

# **N**evada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING January 22, 2015**

### **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	
Sherrilyn Coffman, PhD, RN	Andrea Highfill, BSN, RN
John Coldsmith, MSN, RN, CRNI	Heather Lockert, RN
Judith Cordia, PhD, MSN, RN	Wendy Merchant, MSN, RN
Jody Covert, MSN, RN	Cheryl Perna, MSN, RN
Amber Donnelly, PhD, RN, CNE	Patsy Ruchala, DNSc, RN
Dina Faucher, PhD, RN	Maureen Scott-Feagle, MSN/Ed, RN, CNOR

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Susan Adamek, MSN, RN	Mary Ann Lambert, MSN, RN
Mary Chalfant, MS, BSN, RN	Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN, CAPA
Dominic Etl, MSN, RN	Carrie O'Reilly, PhD, MSN, RN
Lilly Gonzales, MSN, MA, RN	

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director	
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel	
Rick Carruthers, LPN Board Member	
Jeannette Calderon, Management Assistant	
Ramon Amezcua, Jr., MSN, MSS, RN	Agron Matoshi, SpanTran
Diane Elmore, PhD, RN, CNE	Lisia J. Moore, MBA
Judith Hightower, PhD, M.Ed, RN	Rose Saunders, RN, EdD, CNE
Donna MacDonald, MSN, RN	Ruth Waibel, PhD, MA, RN
Nick Mansour	

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Corinthian College, corporate owners of Everest College located in Henderson, will be under new ownership effective February 2, 2015.
- R. Waibel shared that Chamberlain College received 10 year reaccreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for its BSN program and 5 year reaccreditation for its DNP program.
- A. Donnelly shared that Great Basin College received funding for its rural paramedic programs.
- S. Coffman shared that Nevada State College has a School-Based Healthcare Center.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the October 16, 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 informed the committee that the revised regulations are currently being reviewed by the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).
2. Review discussion and action regarding the Sigma Theta Tau refresher course: R. Colosimo informed the committee that we have not received additional course information. An update will be provided to the committee at the next meeting.

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

1. NCSBN and NSBN updates - Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director and Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
  - a. Legislative Update: F. Olmstead informed the committee that the Board is not aware of any bills directly related to nursing that have been proposed for the upcoming legislative session. He will be attending a meeting this afternoon in Carson City and will provide an update to the committee during the next meeting.
  - b. NSBN Update: The January 2015 Board meeting is fulfilled.
  - c. NCSBN Update: National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) is revising the current Nurse Licensure Compact. Some of the revisions include the Uniform Licensure Requirements adopted by the NCSBN in the past which will add the requirement for nurses to have criminal background checks as a requirement for a compact license.
2. Review and discussion regarding NCLEX first time pass rates for 2014: R. Colosimo presented the official NCLEX first time pass rates for 2014. She announced that Great Basin College and Truckee Meadows Community College achieved a 100% NCLEX first time pass rate for 2014. All of Nevada's fully approved nursing programs ended the year above 90%. Nevada's provisionally approved nursing programs all fell below 80% for 2014. R. Colosimo informed the committee that Kaplan College, LPN program NCLEX pass rate have been below 80% for two years; therefore, the Nurse Practice Act requires them to be placed on conditional approval.
3. Review and discussion regarding Western Nevada College curriculum change: Director of Nursing J. Cordia presented the proposed curriculum revisions. She explained that the current proposed curriculum change is a continuum of the changes that were made in March of 2014. Changes include combining maternal-child and pediatric nursing courses into a new course titled Nursing Care of Family from Conception through Adolescence. In addition, a Pharmacology III course will be offered to students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of the 4 semester program. Furthermore, the medical surgical course in semesters 3 and 4 will be decreased from 2.5 to 2 credits. The committee reviewed the student learning outcomes and was in support of curriculum changes.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding Standards of Best Practice for Simulation in nursing education policy: R. Colosimo presented the draft policy which would allow fully approved nursing programs to request simulation in excess of 25%. There was further clarification stating that without this policy simulation cannot exceed more than 25% of an entire program; not for a single course. The committee agreed that the budget for simulation must be presented with each nursing program's proposal. The committee approved the policy with an addition to procedure number 4.
5. Review, discussion and action regarding policy regarding NCLEX attempts: R. Colosimo presented the draft policy regarding the maximum testing attempts for NCLEX examination candidates. She continued by explaining that NCSBN's Pearson Vue has a feature that allows Board staff to view the number of NCLEX attempts for our applicants. Nevada statute allows a total of 4 attempts, including tests taken in

other states. Applicants that are approaching or have approached the limit will be notified by Board staff of this limit and that they may be allowed to test in another state. D. Scott added that the regulation limiting the maximum testing attempts is currently in place and this policy will allow Board staff to properly notify our applicants. The committee approved the policy with grammatical corrections.

6. Review and discussion regarding exploring different options for nursing education evaluations and English proficiency examinations for international nursing graduates: R. Colosimo informed the committee that Board staff will be reviewing various service providers that evaluate international nursing graduate transcripts and provide English proficiency examinations.
7. Review, discussion and action regarding SpanTran Foreign Nursing Credential Evaluations service proposal: SpanTran Evaluation Services Senior Credentials Analyst, Agron Matoshi was present to inform the committee of the services they provide to international nursing graduates. SpanTran was established in 1986 and is accepted by many nursing boards, licensing boards and higher education programs for document verification and professional evaluations. Service fees range from \$85-\$400 depending on the type of service requested. Evaluations or verifications can be completed in about 5-7 days. A. Matoshi added that the documents received by SpanTran are received directly from the institutions or they are validated by the institution prior the evaluation/verification being completed. The committee agreed that applicants and the public may benefit from being able to choose from various providers. The committee agreed that SpanTran Evaluations service be presented to the Board for consideration.
8. Review and discussion of the proposed curriculum change Everest College: R. Colosimo informed the committee that during the January 2015 Board meeting Everest College was granted a one-year extension on its provisional approval. D. MacDonald explained that Everest College would like to request a curriculum change to improve the program and reduce the number of credits in the program in order to comply with the Department of Education standards. The revisions presented are based on student and faculty recommendations. Everest College is a 24 month program including general education courses and there are 8 quarters. Revisions include moving Anatomy and Physiology I and II to the first quarter and Microbiology to quarter 2. Pharmacology will be broken into two courses taught in quarters 3 and 4. The Strategies for Nursing Success course will be increased by 1 credit to include medical terminology, dosage calculation and study strategies. Fundamentals of Nursing II will be increased 0.5 of a quarter credit to add a lab component. Community Nursing, Mental Health Nursing and Nursing Leadership course clinical hours will be reduced to 60 hours. The committee supported the curriculum revisions. R. Colosimo concluded that if Everest College improves its NCLEX first time pass rates, the Board approves this new curriculum and allows summer admissions; the new curriculum will become effective July of 2015.
9. Review, discussion and action regarding the “teach out” plan from Kaplan RN program: R. Colosimo informed the committee that Kaplan College presented its ‘teach out’ plan to the Board during the January 2015 Board meeting but the Board requested several revisions and required that the revisions be reviewed by the EAC. Interim Director of Nursing, R. Amezcua presented the revised ‘teach out’ plan. He explained that one cohort will graduate at the end of January 2015 leaving only 2 cohorts to teach out. Campus President Lisia Moore and R. Amezcua explained that the remaining students may repeat a course a maximum of 2 times. L. Moore added that they will meet with the faculty on January 29, 2015 to discuss retention bonuses and severance packages for faculty that choose to stay with Kaplan. The committee discussed the importance of communicating with the students and faculty members throughout this process. The committee was concerned that the NCLEX navigator’s workload may be excessive and she is a very important part of the plan. L. Moore and R. Amezcua agreed they will review the NCLEX navigator’s workload to ensure that she can focus on her main role of NCLEX preparation and assistance to students. The committee accepted the ‘teach out’ plan with revisions. C. Perna recused.

10. Review and discussion of curriculum changes from Chamberlain College: Senior Director of Accreditation and Professional Regulation Ruth Waibel and Las Vegas Campus Dean J. Hightower presented the proposed curriculum change. During the faculty led review of the curriculum they identified several duplications and splitting of nursing content. The Transition in Nursing, Pathophysiology I and II and Pharmacology I and II courses were removed and replaced with 2 credit courses. Further changes included reducing lab and clinical hours. Maternal-Child Health, Mental Health Nursing, Pediatric Nursing and Critical Care Nursing courses were reduced by 1 credit and some general education courses were eliminated. The total number of credits was reduced from 129 to 122 which is closer to the Department of Education standard of 120 credits for BSN programs. The committee supported the curriculum changes.

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

- The committee will continue exploring other service providers for the English proficiency examination and international nursing graduate transcript evaluation services.
- The Sigma Theta Tau refresher course will be reviewed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- The committee discussed the Train the Trainer course that is required in order to become a certified nursing assistant instructor. A. Donnelly explained that Great Basin College offers the course as an independent study.
- R. Colosimo announced that the next Education Advisory Committee meeting will be held on April 16, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.