

Nevada State Board of NURSING

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 17 - 18, 2018

The Meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing was called to order by President, Deena McKenzie, MSN, RN, NSML at 8:33 a.m. on January 17, 2018 at SpringHill Suites Marriott, 2989 Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Deena McKenzie, MSN, RN, NSML, President
Susan VanBeuge, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE, FAANP, Vice-President
Jacob Watts, CNA, Secretary
Mary-Ann Brown, MSN, RN, RN member
Ovidia McGuinness, LPN, LPN member
Richelle O'Driscoll, BA, MA, Consumer member
Jay Tan, DNP, APRN, RN, RN member

OTHERS PRESENT

Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN, Executive Director
Sophia Long, Deputy Attorney General, Board Counsel
Sam McCord, BSN, RN, Director for Nursing Practice
Catherine Prato-Lefkowitz, PhD, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing Education (1/17)
Sheryl Giordano, APRN-C
Jeannette Calderon, Education Support Specialist
Rhoda Hernandez, IT Technician
Marsalena Moore (1/18)
Kimberly A. Arguello, General Counsel
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel

CALL TO ORDER - 8:33 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Executive Director, C. Dinauer, introduced and welcomed new Board member Richelle O'Driscoll.

Lori O'Toole introduced the Board to a new organization, Western Regional Advanced Practice Nurses Network (WRAPNN). Board members include; Lori O'Toole, President; Teresa Praus, Vice President; and Maileen Ulep-Reed, Secretary. WRAPNN was established to help collaboration, education and networking of APRNs. WRAPNN plans to collaborate in the future with other western region nursing organizations in the United States. The first continuing education event will be held by on March 17, 2018, and will include education on suicide prevention, AB474, and other topics related to APRNs.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda, identified as agenda items: A.1-3, D.1.a-e, D.2.a.-m. Items removed: D.1.f. MOTION CARRIED.

A. BOARD GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Approval of the November 15-16, 2017, Board meeting minutes: Approved under the consent agenda.
2. Progress report on Board Goals and Objectives: Approved under the consent agenda.
3. Review of the Tentative NSBN 2019 Calendar: Approved under the consent agenda.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding new and revised policies to meet the Board's order changing NSBN monitoring procedures: Director for Nursing Practice, S. McCord, presented the three revised policies. S. McCord identified the algorithms related to the monitoring procedures that were presented at the last Board meeting are tied together with the policies presented at this Board meeting. Policies provided as follows:
 - Board Requests for Evaluations: Board members reviewed the policy with the associated algorithm. Board members requested a standardized form to be completed by all evaluators, so that evaluation is objective not subjective. Board staff will work on developing the form. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Board Requests for Evaluation Policy with addition of a form to be completed by evaluators. MOTION CARRIED.
 - Board Approved Evaluator Protocol: Board members reviewed the policy with the associated algorithm. S. McCord informed the Board the policy provides information on qualifications to be an evaluator. S. McCord clarified that not all evaluators have to be approved by the Board but all evaluators must meet the qualification set forth in the policy. Board members appreciated the clause regarding privacy and requirements to sign a confidentiality agreement. It was moved and seconded the Board approve the Board Approved Evaluator Protocol Policy. MOTION CARRIED.
 - Successful completion of Probation: Board members reviewed the policy with the associated algorithm. S. McCord informed the Board that the policy was revised to remove previous process which included the Professional Evaluation Group and associated Board fees. He continued to state that the main revision to the policy is the individual will no longer have to wait until a scheduled Board meeting to terminate the probation, termination of the order of probation will be in effect as soon as all requirements have been met and verified by Board staff. Board members requested to encourage those that complete probation to attend the following meeting for public acknowledgment of successful completion, Board staff stated they will encourage them to attend and speak during public comment. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Successful Completion of Probation Policy. MOTION CARRIED.
5. Executive Director Report
 - a. eNLC Update: Executive Director, C. Dinauer, proved a detailed strategic plan to seek a sponsor for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC); 26 states are now

- a part of the compact. C. Dinauer stated that she is working and pulling various stakeholders for support. C. Dinauer plans to attend sessions about eNLC during the NCSBN Mid-Year meeting in March 2018.
- b. AB474 Update: C. Dinauer provided an update on the implementation of AB474. She took this opportunity to thank the many practitioners and prescribers for their questions and support which has made the implementation a smooth transition.
 - c. Activity Report: C. Dinauer asked Board Counsel, K. Arguello, to speak on Board activity. K. Arguello provided an update on the implementation of the Optimal Regulatory Board System (ORBS), stating Board processes are being reviewed and configured to best fit the needs of the Nevada State Board of Nursing into ORBS. K. Arguello wanted to acknowledge and thank all Board staff, including those hired to work on data migration for working with the ORBS team. Once data migration is complete Board staff will be testing the system. ORBS will be providing training to Board staff administrators to prepare for the launch. C. Dinauer informed Board members about a notice of hearing before the Sunset Subcommittee, which is a subcommittee of the Nevada Legislative Commission. The Sunset Subcommittee determines whether those entities should be continued, modified, consolidated with another board or commission, or terminated. The Subcommittee is reviewing the Nevada State Board of Nursing and the CNA Advisory Committee at its March 21, 2018 meeting.
6. Review, discussion and action regarding the proposed Capital Asset Policy: General Counsel, F. Olmstead, presented the new policy which was recommended by the auditor. He continued by stating the Nevada State Capital Asset Policy was used as a template for the Board. Any single asset with a cost of \$10,000 or greater shall require Board approval prior to purchase. Board members were concerned with policy including land and building expenses as the Board is not able to purchase land or buildings. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Nevada State Capital Asset Policy with the elimination of land, building and building improvement sections. MOTION CARRIED.
 7. Review and discuss of Q2 financial report: Board members reviewed the second quarter report of the Fiscal Year 17-18 Financials. F. Olmstead provided updated income actual to budget and expenses actual to budget. Board members acknowledged an appreciation for the overview, graphs and assets provided in the report.
 8. Notice of Proposed Regulation Public Adoption Hearing: F. Olmstead presented proposed adopted, amended or repealed for NAC 632.210, 632.211 as LCB File No. R125-17. Board members reviewed the file. Board staff explained revisions include establishment of an advisory committee concerning the practice of licensed practical nursing and the role of the advisory committee concerning impairment and substance abuse. An Impact on Small Business Report was conducted and results found there to be no impact. A workshop was held on December 18, 2017, there were no verbal or written comments regarding the proposed regulation. Additionally, there were no verbal or written comments regarding the proposed regulation submitted at the hearing. It was moved and seconded the Board adopt LCB File No. R125-17 as written. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Notice of Proposed Regulation Public Adoption Hearing: F. Olmstead provided Board members a summary of the legislative process of adoption, amendment, and repeal of regulations. During the 79th Session of the Nevada Legislature Senate Bill No. 227 was passed and required the Board adopt regulations prescribing the psychiatric training and experience necessary before an APRN may complete the evaluations. An Impact on Small Business report was conducted and results found there to be no impact. A workshop was held on December 18, 2017, there were no verbal or written comments regarding the proposed regulation. Additionally, there were no verbal or written comments regarding the proposed regulation submitted at the Public Adoption Hearing. Board members reviewed LCB File No. R126-17. It was moved and seconded the Board adopt LCB File No. R126-17 as written. MOTION CARRIED.

B. LICENSURE PROGRAMS - No Business

C. CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

1. Review and discussion regarding Headmaster CNA Certification Exam pass rates for 2017: Director of Nursing Education, C. Prato-Lefkowitz, reviewed the 2017 Headmaster scores for all nursing assistant training programs in Nevada. C. Prato-Lefkowitz continued by stating that she sent out an end-of-the year report to all programs and requested a plan of action for those programs below 80%. The Headmaster candidate handbook was updated during the November Headmaster annual review. Board members asked what will happen if programs continue to perform below standard. C. Prato-Lefkowitz stated programs will be placed on the Board agenda to approve their action plans. Board members expressed concern with half of the state being below standard. Board members requested Board staff collect more information and bring a 2-year analysis to include what and if action was taken for improvement exam results and any other variables to help with success.

D. DISCIPLINE PROGRAMS

1. Applications (initial and renewal in question)
 - a. Suarez, Gabamel, CNA003053: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.415 unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890(26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation and ordered the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and published and reported to all agencies. Approved under the consent agenda.
 - b. Deleo, Rosenettie, CNA012912: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.415 unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890(26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation and ordered the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and published and reported to all agencies. Approved under the consent agenda.
 - c. Steward-Smith, Tisha, CNA016895: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.415 unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890(26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation, and (37) practice without a valid license/certificate, and ordered the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and published and reported to all agencies. Approved under the consent agenda.

- d. Ortega, Carlotta, CNA0 19479: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.415 unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890(26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation and ordered the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and published and reported to all agencies. Approved under the consent agenda.
- e. Lee, Marissa, CNA014807: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.415 unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890(26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation and ordered the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and published and reported to all agencies. Approved under the consent agenda.
- f. Thompson, Charlotte, CNA024468: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the renewal application. MOTION CARRIED.
- g. Martin, Tenisha, CNA026039: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the renewal application and ordered she be reprimanded, fined in the amount of fifty dollars and successfully complete Legal Ethics in Nursing and the Nevada Nurse Practice Act within thirty days or the certificate will be automatically suspended and ordered the discipline become part of the applicant's permanent record and published and reported to all agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- h. Madison, D Finest, CNA027274: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement of Reprimand and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.415 unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890(26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation. MOTION CARRIED.
- i. Cotton III, Norman, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the application for certification for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(b) criminal conviction and ordered the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and published and reported to all agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- j. De Leon, Nicanor, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the application for certification for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(b) criminal conviction and ordered the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and published and reported to all agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- k. Esbrook, Amity, RN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the application for licensure for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(b) criminal conviction, and (1)(m) action in another state and ordered the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and published and reported to all agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- l. Melia, Patricia, RN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the application for licensure for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(m) action in another state and ordered the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and published and reported to all agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- m. Moe, Jessica, CNA applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the application for certificate for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(n) because Applicant has engaged in conduct likely to endanger the general public and ordered the denial become part of the applicant's

permanent record and published and reported to all agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

- n. Ramirez, Alejandro, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application. MOTION CARRIED.
- o. Torres, Mary, RN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application. MOTION CARRIED.
- p. Walter, Jon, RN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Settlement agreements

- a. Friling, Erin, RN88869: Agreement for Reprimand and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.890(16) failing to properly document controlled substances, (20) inaccurate recording, falsifying and (27) failing to perform nursing functions in a manner consistent with established or customary standards. Approved under the consent agenda
- b. Benedito, Michael, RN39909: Agreement for Reprimand and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.890(24) failing to collaborate with the health care team, (27) failing to perform nursing functions in a manner consistent with established or customary standards and (40) medication error. Approved under the consent agenda
- c. Saderup, Leslee, RN24173: Agreement for Reprimand and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890(20) inaccurate recording/falsifying, (22) patient abandonment and (33) neglecting a patient. Approved under the consent agenda
- d. Morrow, Chamika, CNA030496: Agreement for Reprimand and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890(27) failing to perform nursing functions in a manner consistent with established or customary standards. Approved under the consent agenda
- e. Layug, Asuncion, RN46605: Agreement for Reprimand and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (2) practicing beyond scope and (24) failing to collaborate with a health care team. Approved under the consent agenda
- f. McGibbon, Deanna, CNA026162: Agreement for Reprimand, Fine and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890(37) practicing without an active license. Approved under the consent agenda
- g. Mitchell, La Tasha, CNA014627: Agreement for Reprimand, Fine, and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, NAC 632.415 unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890(26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation. Approved under the consent agenda
- h. Kemp, Suzanne, RN61457: Agreement for Reprimand, Fine, and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890(37) practicing without an active license. Approved under the consent agenda
- i. Lewis, Nicole, LPN 17293: Agreement for Reprimand and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890(8) failing to safeguard, and (27) failing to perform nursing

functions in a manner consistent with established or customary standards.

Approved under the consent agenda

- j. Yesslith, Mia, CNA033475: Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, (1)(o) failing to comply with a Board order and NAC 632.890(36) failing to comply. Approved under the consent agenda
- k. Destefano, Christine, RN46497: Agreement for Suspension and Probation for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(e) uses controlled substances, dangerous drugs or intoxicating liquor, (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and (1)(o) failing to comply with Board order, and NAC 632.890 (36) failing to comply. Approved under the consent agenda
- l. Bartholomew, Andrea, RN82254: Voluntary Surrender of License for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890(18) diverting drugs for personal or unauthorized use. Approved under the consent agenda
- m. McCormick, Sharon, RN72844: Agreement for Reprimand for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890(16) failing to properly document controlled substances and (27) failing to perform nursing functions in a manner consistent with established or customary standards. Approved under the consent agenda

3. Successful completion of probation - No Business

4. Reinstatement of licensure/certification

- a. Price, Shatawn, RN70034: It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for reinstatement after completion of refresher course. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Formal administrative hearings

- a. Sody, Victoria, RN59637: Respondent was present. It was moved and seconded the Board find the Respondent in violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890(36) because Respondent failed to comply with a condition, limitation or restriction which has been placed on her license. It was moved and seconded that Respondent complete an evaluation for Substance Use Disorder from a Board-approved provider with a full assessment of addiction. Respondent must then submit the report with recommendations to the Board for further action. MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Shanks, Tyra, LPN 17785: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board find Respondent in violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890(24) because Respondent failed to collaborate with other members of health care team as necessary to meet the health needs of a patient. It was moved and seconded that Respondent be reprimanded. Further, Respondent must take and complete continuing education courses in Documentation for Nurses, Nurse Practice Act, and Critical Thinking in Nursing. These courses must be completed within three months. Failure to complete the courses will result in immediate suspension of Respondent's license without further proceedings until such time that Respondent completes the courses. Further, the reprimand shall become part of the Respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

- c. Davis, Tavon, CNA025085: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board find the Respondent in violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890(37) when Respondent practiced without an active certificate. It was moved and seconded Respondent be reprimanded. Further, Respondent is fined in the amount of \$200. Further, Respondent must take and complete the Nurse Practice Act course within 30 days. Failure to pay the fine and/or complete the course will result in automatic suspension of the Respondent's CNA certificate without further proceedings. Further, the discipline shall become part of Respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- d. Pittman, Aarion, CNA024660: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board close the case. MOTION CARRIED.
- e. Removed
- f. Rogers, Olga, LPN06481: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board find the Respondent in violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.415 unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890(26) because Respondent failed to abide by any state and federal statute or regulation relating to the practice of nursing. It was moved and seconded the Respondent be reprimanded. Further, Respondent is fined in the amount of \$200. Further, Respondent must take and complete Board-approved continuing education courses in the Nurse Practice Act, and Legal Ethics. The courses must be completed within 30 days. Failure to pay the fine and/or complete the courses within the time frame will result in automatic suspension of Respondent's license without further proceedings. The fine and reprimand shall become part of the Respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- g. Removed
- h. Marzette, Saquana, CNA035294: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board find the Respondent in violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890(42) because Respondent engaged in any other unprofessional conduct with a patient or client outside the acceptable professional boundaries in the profession. It was moved and seconded that Respondent's CNA certificate be revoked. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement for a period of two years. The discipline shall become part of the Respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- i. Singh, Arun, LPN10962: Respondent was not present, Counsel was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement for Reprimand, Fine, and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890(27) because Respondent failed to perform nursing functions in a manner consistent with established or customary standards and (40) when Respondent committed an error in the administration or delivery of medication to a patient. MOTION CARRIED.
- j. Henderson, Donnie, RN76308: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board continue the matter to the May 2018 Board Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.
- k. Fischer, John, RN72762: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board continue the matter to the March 2018 Board Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

- l. Munster, Denita, RN66419: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board continue matter to the March 2018 Board Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.
 - m. Spillman, Beverly, LPN16976: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement for Reprimand, Fine, and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890(16) when Respondent failed to document properly the administration of a controlled substance and (27) when Respondent failed to perform nursing functions in a manner consistent with established or customary standards. MOTION CARRIED.
 - n. Hjelm, Tiffany, RN66783: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board find the Respondent in violation of NRS 632.347(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, pursuant to NAC 632.890(2) when Respondent performed acts beyond the scope of practice of the practice of nursing and (16) when Respondent failed to document properly the administration of a controlled substance. It was moved and seconded Respondent's license be revoked. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement for two years. The discipline shall become part of the Respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
 - o. O' Donoghue, Patsy, RN62243: Respondent was present with Counsel. It was moved and seconded that no discipline be imposed. MOTION CARRIED.
6. Special Action
- a. Review, discussion and action regarding appointments to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee: It was moved and seconded the Board appoint Laura Kennedy, RN21452 and Anne Patriche, RN43274 to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED.
 - b. Review, discussion and action regarding reappointment to Nursing Practice Advisory Committee: It was moved and seconded the Board reappoint Abbie Pumey, APRN001624 to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED.
 - c. Review, discussion and action regarding application for Outpatient Treatment Aftercare Provider: It was moved and seconded the Board accept Paula Williams, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor as an Outpatient Treatment Aftercare Provider. MOTION CARRIED
 - d. Review, discussion and action regarding application for Substance Use Disorder Evaluation Provider: It was moved and seconded the Board accept Ethel Zentz, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor as a Substance Use Disorder Evaluation Provider. MOTION CARRIED
7. Ratification of staff denials - NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application - No Business
8. Ratification of staff denials - NRS 632.320 (1)(b) convictions - No Business

E. EDUCATION

- 1. Review and discussion regarding the NCLEX first time pass rates for 2017: C. Prato-Lefkowitz reviewed the 2017 NCLEX first-time pass rates for Nevada. All programs are above 80%, except College of Southern Nevada's LPN program. The LPN national average is 88.71 % and the RN national average is at 92.08%.

Nevada ranked 26 out of 53 for its LPN programs and 3 out of 55 for its RN programs in the U.S. States and Territories.

2. Review and discussion regarding provisionally approved nursing program six month reports: C. Prato-Lefkowitz reviewed the six month provisional report. Arizona College and Chamberlain University are the only two provisionally approved programs in Nevada. Arizona currently has five cohorts on campus and had its nursing accreditation survey by Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) completed in October of 2017. Survey results are not available, but Arizona hopes to be accredited before their first graduating class in April 2018. Chamberlain graduated their first class in early 2017, and has had above 80% for a full year. This will allow them to request full Board approval. Board members inquired about stability of nursing administration and faculty, C. Prato-Lefkowitz stated both programs are stable.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding accepting the Altierus Career College teach out plan. C. Prato-Lefkowitz provided a history of Altierus and explained their plan to teach-out. Dr. Meyash informed the Board that their current faculty is committed to stay until the teach-out is complete for all seven cohorts. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the teach-out plan, and that Altierus Career College report on progress at every Board meeting until the completion. MOTION CARRIED.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding accepting the College of Southern Nevada Associate Degree in Nursing Program proposed curriculum changes to reducing an obstetrics course to three credits from 4.5 and increasing a professional topics course to 3.5 from two credits in the fall 2018. C. Prato-Lefkowitz presented proposed changes stating they were reviewed and approved by the Education Advisory Committee. Dr. Coons stated changes were driven by student evaluation and supported by faculty. The program reduced credits for their pediatric course last year; the proposed change to the obstetrics course will mirror that course as they are taught in the same semester. Board members questioned the proposed changes to the professional topics course as it related to NCLEX preparation. Dr. Coons stated that was not a change to their original course. Board members found the new improvement relevant to today's nursing practice. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the College of Southern Nevada's proposed curriculum changes: reducing Obstetrics course to three credits from 4.5 and increasing Professional Topics to 3.5 from two credits in the fall 2018. MOTION CARRIED.
5. Review, discussion and action regarding accepting the Chamberlain College of Nursing request for full approval: C. Prato-Lefkowitz informed the Board that Chamberlain has meet requirements for full approval and has maintained above 80% NCLEX pass rate for 2017 with a rigorous program. Board members congratulated the program for working hard with students and emphasis on patient safety. Board members had questions regarding their Hispanic diversity track. Dr. Lamar stated the program is currently only being offered at their Phoenix, Arizona campus but the University plans to bring the program to Las Vegas in the future. It was moved and seconded the Board grant Chamberlain University full nursing program approval. MOTION CARRIED.
6. Review, discussion and action regarding appointment to the Education Advisory Committee: It was moved and seconded the Board appoint Patricia Gatlin, RN70172 to the Education Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

F. NURSING PRACTICE - No Business

G. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS - No Business

PUBLIC COMMENT - There was no public comment on the afternoon of January 18, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. on January 18, 2018.