

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING October 15, 2015**

### **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 the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Ste. 300, Reno, Nevada, 89502.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Roseann Colosimo, PhD, MSN, RN, Board Education Consultant, Chair  
Rick Carrauthers, LPN Board Member Liaison  
Susan Adamek, MSN, RN  
Mary Chalfant, MS, BSN, RN  
Sherrilyn Coffman, PhD, RN  
John Coldsmith, MSN, RN, CRNI  
Judith Cordia, PhD, MSN, RN  
Amber Donnelly, PhD, RN, CNE  
Judith Hightower, PhD, M.Ed, RN  
Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN, CAPA  
Patsy Ruchala, DNSc, RN  
Maureen Scott-Feagle, MSN/Ed, RN, CNOR  
Julie Siemers, DNP, RN

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jody Covert, MSN, RN  
Dina Faucher, PhD, RN  
Lilly Gonzales, MSN, MA, RN  
Andrea Highfill, BSN, RN  
Mary Ann Lambert, MSN, RN  
Heather Lockert, RN  
Wendy Merchant, MSN, RN  
Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director  
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel  
Jeannette Calderon, Management Assistant  
Rebecca Benfield, PhD, RN, CNM  
Katherine Cylke, DNP, RN  
Aften Hand, BSN, RN, Board staff  
Tracy Holt, MS, RN  
Brian Oxhorn, PhD, MSN, RN  
Cindy Peterson, RN, CLNC, CHCQM, Board staff  
Sarah Warmbrodt, MSN, MEd, RN

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- S. Coffman informed the committee that the Sigma Theta Tau convention will be held in Las Vegas on November 7-11, 2015
- J. Coldsmith informed the committee that the Nevada Organization of Nurse Leaders (NONL) is partnering with Renown Health for its annual conference in Reno on November 3-5, 2015; November 3 will be the Critical Care conference, November 4 will be NONL conference and November 5, 2015 will be the Nevada Alliance for Nursing Excellence (NANE) conference.
- R. Colosimo updated committee on AmeriTech application for an associate nursing degree program, stating they are in the process of reapplying for their postsecondary license and their application may need to return to the committee for review.

- P. Ruchala informed the committee that Nevada State of Higher Education (NSHE) approved the phase out of the DNP partnership between University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) and University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). UNR will be providing a BSN-DNP program in the fall of 2016
- R. Benfield informed the committee that UNLV will transition current students in their DNP program in the spring of 2016 and will offer a new BSN-DNP program in the fall of 2016.
- R. Colosimo informed the committee that she was contacted by program administrator for Nightingale College in Ogden, Utah. They have a satellite campus in St. George, Utah and will be requesting Board approval to place their 7 students for clinical in Las Vegas.
- R. Colosimo informed the committee that the revised regulations on education are in progress.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the August 20, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

**B. OLD BUSINESS -**

**C. NEW BUSINESS -**

1. NCSBN and NSBN updates - Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director
  - a. NSBN Update: The Board will formally appoint the new Executive Director during the November Board meeting. NSBN is working on a paperless initiative to allow applicants to apply for initial licensure and certification online.
  - b. NCSBN Update: National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) has a database that will be available for use to NSBN at no charge; database will be implemented by the end of 2016. The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) has been revised to include the Uniform Licensure Requirements previously adopted by the NCSBN and now requires nurses to complete a criminal background check for licensure. D. Scott will be providing education on NLC, as study has shown that 60-70% of employers in Nevada are not informed about it. David Benton has been hired as the new Chief Executive Officer for NSCBN.
2. Review and discussion regarding NCLEX first time pass rates year-to-date for CY 2015: R. Colosimo reviewed the year-to-date NCLEX first time pass rates for CY 2015; third quarter report will be available October 20, 2015. Great Basin College, Western Nevada College and Touro University are at 100%. Nevada State College is at 98%, UNR 95%; UNLV and Truckee Meadows Community College are at 97%, Roseman and Carrington at 95%. Everest College at 89%, they may be able to achieve full approval in 2016. Nevada Career Institute (NCI) has recently graduated a class which may bring them closer to 80%. Kaplan's LPN program is below 80%.
3. Review and discussion regarding the new 2016 NCLEX-RN test plan: R. Colosimo informed committee that the NCLEX-RN Test Plan will change effective April 1, 2016. The modified Test Plan has been posted on NCSBN website; the detailed Test Plan will not be available until December. There is no change to the pass rate, only the division of the test. NSCBN may be making major changes to the NCLEX in the next 5-7 years to include clinical decision making, case studies, virtual experiences, terminology and diversity. R. Colosimo spoke of the progress to make changes to the Test Plan, stating it starts with surveys from new graduates, practice supervisors, and educators of last semester nursing students and the review from the NCLEX Examination Committee. She continued by saying that NCSBN is proud of their work with the NCLEX. Changes to the NCLEX-PN Test Plan are in progress.
4. Review and discussion regarding Nevada Career Institute request for change in admission standards: K. Cylke informed committee that she has been Director of Nursing for NCI for about a year. NCI is has utilized the Wonderlic Scholastic Level Exam (SLE) with a benchmark set at 21 and the National League of Nursing Pre-Admissions Exam (PAX) for practical nursing. NCI has applicants waiting for the program to restart admissions; therefore, is taking the opportunity to look at other providers and

change admission requirements. K. Cylke informed committee that NCI plans to use all HESI products including their admission exam; the benchmark will be set at 71 but will not rule student out from being admitted, if scores below the benchmark students will receive a lower ranking score. Students ranked higher from the group of applicants will be allowed into the program. J. Siemers asked if NCI will be including science section of the HESI admission exam; K. Cylke said no, sciences are pre-requisites and integrated in program curriculum. M. Chalfant asked if there is a cut-off scores; K. Cylke explained that she believed that legally students cannot be denied admissions, the committee including R. Colosimo informed her that is not true. B. Oxhorn stated admission exams are a prediction of success, even if choose to accept without meeting standards, the program should be prepared to provided those students with additional guidance. R. Scott stated students should be informed what they need to focus on improving, also, she asked if interviews were in place during admissions; K. Cylke said they do not include interviews because they can be subjective. R. Scott and S. Adamek recommended using rubrics and scoring them based on things such as critical thinking, managing conflicts, and interpersonal abilities. K. Cylke thanked the committee for their feedback.

5. Review and discussion regarding Nevada POLST (Physician Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment) Form: A. Donnelly informed committee that Great Basin College students were asking about the POLST form and wanted to know what the rest of the state is experiencing. R. Scott and S. Adamek agreed that there are policies and procedures in place at their facilities but are not seen often. R. Carruthers mentions people are calling the POLST form, “the pink sheet”. S. Coffman asked if the POLST form takes over an Advance Directive (AD), committee discussed that some facilities may not accepted an AD or a DNR (do not resuscitate) form and may not current or valid; however may have a valid POLST form that can take place for plan of treatment. S. Adamek mentioned that UNLV has an agreement with Dignity Health to provide POLST education. Committee agreed that the POLST form should be included in the End-of-Life section of the nursing programs.
6. Review and discussion regarding medical marijuana and implications for students: P. Ruchala informed committee that UNR students were at a community clinical with children that had ‘prescribed’ marijuana due to seizures. F. Olmstead informed committee that Nevada currently only allows the use of medical marijuana and it is not a prescription, only a recommendation. Marijuana has been legalized for recreational use in Washington, Oregon and Colorado, bringing in sale revenue to a billion in one year. The November 2016 ballot will include legalization of recreational use; therefore, we must prepare and discuss what will happen in our workplaces and schools or nursing. P. Ruchala explained that all NSHE schools are federally funding therefore prohibit students to use marijuana; it will be clearly stated in their student handbooks. R. Colosimo informed the committee regarding an article in the Journal of Nursing Regulation, The Legalization of Marijuana: Implication for Regulation and Practice, she will be sharing with all via email.
7. Review and discussion regarding conference on antimicrobial stewardship for students: R. Colosimo informed committee that she was approached by B. Oxhorn about having a conference for students on antimicrobial stewardship. She continued by saying that it would be a great idea to get other educators involved. J. Cordia expressed interest in initially having a conference for nursing faculty. Committee provided different ideas such as, getting the student nurse associations involved in planning, providing a webinar, or an evening event; perhaps holding a summit, plan with other organization or making it a college interdisciplinary affair with one of the events being antimicrobial stewardship. B. Oxhorn thanked everyone for their feedback.

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

- Discuss drug-free policies

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- R. Colosimo announced that the next Education Advisory Committee meeting will be held on January 21, 2016.
- Committee said farewell and thanked Debra Scott, Executive Director for the works she has done for Nevada.
- R. Scott informed committee concerning a CBS news special regarding overdose on supplements.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.