

Nevada State Board of  
**NURSING**

**MINUTES**  
**EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**April 13, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Education Advisory Committee was called to order by Catherine Prato-Lefkowitz PhD, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing Education, at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy, #B300, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 and via videoconference with the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Ste. 300, Reno, Nevada, 89502.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Catherine Prato-Lefkowitz, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE Board Director of Nursing Education, Chair  
Kimberly Baxter, DNP, APRN, FNP  
Mary Chalfant, MS, BSN, RN  
Sherrilyn Coffman, PhD, RN  
Irene Coons, PhD, RN, CNE  
Jody Covert, MSN, RN  
Mya Daily, BSN, RN, CFRN, NRP  
Amber Donnelly, PhD, RN, CNE  
Josh Hamilton, RN, NP, CNE  
Andrea Highfill, MSN, RN  
Judith Hightower, PhD, M.Ed., RN  
Branden Murphy, BSN, RN  
Renegade Scott-Feagle, MSN/Ed, RN, CNOR  
Marianne Tejada, DNP, MSN, RN, PHN

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Coldsmith, RN, MSN, DNP, NEA-BC  
Judith Cordia, PhD, MSN, RN  
Tricia Gatlin, PhD, RN, CNE  
Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN, CAPA  
Julia Millard, MSN, RN

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jeannette Calderon, Education Support Specialist, NSBN  
Susan Drossulis, MSN, RN, OCN-BC  
Carol Entress  
Petros Gemechis, RN  
Elisa Giglio-Siudzinski, MSN, RN, CCRN  
Barbara Halle, RN  
Donna Lister, PhD, MSN, RN  
Tamera Mette, MSN, RN  
Joanne Olsen, PhD, RN, CPHQ, CPSO  
Melodie Osborn, MBA, BSN, RN  
Brian C. Oxhorn, PhD, RN  
Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN  
Casey Shillam, PhD, RN

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 26, 2018 meetings were reviewed and approved as written. MOTION CARRIED.
- B. OLD BUSINESS –
1. Review and discussion regarding workgroup follow-up report on faculty ratio regulations and standards: There is no report from the workgroup.
  2. Review and discussion regarding workgroup follow-up report on facilitating competency in clinical faculty: There is no report from the workgroup.
  3. Review and discussion regarding workgroup follow-up report on facilitating collaboration between faculty and facility partnerships: There is no report from the workgroup.
  4. Review and discussion regarding workgroup follow-up report on the simulation taskforce: C. Prato provided an updated on behalf of Jessica Doolen workgroup chair. Simulation resource team is working on writing simulation scenarios on sepsis, which is the number one reason for hospitalization in Nevada. Scenarios will be supported with current evidence-based best practices.
  5. Review and discussion regarding NCLab, Inc. and the integration of IT curriculum in nursing programs: C. Prato informed the committee that NCLab is working on creating a scenario on sepsis and will provide an update at the next committee meeting.
- C. NEW BUSINESS –
1. Review and discussion regarding NCLEX first time pass rates for 2018: C. Prato shared the year to date NCLEX pass rates with the committee.
  2. Review and discussion regarding safe injection practice articles: R. Scott-Feagle share articles on safe injection best practices due to concern that not enough education on safe injection practices is being provided. M. Chalfant stated that education may not be the issue, it may be a practice issue on accountability. Other committee members shared same concerns. C. Prato informed committee that articles are being shared with senior nursing students during the Board's licensure presentation. Committee agreed to continue discussion during the next meeting.
  3. Review and discussion regarding Mountain Measurement analysis: Item moved to the next meeting agenda.
  4. Review and discussion regarding final semester senior nursing/NCLEX course: Item moved to the next meeting agenda.
  5. Review, discussion and action regarding approval and recommendation to the Board Chamberlain University's request to increase nursing student enrollment: Campus President, Dr. Judith Hightower presented proposal to increase enrollment to up to total of 300 students on campus. C. Prato informed committee that Chamberlain University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and was fully approved by the Board in January 2018. Committee members concern regarding clinical placement for increased number of nursing students. It was moved and seconded the committee recommend the Board deny increased enrollment. MOTION NOT CARRIED.
  6. Review, discussion and action regarding approval and recommendation to the Board of the Southern Utah University Department of Nursing (SUUDON) request to conduct clinical experience in Nevada: Department of Nursing Chair, Dr. Donna Lister presented proposal. She provided nursing program history and background. Dr. Lister stated program would only be placing 1-2 groups of 8 students per semester in an acute pediatric experience at Sunrise Hospital. Committee shared concern regarding limited specialty clinical placements in Nevada, especially pediatrics. B. Oxhorn shared knowledge of clinical placements in Utah as Roseman University has a campus in Utah, he stated placement is very selective and informally ranked making it difficult for nursing programs to find placements. It was moved and seconded the committee recommend the Board deny SUUDON request to conduct clinical experience in Nevada. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Review, discussion and action regarding approval and recommendation to the Board of the University of Portland request to conduct clinical experience in Nevada: Casey Shillam, Undergraduate Associate Dean, Joanne Olsen, Assistant Professor, and Melodie Osborn, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at Renown Health presented proposal. They provided nursing program background, history and accomplishments. They informed the committee that a partnership with Renown Health has been created to provide preceptor to 2-6 nursing students in their capstone course. Committee was informed that students will be placed across the Renown Health system and will be sensitive to the Nevada nursing programs in the Reno area. Committee concerned with limited clinical placements, those members with affiliations to Reno nursing programs were also concern that Renown had not expressed desire to provide more placements to their student as most are Nevada citizen with goals to pursue nursing practice in Nevada and fill their needs of more nurses. B. Murphy stated he looks forward to a follow-up report in a year. B. Oxhorn stated that proposal is supported by Renown as they are on the phone with the University. It was moved and seconded the committee recommend the Board approve University of Portland request to conduct clinical experience in Nevada. MOTION NOT CARRIED.
8. Review, discussion and action regarding approval and recommendation to the Board of revisions to the Requests for Waiver of Faculty Education Requirements Board Policy: A. Donnelly presented proposed change to the policy, changes include, remove requirement for bachelor's prepared faculty to enroll in a master's level nursing program to renew waiver after the first 12 months, remove requirements to renew waiver by the Board and implement an annual review by dean/director on faculty development, reduce clinical practice requirements from 5 years to 4 years. It was moved and seconded the committee recommend the Board approve revisions to the policy. MOTION CARRIED.
9. Review, discussion and action regarding approval and recommendation to the Board of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas curriculum change on NURS 320 Pharmacology and Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan and NURS 401 Nursing Care of Older Adults: C. Prato presented proposed curriculum change on behalf of UNLV. It was moved and seconded the committee recommend the Board approve UNLV's proposal curriculum change. MOTION CARRIED.
10. Review and discussion regarding the University of Nevada, Las Vegas dedicated education units update: UNLV was not presented to provide an update on the dedicated education unit.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Discuss philosophy for future proposals on long-distance education
- Discuss nursing student numbers and placements
- Follow-up from all workgroups
- Follow-up on NCLab
- Final semester senior nursing/NCLEX course faculty group
- Mountain Measurement analysis
- Safe injection practice articles

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.