

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING August 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Michelle Johnson EdD, RN, CPNP-CP, Director of Nursing Education, at 9:00 a.m., at the Board of Nursing offices via video conference ID # 117 931 782 0 and in office between 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Ste. 300, Reno, NV, 89502 and 4220 S. Maryland Parkway, Ste. B300, Las Vegas, NV.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Irene Coons, PhD, RN, CNE
Brian Oxhorn, PhD, RN
Kimberly Baxter, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
Angela Silvestri-Elmore, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE
Susan E. Drossulis, MSN, RN, OCN-BC
Michael Johnson, PhD, RN, CNE
Jody Covert, MSN, RN
Vickie Walker, DNP, RN, BS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nancy Hense-Cywinski, RN, BSN, MS, NHA
Ruby Wertz, MSHA, BSN, RN
Amber Donnelly, PhD, RN, CNE
Kyle Salinas, Student

OTHERS PRESENT

Michelle Johnson, EdD, RN, CPNP-PC Chair
Cathy Dinauer, Executive Director
Fred Olmstead, Esq, General Counsel
Corina Jimenez, Education Management Assistant

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The April 09, 2021, minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

B. OLD BUSINESS: None

C. NEW BUSINESS:

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1. Review and discuss the July board meeting. C. Dinauer informed the committee that in July, the Board held its first in-person board meeting in over 1 ½ years. She added that many administrative items were discussed during the July meeting, including; board training, the FY 21/22 budget, and goals and objectives. M. Johnson explained that Carrington College, Las Vegas requested an increase in admissions during the July meeting. C. Dinauer added that the Reno and Las Vegas offices are open and operating fully with staff complying with the Center for Disease Control and local safety guidelines.
2. Review and discuss the legislative update. F. Olmstead informed the committee of four new laws that were passed during the 2021 legislative session. First, upon renewal, all licensees and certificate holders must attest to the completion of a two-hour continuing education course, including the topics of culture, diversity, equality, and inclusion. Second, the Board is required to ask additional workforce data questions on all applications, including the applicant's race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, or expression. The workforce questions are voluntary and will not affect an applicant's license or certification application. Third, upon renewal, APRNs must attest to the completion of two hours of continuing education regarding substance use disorder, addictive disorder, prescribing opioids, or screening grieve intervention and referral treatment approach. Finally, F. Olmstead explained that effective October 1, 2021, there must be APRN representation on the NSBN Board. He added that there were many additional bills for APRN practice, topics including; workman's compensation, health screening for women, reporting information on Lupus, and free birthing center-midwifery.
3. Review and discussion regarding year-to-date and 2nd quarter 2021 NCLEX scores. M. Johnson provided the year to date and 2nd quarter NCLEX scores for Nevada's programs.
4. Review and discussion regarding Next Generation NCLEX test resources. M. Johnson provided information on Next Generation Nation Council Licensure Examinations (NCLEX) from National Council State Boards of Nursing's (NCSBN) website. She added that a webinar providing additional information to Boards regarding the Next Generation NCLEX will be held on September 15, 2021.
5. Review, discussion and possible action regarding Grand Canyon University's application for Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program in Las Vegas. M. Johnson provided Grand Canyon University's application and documents for approval as a Nevada program. L. Smith, Dean, and Professor of Grand Canyon University was present and advised the committee that the Commission on Post-secondary Education process is completed, and the program is currently provisionally approved. Student admittance will begin with three times per year, and the program has four levels. Levels one through three are group rotations, with 1 clinical instructor to 8 students and the fourth level is a transition to practice with preceptorship available with it's affiliate, Valley Health System. R. Thuet, Director of Education, advised the committee that there is a need for new nurses as there are over 650 openings for nurses at eight different hospitals in southern Nevada. L. Smith added that the program is a 50/50 split between clinical areas and immersive simulation lab, equaling 24 hours each. Responding to questions, M.

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Johnson advised the committee that the Board does not have a policy on the 1:1 or the 2:1 ratio, which is one hour of simulation time, to two hours of clinical hours, but she will add this to a future agenda for discussion. It was moved and seconded to recommend Grand Canyon University's application for an accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program in Las Vegas for approval to the Board.

D. Recommendations for agenda items for the next meeting to be held on October 08, 2021

1. Review and discuss the simulation 1:1 and 2:1 ratios.
2. Review and discuss increasing representation from Hospital/Community partners in the Education Advisory Committee (EAC). C. Dinauer added that she will request representation from the Nevada Hospital Association for the October EAC meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: M. Johnson advised the committee that there is one EAC member vacancy and two applications will be presented to the Board at the September meeting for review and possible appointment. She added that she is still accepting applications for this vacancy.

ADJOURNMENT-The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.