

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING October 08, 2021**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The committee meeting was called to order by Michelle Johnson EdD, MS, APRN, CPNP-CP, Director of Nursing Education, at 9:00 a.m., at the Board of Nursing offices via video conference ID # 117 531 238 3 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  
Nancy Hense-Cywinski, RN, BSN, MS, NHA  
Amber Donnelly, PhD, RN, CNE  
Jody Covert, DNP, MSN, RN  
Vickie Walker, DNP, RN, BS  
Erin Van Kirk, MSN, RN  
Sharon Radcliffe, DNP, MBA, DIP, H.E., CCPS CENP, RN

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Michael Johnson, PhD, RN, CNE

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Michelle Johnson, EdD, MS, APRN, CPNP-PC Chair  
Cathy Dinauer, Executive Director  
Kimberly Arguello, 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:** B. Oxhorn motioned to approve the August 13, 2021 minutes as written. J. Covert Seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. OLD BUSINESS:** None

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## C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and discussion student clinical ratios with representative from the Nevada Hospital Association. M. Johnson provided an introduction to the committee regarding the representatives from the Nevada Hospital Association and the importance of the clinical rotations at the committee's request. C. Dinauer introduced Marissa Brown, Workforce Services Director, Maria Freed, Manager of Staff Development and Clinical Education at Carson Tahoe Regional Health and Rosemary Thuet, Valley Health System, (VHS), Marketing Director of Education. The discussion regarding the decrease of clinical ratios within hospitals included safety concerns, supervision of students, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), travel restrictions, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) restrictions, staff shortages, and staff demand. R. Thuet from the Las Vegas area (VHS) and Maria Freed from Carson Tahoe sent educators a survey that included a series of questions. It was concluded that all students would be required to get vaccinated by November 1, 2021, and exemptions will be taken into consideration on a case-by-case basis. The number of students allowed on clinical rotations is between 6 to 8, depending on staff availability and hospital policies regarding COVID patients. Students may have restrictions within the hospitals for clinical rotations. Students are required to be FIT tested for N95 masks, but the Employee Health Nurses are not available to provide the testing at this time. The schools must provide the FIT testing. R. Thuet advised the committee that the hospital in Pahrump is a critical access hospital, and there is a new Specialty Ortho and Rehab hospital. They will start taking students in January. M. Brown advised the committee she would facilitate a meeting with the schools, hospitals, and educators to collaborate for alternatives with student clinical rotations.
2. Review and discuss regarding National Council of State Board of Nursing (NCSBN) Policy Brief on Unvaccinated Nursing Students. M. Johnson advised the committee of her collaboration with the Policy Brief. It was concluded that student vaccines are required. Student exemptions are on a case-by-case basis. Students simulation is to be used as a supplement, not as a sole source of clinical training. The committee discussed the policy brief and included it in their catalogs or websites for students' knowledge about requirements.
3. Review and discuss 2021 3rd quarter NCLEX first-time pass rates. M. Johnson discussed the decreasing trends of the NCLEX pass rates. The overall national pass rates decreased to 81%. Vicki Walker discussed possible factors of the decreasing pass rates such as; staff faculty ratios decreased, faculty retention, and faculty turnover. M. Johnson advised the committee of why the school site surveys are essential. The school site surveys help indicate any barriers that students may face within the nursing program.
4. Review and discuss simulation hours and awarded clinical hours (1:2 vs. 1:1). The discussion included concerns with instructors using the 1:2 vs. the 1:1 ratio and moving forward. It was concluded that there is no policy in place for the 1:1 vs. 1:2 clinical ratios. NCSBN prefers a 1:1 ratio, but the 1:2 ratio is allowed.

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5. Review, discussion and possible action regarding formation of simulation sub-committee. M. Johnson advised the committee Nevada has no accredited simulation centers. The University of Nevada Las Vegas is actively going through the process but can take 2 to 3 years to complete. M. Johnson will need to clarify for any outside members that want to assist with the simulation sub-committee. V. Walker motioned to approve the simulation sub-committee. N. Hency Cywinski Seconded. MOTION CARRIED. The final sub-committee members are Brian Oxhorn, Kimberly Baxter, Vicki Walker, Irene Coons, and Susan Drossulis.
  6. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding Arizona College's request to increase enrollment in their BSN program from 350 to 500 students per year. M. Johnson introduced Jill Rankin, Dean of Nursing, to the committee. J. Rankin introduced her colleagues, Kevin Springs, Barbara Halle, Braylin Roberts, and Marie Hallinan. J. Rankin provided information about Arizona's program. There are five acute care settings: nine different affiliations, 1:8 clinical models, and 14 new qualified new hires. V. Walker motioned to approve the request to increase enrollment in their BSN program from 350 to 500 students per year. N. Hency Cywinski Seconded. MOTION CARRIED.
  7. Review, discussion and possible action related to 2022 committee meeting dates- 01/14, 04/15, 08/12, and 10/14. K. Baxter motioned to approve the 2022 committee dates. B. Oxhorn Seconded. MOTION CARRIED.
- D. Recommendations for agenda items for the next meeting to be held on January 14, 2021
1. Review and discuss Nevada Hospital Association Report
  2. Review and discuss different preceptor models, their pros and cons, and the Board regulations.
  3. Review and discuss the fundamentals and qualifications to teach various nursing courses.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT-The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.