

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING January 21, 2016

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, CNE, 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

Catherine Prato-Lefkowitz, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE Board Education Consultant, Chair
Rick Carrauthers, LPN Board Member Liaison

Susan Adamek, MSN, RN	Andrea Highfill, BSN, RN
Mary Chalfant, MS, BSN, RN	Judith Hightower, PhD, M.Ed, RN
Sherrilyn Coffman, PhD, RN	Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN, CAPA
John Coldsmith, MSN, RN, CRNI	Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN
Judith Cordia, PhD, MSN, RN	Maureen Scott-Feagle, MSN/Ed, RN, CNOR
Jody Covert, MSN, RN	Julie Siemers, DNP, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Amber Donnelly, PhD, RN, CNE	Wendy Merchant, MSN, RN
Dina Faucher, PhD, RN	Patsy Ruchala, DNSc, RN
Mary Ann Lambert, MSN, RN	

OTHERS PRESENT

Cathy Dinaeur, MSN, RN, Executive Director
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Jeannette Calderon, Management Assistant
Katherine Cylke, DNP, RN
Branden Murphy, RN
Jessica Doolen, PhD, RN, CNE
Cindy Peterson, RN, CLNC, CHCQM, Board staff
Kimberly LaMar

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- J. Siemers requested Board staff to follow-up with Roseman University regarding the Antimicrobial Stewardship Conference.
- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the October 15, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
- B. OLD BUSINESS -**
- C. NEW BUSINESS -**
1. NCSBN and NSBN updates – Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
 - a. NSBN Update: Cathy Dinaeur is the new Board Executive Director, Catherine Prato is the new Education Consultant and Sam McCord is the new Associate Director of Nursing Practice.

During the January Board meeting, the Board made a decision to adopt amended regulations regarding nursing education, LPN practice, and APRN qualifications related to mental health.

b. NCSBN Update: No business.

2. Review and discussion regarding NCLEX first time pass rates for CY15: C. Prato shared the official 2015 NCLEX first time pass rates; overall the state is doing well. Carrington-ADN is at 94.88%, CSN-ADN is at 88.57%, Everest-ADN is at 90.63%, Great Basin College-ADN achieved 100%, NSC-BSN is at 97.78%, Roseman-BSN is at 93.04%, Touro-BSN is at 96.30%, TMCC-ADN is at 97.87%, UNLV-BSN is at 97.62%, UNR-BSN is at 95.24%, WNC-ADN achieved 100%, CSN-LPN is at 73.33%, NCI-LPN is at 77.08% and Brightwood-LPN, formally known as Kaplan is at 78.67%.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding Chamberlain College of Nursing's request to add an LPN to BSN proficiency credit option: Agenda item removed per F. Olmstead.
4. Review and discussion regarding exam integrity: Touro Undergraduate BSN Coordinator J. Siemers informed the committee regarding an incident; student came forward and admitted to having direct visual access to test banks from Elsevier. When students were questioned by the Dean it was discovered that the questions were found by mistake when searching the Internet for practice questions. Elsevier has been informed and are working on legal charges against the Internet source. J. Siemers contacted Elsevier and was informed that test questions are not copyrighted and they encourage nursing programs to change questions. C. Perna shared that UNLV purchased test banks from Elsevier a few years ago and they helped educate their faculty on test question writing. K. Baxter from UNR informed the committee about a similar incident with their students a few years ago. Committee members spoke regarding concern about the lack of civility and integrity of students and how it may spill over into practice once they become nurses. M. Chalfant expressed concern about students being able to graduate from a program by cheating. K. Cylke stated that the NCLEX is the benchmark and the last safety net to insure minimal competency. Committee continued the discussion regarding concerns with the NCLEX passing standards and the lack of clinical practice evaluation. The committee agreed to continue discussion at the next Education Advisory Committee.
5. Review and discussion regarding comparisons between simulation and clinical hours: J. Doolen introduced the discussion stating that Nevada educators should start the conversation and lead the way with high-fidelity simulation standardization. J. Doolen continued by stating if all students in the state in every program are able to maintain the same standards and offer the same experiences, students will be educated at the same level. R. Carrathers stated instructors would need to be trained in high-fidelity simulation. Committee members expressed interest and agreed to continue the conversation. J. Doolen will be sending several articles regarding simulation in nursing education to Board staff, which then will be distributed to committee members to discuss at the next EAC meeting.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- HESI conversion scores
- Alternative clinical models with simulation
- Presentation from NCSBN representative on NCLEX

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- S. Adamek announced there have been changes at the St. Rose, Siena campus; there is no longer a dedicated oncology unit, there are now two blended IMC units with a diversity of patients and the OB unit has been expanded.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.