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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

MINUTES OF THE
Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, August 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Michelle Johnson, EdD, MS, APRN, CPNP-CP, Director of Nursing Education at 9:03 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Serena (Nina) Marcellus, MSN, RN
Nichole Artam, BSN, RN, CEN
Tamara Mette, DNP, RN
Angela Silvestri-Elmore, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE
Janelle Willis MSN, RN, CNE
Marianne Jeppson, MSN, RN, CPEN
Claudette Lachowicz, RN, iCNA
Erin Van Kirk, MSN, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dawn Horton, BSN, RN, iCNA
Jill Rankin, DNP, RN
Bobby Handy, DNP, MSN-Ed, RN, CNE,
Victoria Squier, DNP, RN, CNL, NE-BC, EBP(CH), EBP-C, CNE

OTHERS PRESENT

Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Michelle Johnson, EdD, MS, APRN, CPNP-CP, Director of Nursing Education
Anyssa Vasquez, Management Assistant

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by M. Johnson at 9:03 a.m.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 11, 2025, meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written. MOTION CARRIED

B. OLD BUSINESS: None.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and discussion regarding follow-up May 14-15 and July 16-17, 2025, Board meetings. M. Johnson presented the agenda item. First, C. Dinauer provided a brief overview of the Board Meetings. C. Dinauer shared that the Las Vegas office has found a new office location and will be moving in October 2025. Lastly, C. Dinauer informed the committee that the board has reappointed its current officers for another term. M. Johnson provided education updates, including Grand Canyon University being granted full approval status and increased enrollment to 288 annually, enrolling 96 students 3 times a year. M. Johnson shared Silver Stage High School and Debbie Smith CTE Academy were approved for their initial applications for a Nursing Assistant Training Program. M. Johnson also stated the Board approved of several program site survey findings. F. Olmstead provided a Legislative update which included the following bills:
 - Assembly Bill 319 regarding the delegation to medical assistants by APRNs
 - Senate Bill 498 regarding funding for nursing education
 - Senate Bill 484 regarding expanded questions to the applications as voluntary questions.
 - Senate Bill 34 no hearing.
2. Review and discussion regarding summary of the Simulation Sub-Committee meeting held August 1, 2025. M. Johnson presented the agenda item. N. Marcellus gave a presentation on developing a way to make the toolkit accessible to everyone and their programs. N. Marcellus also shared she is developing a CEU course incentive to give Simulation facility and educators to learn more about Simulation and Healthcare. M. Johnson shared that the Nevada Nursing Newsletter for Summer 2025 had two articles about Simulation; one from Grand Canyon University regarding an overview on Simulation and one from Nevada State on how to get Simulation accredited. Finally, M. Johnson strongly encouraged members to submit articles or ideas for the Simulation corner in the Nevada Nursing Newsletter.
3. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding UNLV request to increase enrollment for the Direct Entry Master of Science in Nursing Program from 32 to 48 students per admission cycle. M. Johnson presented the agenda item. K. Sullivan provided information on why UNLV should increase enrollment which included:
 - 120 to 140 applicants per cycle of only 32 seats
 - Monitoring NCLEX pass rates quarterly, monthly, and annually
 - Pass rates have been consistent
 - High quality consistent faculty
 - Students feel knowledgeable and supported
 - Students have a fourth term option to spread studies out
 - Clinical agreements include nights, weekend or community-based rotation as needed

After discussion the committee moved to approve the enrollment increase from 32 to 48 per admission cycle. MOTION CARRIED with 1 recusal.

4. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the formation of a sub-committee to review and possibly revise the nursing education regulations in Nevada Administrative code 632.600-632.711. M. Johnson presented the agenda item. M. Johnson explained to the committee that this is an opportunity to take a deep dive into regulations that may be too vague, to add Simulation in, or possibly add criteria for high stakes testing. M. Johnson gave a few regulations she recommended that would possibly need revisions: NAC 632.630, NAC 632.675, NAC 632.685, and NAC 632.703. Lastly, M. Johnson took nominations for members of the Regulation Committee which included:
 - Serena (Nina) Marcellus, MSN, RN
 - Angela Silvestri-Elmore, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE
 - Janelle Willis MSN, RN, CNE
 - Claudette Lachowicz, RN, iCNA

The committee motioned to approve the formation of a sub-committee regarding the nursing education regulations. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding future EAC Meetings for 2026. January 9, April 10, August 14, and October 9, 2026. M. Johnson presented agenda item. The committee motioned to approve the EAC Meetings for 2026 as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING ON OCTOBER 11, 2025.

- Report on 1st Regulation Committee Meeting
- Election for a new member of sub-committee

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

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