

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## MINUTES EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING August 21, 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	Sherrilyn Coffman, PhD, RN
John Coldsmith, MSN, RN, CRNI	Judith Cordia, PhD, MSN, RN
Amber Donnelly, PhD, RN, CNE	Dominic Etli, MSN, RN
Dina Faucher, PhD, RN	Laura Fillmore, DNP, RN
Lilly Gonzales, MSN, MA, RN	Andrea Highfill, BSN, RN
Mary Ann Lambert, MSN, RN	Wendy Merchant, MSN, RN
Carrie O'Reilly, PhD, MSN, RN	Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN
Patsy Ruchala, DNSc, RN	Maureen Scott-Feagle, MSN/Ed, RN, CNOR

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Connie Carpenter, EdD, RN	Jody Covert, MSN, RN
Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN, CAPA	Heather Lockert, RN

### OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director	Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Chris Sansom, RN, MSN, Director of Operations	Jeannette Calderon, Management Assistant
Deborah Ain, MSN, RN	Adnan Al Mouazzen, MPH, BSN, RN
Mary Chalfant, RN, MS	Katherine Cylke, DNP, RN
Catherine D'Amico, PhD, RN, NEA	Diane Elmore, PhD, RN, CNE
Ludy Llasus, PhD, MSN, NP-c	Neal Rosenburg, PhD, COI, RN
Ruby Wertz, MSHA, BSN, RN	

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- M. Scott-Feagle informed the committee that the University Medical Center had a successful Joint Commission survey.
- R. Colosimo announced that the Nevada State Board of Nursing received National Council of State Boards of Nursing's 2014 Regulatory Achievement Award.
- P. Ruchala informed the committee that the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) will be holding its semiannual meeting in October and the agenda can be found online.
- J. Coldsmith informed the committee that the Nevada Organization of Nurse Leaders (NONL) is partnering with the Nevada Nurses Association (NNA) to hold its annual conference in Las Vegas. The theme of the conference is Leading Something Extraordinary. It will be held November 16-18, 2014 and the agenda is available on NONL's website.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the April 17, 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: R. Colosimo explained that the revisions discussed by the committee were reviewed during the July Board meeting and overall the Board was pleased. The regulations must now be reviewed by legal counsel. R. Colosimo will keep the committee informed of the progress of the regulation revisions.
- C. NEW BUSINESS** -
1. Orientation of new committee members: R. Colosimo welcomed Judith Cordia back to the committee.
  2. NCSBN and NSBN updates - Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director
    - a. Legislative Update: D. Scott informed the committee of various bills related to healthcare that will be addressed during the upcoming legislative session, including:
      - Staffing requirements;
      - APRNs issuing death certificates and signing off on disability privileges; and
      - APRNs utilizing the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
    - b. NSBN Update: C. Sansom shared some 2013/2014 fiscal year statistics related to NSBN. She explained that examination and endorsement applications have increased 14%, certified nursing assistant applications increased 15%, and APRN license holders have increased 20%. In addition, the numbers of complaints and investigations have also increased and the majority of complaints result from continuing education audits. She explained that NSBN's Annual Report, including all of the statistics, can be found on our website.
    - c. NCSBN Update: D. Scott explained that NCSBN is considering changing the nurse licensure compact to include a fingerprinting requirement.
  3. Review and discussion regarding NCLEX first time pass rates for the second quarter of 2014 and YTD: The NCLEX first time pass rates for all Nevada's fully approved programs are above 90%.
  4. Review and discussion regarding Florida rules for NCLEX attempts: The committee reviewed a Florida bill that was passed with the intent of improving Florida's low NCLEX scores. One of the requirements is that first time test takers must take the NCLEX within 6 months of graduation. The committee agreed that Nevada should consider adding this requirement as well. R. Colosimo will collaborate with legal counsel to determine how to move forward with this recommendation.
  5. Review and discussion regarding Nevada State College (NSC) request for increased admissions: N. Rosenberg presented this agenda item and welcomed feedback from the committee. NSC currently has a regular, part-time and accelerated track. The accelerated track will be phased out and the last cohort will be accepted in the fall of 2014. The part-time track currently admits 16 students twice a year, however, this is the most popular track and NSC is requesting to admit 32 students three times a year. The regular track currently admits 16 students twice a year and NSC proposes to increase this to 32 students twice a year. Full-time faculty will be utilized at capacity. Currently, NSC has a 1:16 faculty to student ratio in theory courses. With the proposed changes the faculty to student ration will become 1:32, which is the average size of a cohort of students. Adjunct or part-time clinical instructors will move to full-time clinical instructors to minimize the hiring of new faculty. The Board of Regents tuition increase will become effective in December 2014 which will permit the hiring of a Director of Academic Success and Retention and an additional Administrative Assistant. The school of nursing will have its own building on the main NSC campus by the fall of 2015 and can accommodate the program's growth. Clinical placement was discussed and it was determined that facilities are expanding and a new hospital will be opening which can accommodate increased admissions. The committee was in support of the increased admissions as proposed by NSC.

6. Review and discussion regarding Roseman University request for curriculum change: Roseman University has a block curriculum and courses are in blocks of 10 weeks. The program has a course requirement that students achieve a 90% in order to continue in the nursing program. Retention is low in the beginning of the program due to the rigor of the program; therefore, they are requesting to change the curriculum to introduce a remediation course earlier in the program. In order to introduce a two-week remediation period, the program will have to do minor credit hour reductions. Maternal/newborn and pediatric clinical will both be reduced by 20 hours and adult health II clinical will be reduced by 40 hours. The committee supported changes proposed by Roseman University.
7. Review and discussion regarding the Medic to LPN program at CSN: D. Ain presented the military medic/corpsman to practical nursing program. The program is a total of 15 credits and is 4 courses in one semester. The pre-requisites for the program include a high school diploma or GED, English 101, active duty, guard, reserve or veteran who was honorably discharged within 3 years and completed military health care training. Health care training includes, Basic Medical Technician Corpsman with the Navy or Air Force, Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician or Army Health Care Specialist. The 4 nursing courses are Adult Health Nursing I and II, Family Nursing and Leadership/Management. The cost of the program is \$1,390 and funding is available to students with the GI Bill, tuition assistance or the Workforce Investment Act. Challenges may include clinical affiliation agreements, continued curriculum process, transferring military medical courses to CSN transcripts and recruiting. The committee provided feedback and gave recommendations regarding advertising for the program.
8. Review, discussion and action regarding the Sigma Theta Tau refresher course: College of Southern Nevada is currently the only refresher program in Nevada. There are online refresher programs but nurses must find their own preceptor, which is difficult unless they have continued relationships with the nursing community or their former employer. The committee reviewed the Sigma Theta Tau refresher course objectives but requested more information before deciding to support or oppose of the program.
9. Review and discussion regarding updates concerning ACEN number of credits: W. Merchant shared that she attended the Arizona Board of Nursing (AZBON) Education Advisory Committee meeting that discussed the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) proposal to cut nursing program credits. She explained that a subcommittee has been formed to investigate the decrease of credits and the national average of credits. In April 2014 the AZBON placed a hold on approving any associate degree nursing programs based on ACEN requirements. A white paper will be sent to the Department of Education concerning the ACEN decrease in credits.
10. Review and discussion regarding Everest College request for curriculum change: This item was removed from the agenda.
11. Review and discussion regarding evidenced based article: The committee discussed the article *NCSBN National Simulation Study: A Longitudinal, Randomized, Controlled Study Placing Clinical Hours with Simulation in Prelicensure Nursing Education* featured in the July 2014 issue of the Journal of Nursing Regulation

**D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** There were no recommendations for agenda items for the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- R. Colosimo announced that the next Education Advisory Committee meeting will be held on October 16, 2014.
- P. Ruchala announced that Orvis School of Nursing at UNR is developing an acute gerontology nurse practitioner program to begin in the fall of 2015.
- D. Scott informed the committee that the Nevada State Board of Nursing has launched a Facebook page as part of its social media campaign.

- D. Scott explained that although the NCSBN Model Act and Rules regarding distance learning education was approved at the 2014 NCSBN Annual meeting, Nevada is not in favor of the model act and is not required to adopt it.
- R. Colosimo announced that Barbara Fraser, Sunrise Hospital educator and former committee member has retired.
- The committee was informed that Connie Carpenter has retired from Nevada Career Institute and Katherine Cylke is the new Director of Nursing.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.