

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## **MINUTES EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING October 6, 2017**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Education Advisory Committee was called to order by Catherine Prato-Lefkowitz PhD, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing Education, 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**

Catherine Prato-Lefkowitz, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE Board Director of Nursing Education, Chair	
Susan Adamek, MSN, RN	Amber Donnelly, PhD, RN, CNE
Sherrilyn Coffman, PhD, RN	Andrea Gee, RN
Kimberly Baxter, DNP, APRN, FNP	Andrea Highfill, MSN, RN
Mary Chalfant, MS, BSN, RN	Judith Hightower, PhD, M.Ed, RN
John Coldsmith, MSN, RN, CRNI	Julia Millard, MSN, RN
Irene Coons, PhD, RN, CNE	Branden Murphy, BSN, RN
Judith Cordia, PhD, MSN, RN	Renegade Scott-Feagle, MSN/Ed, RN, CNOR
Jody Covert, MSN, RN	Julie Siemers, DNP, RN
Mya Daily, BSN, RN, CFRN, NRP	Marianne Tejada, DNP, MSN, RN, PHN

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Rick Carrauthers, LPN Board Member Liaison  
Josh Hamilton, RN, NP, CNE  
Madelon Lawson, BSN, RN, CAPA

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Jeannette Calderon, Education Support Specialist, NSBN  
Patricia Alpert, DRPH, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, PNP-BC, CNE, FAANP  
Rebecca Benfield, PhD, CNM  
Mary Bondmass, PhD, RN, CNE  
Tricia Gatlin, PhD, RN, CNE  
Tona Leiker, PhD, APRN-CNS, CNE  
Ludy Llasus, PhD, APRN, NP-C  
Laura Martin, DNP, RN, CNE  
Brian C. Oxhorn, PhD, RN

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Arizona College Dean, Dr. Pat Alpert announced a partnership with Sunrise Hospital, a dedication education unit will begin its transition in the spring of 2018.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 27, 2017, April 7, 2017 and August 4, 2017 meetings were reviewed and approved as written.
- B. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Review and discussion regarding workgroup follow-up report on faculty ratio regulations and standards: There is no report from the workgroup.
2. Review and discussion regarding workgroup follow-up report on facilitating competency in clinical faculty: Dr. Judy Hightower stated the group has not meet since the summer; however, plans to meet before the end of the year and will provide an update at the next committee meeting.
3. Review and discussion regarding workgroup follow-up report on facilitating collaboration between faculty and facility partnerships: There is no report from the workgroup.
4. Review and discussion regarding workgroup follow-up report on the simulation taskforce: A report was provided by workgroup chair, Dr. Jessica Doolen. Topics discussed by the taskforce include, mental health simulation, rationale for clinical simulation hours to traditional clinical hours, up to 25% of simulation to replace traditional clinical without Board approval, initiative to develop statewide simulation standards for leading causes of death/readmission in Nevada. A guess speaker, Joseph Greenway has been invited to present analysis at the next taskforce meeting. The committee requested further clarity regarding the Board policy on 25% simulation and whether it pertains to a specific course or the entire nursing program.

C. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Review and discussion regarding NCLEX first time pass rates for CY17: C. Prato shared year-to-date NCLEX report with the committee, overall all programs statewide are doing well.
2. Review, discussion and action regarding approval of proposed changes to the Request for Waiver of Faculty Education Requirements policy: A. Donnelli presented agenda item. Committee and others present provided feedback on changes that will fit the needs of the other nursing programs in the state. A. Donnelli clarified stating the change will only be applied to clinical nursing faculty, will not include didactic or skills lab instructors. Revisions to the policy will align with nursing accrediting bodies and allow clinical faculty that are BSN prepared and many years of experience in clinical nursing practice to teach without the requirement of completing an MSN degree or higher. It will be the programs responsibility to evaluate and determine if faculty is adequately prepared to teach clinical. It was moved and seconded the workgroup work to draft revisions to the Request for Waiver of Faculty Education Requirements policy and present at the next meeting. MOTION CARRIED.
3. Review, discussion and action regarding request to remove NRS 632.294 3(a), 3(b), 3(d), 3(e), and 3(i) and NAC 632.330 remove 2(d): C. Prato stated Fran Chapman Senior Vice President of Fundamental Clinical and Operation Services presented proposed changes at the last meeting and she welcomes feedback from the committee before changes are proposed to the Board for approval. The presentation will be re-sent to committee members for feedback and presented at the next committee meeting.
4. Review, discussion and action regarding the College of Southern Nevada Associate Degree in Nursing program proposed curriculum changes to reducing Obstetrics course to 3 credits from 4.5 and increasing Professional Topics to 3.5 from 2.0 credits in the Fall 2018: Director of Nursing, Dr. Irene Coons presented proposed program changes stating that the changes were student driven based on comments in evaluation. Last year, the program reduced credits for their pediatric course, the proposed change to the obstetrics course will mirror that course. Also, the program is utilizing a family nurse textbook which integrates both obstetrics and pediatrics. Credits being reduced in the obstetrics course will be directed to the leadership course, to include content in Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) competencies, evidence based practice, and disaster preparedness. It was moved and seconded the committee accept College of Southern Nevada's curriculum changes in their ADN program. MOTION CARRIED.
5. Review, discussion and action regarding Nevada State College proposed revisions to their pre-licensure baccalaureate curriculum: Interim Dean, Dr. Ludy Llasus presented proposed program changes to be implemented by the fall semester of 2019. Students will be admitted into the nursing program after the third semester of pre-requisites instead of after the fourth semester. Proposed changes will not change

the number of credits for the program, which is 120. If approved, NSC will implement new curriculum in the fall of 2019. Overall the new curriculum emphasis on caring science model, increased safety and will prepare students for transition into nursing workforce. It was moved and seconded the committee accept Nevada State College proposed revisions to their curriculum. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Review, discussion and action regarding Chamberlain College of Nursing request for full approval: Campus President, Dr. Judy Hightower provided a report on the history of the program as well as the outcomes. It was moved and seconded the committee accept Chamberlain's request for full approval to go to the Board in January of 2018. MOTION CARRIED.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Review and discussion regarding the 25% Simulation Policy
- Proposal to change the following Medication Aide-Certified status and regulations, NRS 632.294 3(a), 3(b), 3(d), 3(e), and 3(i) and NAC 632.330 remove 2(d)
- Discussion regarding school and faculty consistency regarding student compliance for clinical placement

PUBLIC COMMENT: C. Prato acknowledged the excellent nursing care in Nevada in the last week, following the tragic mass shooting in Las Vegas on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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