

# Nevada State Board of NURSING

## MINUTES EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING October 16, 2014

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Education Advisory Committee was called to order by Roseann Colosimo, PhD, MSN, RN, Education Consultant, at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy, Ste. 300, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 and via videoconference with the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Ste. 300, Reno, Nevada, 89502.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Roseann Colosimo, PhD, MSN, RN, Board Education Consultant, Chair  
Tish Smyer, DNSc, RN, Board Liaison

Susan Adamek, MSN, RN

Mary Chalfant, RN, MS

Sherrilyn Coffman, PhD, RN

Judith Cordia, PhD, MSN, RN

Jody Covert, MSN, RN

Amber Donnelly, PhD, RN, CNE

Lilly Gonzales, MSN, MA, RN

Andrea Highfill, BSN, RN

Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN, CAPA

Wendy Merchant, MSN, RN

Carrie O'Reilly, PhD, MSN, RN

Heather Lockert, RN

### MEMBERS ABSENT

John Coldsmith, MSN, RN, CRNI

Dominic Etli, MSN, RN

Dina Faucher, PhD, RN

Laura Fillmore, DNP, RN

Mary Ann Lambert, MSN, RN

Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN

Patsy Ruchala, DNSc, RN

Maureen Scott-Feagle, MSN/Ed, RN, CNOR

### OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director

Fred Olmstead, General Counsel

Jeannette Calderon, Management Assistant

Deena McKenzie, MSN, RN, CNML

Sarah Warmbrodt, MSN, MEd, RN

Grayson Wilt, NSMA representative

Melanie Sharpley, nursing student

Monique Clarey, nursing student

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by R. Colosimo at 9:00 a.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- A. Donnelly informed the committee that Great Basin College (GBC) received a Trade Adjustment Act Community College Career Training grant for 2 million dollars. GBC will use this grant to expand its nursing program's rural campuses.
- S. Coffman announced that Sigma Theta Tau will be holding its Biannual Convention November 7-11, 2015, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Call for abstracts for posters and presentations are due by January 28, 2015.
- C. O'Reilly announced that the National League for Nursing (NLN) will be hosting its Education Summit September 30 - October 3, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Call for abstracts are due in December and more information can be found online at [www.nln.org](http://www.nln.org).
- R. Colosimo informed the committee that there will be a national conference call with nurses and representatives from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regarding protecting the health of nurses while safely caring for patients with Ebola.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the August 21, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Review and discussion regarding NAC 632.640-632.680 draft revisions reviewed by legal and LCB: R. Colosimo provided a copy of the revised education regulations that will be sent to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB). The committee reviewed the wording to ensure that the changes were made appropriately. The committee discussed NAC 632.640 (1)(f), NAC 632.680 (5), NAC 632.695 (6), and NAC 632.690 (4).

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Orientation of new committee members: R. Colosimo welcomed Mary Chalfant back to the committee.
2. NCSBN and NSBN updates - Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director and Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
  - a. Legislative Update: F. Olmstead and D. Scott informed the committee of various bills related to healthcare that may be addressed during the upcoming legislative session, including:
    - APRNs utilizing the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program;
    - Staffing ratios;
    - Workforce surveys; and
    - Endorsement processes
  - b. NSBN Update:
    - D. Scott informed the committee about UNLV's GAP training program which was designed to help new graduates transition into nursing practice.
    - D. Scott introduced NSBN's newest Board member, Deena McKenzie.
    - The committee was informed that NSBN launched a Facebook page as part its social media campaign.
    - R. Colosimo informed the committee that during the September Board meeting Nevada Career Institute was granted an extension of provisional approval with stipulations and College of Southern Nevada's military medic to LPN program was approved.
  - c. NCSBN Update: D. Scott announced that National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) is considering changing the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) to include a fingerprinting requirement. If this change is approved, Nevada may consider joining the NLC.
3. Review and discussion regarding NCLEX first time pass rates for the third quarter of 2014 and YTD: The third quarter NCLEX first time pass rate report was not available; however, the committee reviewed the 2014 YTD report which does not include out of state test takers. Nevada's fully approved nursing programs are doing well and the provisionally approved nursing programs continue to struggle.
4. Review and discussion regarding Truckee Meadow Community College nursing program change from an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) to an Associate of Science (AS) to facilitate RN to BSN transition: J. Covert explained that the current curriculum was approved by the Board during its November 2013 meeting. She explained that changing from an AAS to an AS in nursing degree will help students transition into a RN to BSN program. In addition, TMCC has an articulation agreement with Nevada State College. The proposed changes have been approved by the Board of Regents. The committee supported the revisions and thanked J. Covert and TMCC faculty for their hard work in making the necessary steps for this change.
5. Review and discussion regarding Standards of Best Practice for Simulation in nursing education: The NCSBN Simulation Study reported no significant difference in student outcomes with students that participated in 25% or 50% simulation for clinicals; therefore, the committee reviewed a policy drafted

by Board staff that would allow fully approved nursing programs to request Board approval for more than 25% simulation. The policy proposes that nursing programs must have programmatic accreditation and maintain an annual 80% NCLEX first time pass rate. The program must also integrate the Standards of Best Practice for Simulation or another NSBN recognized authority into the program and have a proficient facilitator that will manage the complexity of all aspects of simulation. In addition, the budget must include faculty training, time for simulation, supplies and equipment. The committee discussed whether the facilitator should be a nurse or a technician and agreed that a nurse must be present for debriefing and to ensure that the simulation pertains to the course objectives but there may also be a technician to help with complexity of operating and maintain equipment. The committee further discussed faculty competency and development. R. Colosimo will revise the policy as directed by the committee and will present the revised policy to the committee at its next meeting for approval.

6. Review and discussion regarding time parameters for taking NCLEX, issues of clinical skill competency to provide for public safety with initial licensure: R. Colosimo expressed the need to set time parameters and additional requirements for applicants taking the NCLEX that have graduated many years ago or have failed multiple times in order to protect the public's safety. She added that some applicants may be great test takers and pass the NCLEX; however, they may not have the clinical competency to practice nursing safely. M. Chalfant stated that license holders who have not practiced in the immediately preceding 5 years must complete a refresher course and asked why initial applicants are not held to the same standard. S. Adamek informed the committee that Dignity Health will not accept applications from nurses that have not practiced within one year. D. Scott requested that additional information regarding practice requirements in Nevada's hospitals be gathered and reviewed at the next committee meeting.
7. Review and discussion regarding high stakes testing in nursing programs: This item was removed from the agenda.
8. Review discussion and action regarding the Sigma Theta Tau refresher course: R. Colosimo explained that CSN is the only refresher program in Nevada. She added that the Sigma Theta Tau refresher course does not have a clinical component. The committee was concerned that if the course does not have a clinical component or clinical objectives it may be difficult for a preceptor to know what to teach or cover. With this additional information the committee agreed that the course objectives need improvement and felt that a trial for the course is necessary before it can be approved.

#### **D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- High stakes testing in nursing programs
- The Simulation Policy
- NCLEX time parameters for initial licensure applicants
- Sigma Theta Tau

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- R. Colosimo announced that the next Education Advisory Committee meeting will be held on January 22, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.