

Nevada State Board of
NURSING

MINUTES
EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
January 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Education Advisory Committee was called to order by Abbie Purney, DNP, APRN, CCNS, 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

Kimberly Baxter, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
Brian C. Oxhorn, PhD, RN
Nancy Hency-Cywinski, RN, BSN, MS, NHA
Tricia Gatlin, PhD, RN, CNE
Ruby Wertz, MSHA, BSN, RN
Irene Coons, PhD, RN, CNE
Kyle Salinas, Student Nurse
Vicki Walker, DNP, RN (was she there?)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Judith Cordia, EdD, RN
Mary Chalfant, MS, RN
Amber Donnelly, PhD, RN, CNE
Julia Millard, MSN, RN

OTHERS PRESENT

Abbie Purney, DNP, APRN, CCNS, Director of Nursing Education, Chair
Fred Olmstead, Esq, General Counsel
Marcey Moore, Education Management Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by A. Purney at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. Purney informed the committee that this will be her last meeting as Chair of the Nursing Education Advisory Committee. A. Purney announced that she has resigned her employment with the Nevada State Board of Nursing. A. Purney thanked all committee members for their support and efforts with the committee.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 10, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. Board meeting follow up: November 2019 meeting: S. McCord presented this item. S. McCord informed the committee the Board continues to support the Nurse Licensure Compact. S.

McCord also informed the committee the Board received a clear audit report from the independent financial auditor required by the Nevada Legislature.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and discussion regarding NCLEX examination YTD pass rates: A Purney presented this item.
2. Legislative update: F. Olmstead presented this item. F. Olmstead informed the committee that we are one year removed from the 2019 Legislative Session and one year away from the beginning of the 2020 Legislative session. The laws that were passed in 2019 are in effect now.
3. Review and discussion regarding the meeting about Complio Credentialing Software for students in clinical facilities held at Nevada State College: R. Wertz presented this item. Complio is a student tracking system. The Complio representative shared information on how this will help with the processing of students in clinical sites.
4. Review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Board on Unitek College's BSN RN program application with initial enrollment of 40 students for a total enrollment of 120 students per year: A Purney presented this item. A representative from Unitek College did not appear. The committee took no action.
5. Review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Board on Unitek College's LPN program application with initial enrollment of 30 full time students for a total enrollment of 90 students per year: A Purney presented this item. A representative from Unitek College did not appear. The committee took no action.
6. Review, discussion and possible recommendation to the board on Unitek College's LPN program application with initial enrollment of 30 part time students for a total of 60 part time students per year: A Purney presented this item. A representative from Unitek College did not appear. The committee took no action.
7. Review, discussion and possible recommendation to the board on Arizona College's request to increase the number of students to 72 students per quarter (3 times a year) for a total of 350 students in the program beginning April 2020: W. Merchant presented this item. The committee was informed the request is not an increase in enrollment. In May of 2019, the Board approved the enrollment increase to 350 students, but the increase was to occur in a staggered or stepped cap manner. Arizona College is looking to have the staggered admission or step cap removed. Arizona College currently has a waiting list of students, which is based on the step cap numbers issued by the Board. The step cap was put in place because of the community resource for clinical sites. Arizona College recently reduced the required student clinical hours from 877 to 650. N. Cywinski asked, based on the increase in students, would there be an impact on the student to instructor ratio. It was provided there would be no impact on the quality of education and no impact on the student to instructor ratio. It was moved and seconded to recommend to the Board to allow the increase through the removal of the step caps. Motion carried.
8. Review, discussion regarding request for NSBN data to be used in nursing research: F Olmstead presented this item. F. Olmstead stated the Nevada State Board of Nursing is a state agency and is therefore bound by the public records law. Any data the Board in the possession of the Board, if considered to be a public record, is available through a public records request.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Update on simulation task force.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A Purney thanked the schools for attending meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.