NSBN: J. Cordia shared a summary of the changes. Changes included the limitation of science courses being accepted from within 10 years to only 5 years. There will be no hardship with this change as most students accepted to the nursing program completed their science courses within the 5 year limitation. There will be an increase in pharmacology content and increase in clinical hours for the advanced medical surgical course. Also, obstetrics and pediatric nursing courses will be combined. The last change was the removal of the sociology course because sociology is already integrated in nursing courses.

7. Review and discussion concerning facilities canceling student placements when Joint Commission or regulatory body is on site for survey: R. Colosimo shared concerns with the committee regarding student clinical placements being cancelled with no advance notice due to regulatory body site surveys. C. Dinauer shared her experience during a Joint Commission Survey while students were in clinicals at her previous place of employment. She explained that students were great in answering questions and perhaps nursing staff was more concerning during the survey. S. Adamek added that it is not a problem at her facility and that is why the paperwork requirements for students can be so rigorous. R. Colosimo reminded the schools that it is important to prepare the students for facility surveys. The group felt this was a primary concern in long term care where Directors of Nursing turnover frequently. A meeting will be held to improve communication with the schools and facilities regarding cancelling student clinical placements.

8. Review and discussion regarding Chamberlain College proposed application for a nursing program: Dr. Jan DeMasters, Western Conference Consultant and Dr. Ruth Waibel, Senior Director of Accreditation and Professional Regulation for Chamberlain College presented the executive summary of the application to establish a baccalaureate nursing program in Las Vegas, Nevada. The NCLEX first time pass rate is over 80% for most Chamberlain campuses in other states. Chamberlain College has regional institution accreditation so their credits will transfer to other institutions to pursue higher education. A Commission on Post Secondary Education license is in progress. The committee had questions and concerns regarding the lack of clinical placements in specialty areas. R. Waibel stated that pediatric clinicals are non-traditional, meaning they will request clinical placements on weekends and evenings. For psychiatric nursing, Montevista Hospital is expanding and is hoping to double their census, which will be in place by the time students require clinicals in psychiatric nursing, as will Desert Parkway Behavioral Hospital. Dr. Judith Hightower will be the Las Vegas Campus Dean and will be on campus for a year during construction and before students arrive on campus. R. Colosimo added that she has reviewed her curriculum vitae and she meets Nevada regulations for a nursing program administrator. Total tuition for program is $87,000 with
books. General education courses that do not require clinical or skills lab may be taken online through DeVry University, but all nursing courses are taught in a traditional format.

9. Review and discussion regarding Touro University review of curriculum: This item was removed from the agenda.

10. Review and discussion regarding current nursing articles: Two articles that were published in the April 2014 issue of the Journal of Nursing Regulation were shared: Preventive, Detecting, and Investigating Drug Diversion in Health Care Facilities by Kimberly New, JD, RN and Developing a Reporting and Tracking Tool for Nursing Students Errors and Near Misses by Joanne Disch, PhD, RN, FAAN and Jane Barnsteiner, PhD, RN, FAAN.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Recommendations for agenda items for the next meeting include the Department of Education credit requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- S. Snyder is retiring and R. Colosimo thanked her for her leadership and contributions to Nevada nursing community.
- S. Adamek announced that St. Rose’s new graduate program will now only be accepting students from programs approved by ACEN or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
- P. Ruchala shared that UNR’s video stream of its graduation ceremonies has been viewed all over the country.
- W. Merchant stated that all Carrington College campuses are expected to have regional institution accreditation by June 2014.
- R. Colosimo announced that the next Education Advisory Committee meeting will be held on August 21, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.