

Nevada State Board of  
**NURSING**

**MINUTES**  
**EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**April 11, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing Education Advisory Committee was called to order by Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN, Executive Director at 9:01 a.m. at the Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy, #B300, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 and via videoconference with the Board of Nursing, 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Ste. 300, Reno, Nevada, 89502.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kimberly Baxter, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC  
Brian C. Oxhorn, PhD, RN  
Branden Murphy, BSN, RN  
Judith Cordia, EdD, RN  
Mary Chalfant, MS, RN  
Amber Donnelly, PhD, RN, CNE

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Irene Coons, PhD, RN, CNE  
Tricia Gatlin, PhD, RN, CNE  
Jody Covert, MSN, RN  
Julia Millard, MSN, RN

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN, Executive Director  
Kimberly Arguello, Esq, General Counsel  
Fred Olmstead, Esq, General Counsel  
Priscilla Nelson, Management Assistant  
Judith Hightower, PhD, M.Ed., RN  
Barbara Tanner, Roseman University  
Roseann Colosimo, PhD, MSN, RN, Associate Professor, UNLV  
Marie Hallinan  
Patrick Robinson, PhD, RN, ACRN, CNE, FAAN, Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs, Arizona College  
Linda Paulic, RNC, MPA, Nevada Action Coalition  
Debra Collins BSN, RN Nevada Nursing and Healthcare Workforce Center  
Wendy Merchant MSN, RN Director, Arizona College Nursing Program  
Abdel Yosef, PhD, RN, CNE Chief Academic Officer, Unitek College

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by C. Dinauer at 9:01 a.m. No quorum available.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** C. Dinauer announced that Dr. Prato resigned. A. Purney has been hired as the new Director of Education and will start on April 15, 2019.

A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the October 5, 2018 and January 11, 2019 meetings were moved to the next meeting.

B. OLD BUSINESS –

1. Review and discussion regarding follow up with the simulation task force regarding incorporating critical judgement for individual learners after the simulation: B. Tanner discussed simulation scenarios to be used across Nevada. Will be using the Tanners Model for Debriefing. Discussed the sepsis simulation pilot. It is up to the NSBN Board to decide if a school wanted to use simulation for more than 25% of the clinical time.

C. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Review, discussion and possible action regarding request of NV HOPE to offer Train the Trainer for CNA programs sponsored by the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation and the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation: Flyer presented to the committee. There are 2 programs available; first program has 75 CNA students; they are enrolled in a 3-day bootcamp, where they are provided with their training, CPR, etc. Once the bootcamp is over they are given an interview at Valley Health Systems. The second is the Train the Trainer program; they are working with Great Basin College and College of Southern Nevada to train the nurses. There is a need for CNA instructors.
2. Review and discussion regarding NCLEX first quarter pass rates for 2019: The committee discussed the first quarter pass rates. Discussion on where Nevada stands at a national level.
3. Review, discussion, and possible action regarding application of Unitek to establish a Licensed Practical Nursing Program (PN) and Pre-Licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program in Reno, Nevada: Dr. Yosef presented this item. He gave a background on Unitek Learning; has 10 campus' between California and Utah. Closest campus to Reno is in Sacramento. They have an NCLEX pass rate in the 90's. They support simulation labs; they create a safe environment for students to make mistakes and give scenarios that are not common. They are flexible with clinical rotations. Discussed the need for a BSN and LPN program in Northern Nevada. Discussion among the committee on finding qualified clinical faculty in Northern Nevada. Unitek uses active learning; and Dr. Yosef is open to suggestions. Faculty recruitment was discussed. Has multiple strategies for retaining faculty. He would like to present the program to the Board at the September 2019 meeting.
4. Review, discussion and possible action regarding Arizona College's request for full approval of (BSN) Nursing Program and to increase enrollment from 190 to 350: P. Robinson and W. Merchant presented this item to this committee; materials presented to the committee. They are requesting to move from provisional approval to full approval; have met the standards required. Increase in students would not be immediate but would be a slow increase to meet the 350 students by 2023. Now has a wait list of students who want to enter the program. They schedule the class schedules around the clinical space available. They have a large physical facility in Las Vegas and can expand if needed. There was discussion on clinical hours and how utilized. B. Oxhorn would support the full approval and increase of students. K. Arguello stated that Arizona College can still be presented to the Board and the Board can be provided with the comments from the committee. K. Baxter congratulated Arizona College on their NCLEX pass rate but has concerns with clinical sites in the south and increasing students but supports their request. Arizona College has 11 full time and 10 part time instructors. R. Colosimo stated that Wendy is experienced at finding clinical placements for their students. J. Hightower also supports the requests.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Examples of new NCLEX test questions for the new generation NCLEX

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- B. Murphy wants to look at committee members that are consistently absent. C. Dinauer discussed the Board's process.
- NSHE workforce meeting; increasing clinical simulation in the schools.
- J. Cordia would like to get information to the instructors on helping with SIM labs.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.