

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING April 16, 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

Mary Chalfant, MS, BSN, RN	Judith Hightower, PhD, M.Ed, RN
Sherrilyn Coffman, PhD, RN	Mary Ann Lambert, MSN, RN
Jody Covert, MSN, RN	Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN, CAPA
Amber Donnelly, PhD, RN, CNE	Heather Lockert, RN
Lilly Gonzales, MSN, MA, RN	Wendy Merchant, MSN, RN
Andrea Highfill, BSN, RN	Maureen Scott-Feagle, MSN/Ed, RN, CNOR

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Adamek, MSN, RN	Dina Faucher, PhD, RN
John Coldsmith, MSN, RN, CRNI	Carrie O'Reilly, PhD, MSN, RN
Judith Cordia, PhD, MSN, RN	Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN
Dominic Etl, MSN, RN	Patsy Ruchala, DNSc, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Jeannette Calderon, Management Assistant

Julie Aiken, MSN-Ed, RN, CNE	Patricia Riede, MSN, MBA, RN, CNE
Connie Carpenter, EdD, RN	Rose Saunders, RN, EdD, CNE
Nick Mansour	Julie Siemers, DNP, RN
Melissa Popovich, DNP, RN, CNE	Mable Smith, PhD, JD, MN, RN
Kimberly Baxter, MSN, RN, FNP-BC	

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- The committee welcomed the new Board liaison for the Education Advisory Committee, Rick Carrauthers, LPN Board Member.
- The committee welcomed new committee member Judith Hightower with Chamberlain College.
- The committee was informed of the upcoming Southern Nevada Clinical Faculty Workshop on May 1, 2015 that will be held at the College of Southern Nevada.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the January 22, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and discussion regarding NAC 632.640-632.680 draft revisions reviewed by legal and LCB: R. Colosimo informed the committee that the revised regulations are still being reviewed by the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).
2. Review discussion and action regarding the Sigma Theta Tau refresher course: R. Colosimo informed the committee that we have no additional information at this time but an update will be provided at the next committee meeting.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. NCSBN and NSBN updates - Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director and Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
 - a. Legislative Update: F. Olmstead gave the committee a legislative update regarding pending Assembly and Senate Bills that, if passed, will affect nursing practice in Nevada, including:
 - A Bill outlining staffing ratios;
 - A Bill related to APRNs' giving medical clearance and initiating psychiatric holds;
 - A Bill requiring all healthcare professionals to complete a 2 hour continuing education course related to suicide prevention;
 - A Bill requiring all prescribers to enroll in the Nevada Prescription Monitoring Program; and
 - A Bill requiring telehealth nurses to be licensed in the state where their patient is located.
 - b. NCSBN Update: National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) is revising the current Nurse Licensure Compact. Revisions include the addition of the Uniform Licensure Requirements previously adopted by the NCSBN including a requirement that nurses must have completed a criminal background check. In addition, NCSBN's CEO, Kathy Apple, will be retiring in September. A national search for her replacement has begun.
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. Kaplan College RN program and Nevada Career Institute are both below 80%.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding Arizona College proposed application for a baccalaureate nursing program: R. Colosimo informed the committee that Arizona College is a new program and their curriculum was developed by a former faculty member of Arizona State University. They have been consulting with well known Nevada educators and have hired a firm to help find a Director of Nursing. R. Saunders, Dean of the Mesa campus, presented the proposed application. She informed the committee that Arizona College was established in 1991 with different education programs and nursing was first introduced in 2014. They are proposing a baccalaureate program that is 120 credits; 50 general education credits and 70 nursing education credits. Students will need to come in with all general education credits or take courses with Keiser University which is an affiliated school. They anticipate enrolling 24 students three times a year. The first cohort in Las Vegas will begin in May 2016. The curriculum is community based with 25% of clinical completed in community settings, 25% in simulation and 50% in acute settings. The committee was supportive of the community focus.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding AmeriTech College proposed application for an associate degree nursing program: R. Colosimo informed the committee that AmeriTech College has been established in Draper, UT since 2006. They have ACEN programmatic accreditation and its NCLEX first time pass rates have been above 85% for the past 3 years. J. Aiken, Director of Nursing at the Draper campus informed the committee that this is an entry level program. The admission process is rigorous to ensure that students have the capability to complete the nursing program. This is a 72 credit program to be completed in 5 semesters; 38 credits in general education, 2 credit nursing math and 42

credits in nursing courses. Responding to committee questions, J. Aiken explained that microbiology is imbedded in 2 pathophysiology courses which are very rigorous. M. Popovich added that faculty receive \$1,500 a year for faculty development, conferences, and other continuing education opportunities as well as \$5,250 year on tuition reimbursement. J. Aiken explained that they anticipate having a successful program in Nevada and if they are not successful they will remove themselves.

5. Review, discussion and action regarding Roseman University change in admission requirements for their accelerated BSN students: Dean M. Smith informed the committee that at this time they require a bachelor's degree to be admitted into their accelerated program and many applicants are turned away because they lack a bachelor's degree but have many transferable credits. Eliminating the bachelor's degree requirement will allow for more military members with various college credits to be admitted into the program. M. Smith clarified that this is the only component that is being changed in their admission criteria. The committee was in support of the change due, in part; to the program's NCLEX first time pass rate success.
6. Review and discussion regarding exploring different options for nursing education evaluations and English proficiency examinations for international nursing graduates: This agenda item was removed.
7. Review, discussion and action regarding College of Southern Nevada proposed curriculum change for their ADN program: RN Program Director P. Riede presented the proposed curriculum change. It is a concept-based curriculum and will decrease the program credits from 72 to 61.5 and from 6 to 5 semesters. Students will begin taking nursing courses in second semester and pharmacology and mental health nursing will be integrated in the program. J. Covert from Truckee Meadow Community College explained that they moved to concept-based curriculum in 2008 which integrated pharmacology throughout other courses but they had difficulty with their students, therefore they decided to change the curriculum back to include a separate pharmacology course. The committee was in support of the curriculum revisions.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- The committee will continue exploring other service providers for the English proficiency examination and international nursing graduate transcript evaluation services.
- The Sigma Theta Tau refresher course will be reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- The committee was cautioned about a monetary scam targeting nurses.
- R. Colosimo announced that the next Education Advisory Committee meeting will be held on August 20, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.