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EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES September 28, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathy Malloch, Co-Chair PhD, RN, MBA
Karen Hardy, Co-Chair RN, MSN
Sherrie Beardsley RN, MBA/HCM
Joyceen S. Boyle PhD, RN
Kathleen Ellis RN, BSN
Sue Hanauer RN, BSN, MS
Mary Killeen PhD, RN
Ela-Joy Lehrman PhD, RN
Cathy Lucius RN, MS
Marty Mayhew RN, MSN
Teri Pipe PhD, RN
Linda Riesdorph RN, MS, DON
Cheryl Roat RN, MSN
Sue Roe PhD, RN
Judith Sellers RN, DNSc, FNP

BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Pam Randolph RN, MSN, Ed. Consultant
Joey Ridenour, RN, MN, Executive Director
Daniel Christl, Assistant Attorney General

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Paula Calcaterra RN, MSN
Sue Macdonald RN, MSN, MBA
Barbara Nubile RN, MSN

GUESTS PRESENT

Kathleen Barnes, Student, GWCC
Marie Barrentine, Pima Comm College
Donna Cowling, Nevada Board of Nursing
Sherry Hottenton, Student, MCC
Donald Johnson, Coconino Comm College
Anu Radha Lingamneni, Student GWCC
Lynn Lotus, Case Western Reserve
Rebecca Schuelke, Student, GWCC
Mayuree Siripoon, Eastern Arizona College
Jane Werth, Maricopa Skill Center

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS/INTRODUCTIONS

Education Advisory Committee was called to order by Kathy Malloch at 9:30 a.m. Randolph introduced Donna Cowling, Education Consultant from the Nevada Board of Nursing.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 19, 2005

Roe moved and Lucius seconded to approve August 19, 2005 minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

3. EDUCATION/INFORMATION SESSION

A. Committee Roles and Quality Improvement

Committee members discussed this matter as a part of agenda items 3B and 3C.

B. Committee Evaluations

In response to a Committee request, Randolph surveyed other Boards of Nursing regarding evaluating committee members and how they change membership. Texas and Wyoming responded. Neither state reported a similar structure to the Arizona Education Committee, and neither had an evaluative process for the committee. A draft committee evaluation form was submitted to Committee members for review. The evaluation incorporated categories that included goals, board staff, chair, and membership.

Committee members suggested the following:

- An evaluation from persons who come before the Committee that would address its the effectiveness.
- Incorporate the use of a follow-up post card or survey that may be distributed at the end of the meeting.
- Have the Board evaluate the Committee.
- Note that Committee goals could serve as a reminder of the Committee's jurisdiction.
- Continued Competency will be left on the evaluation form.
- Introductory sentence should state that the evaluation is based on the direction of the Board and their statutory authority.
- Under Board Staff remove meeting set-up and lunch.
- Under Chair add open meeting law and anti-trust.

The Committee would like to implement the evaluation form and have members complete it by November 2005 so that issues may be addressed in January 2006.

Randolph will e-mail the evaluation form to Committee members for input. A draft consumer survey will be prepared for the next meeting to be used by the following meeting.

C. Follow-up on Anti-trust Issues

Malloch stated that the anti-trust issue was placed on the agenda a second time because many Committee members were unable to attend the previous meeting. Committee members shared their overall thoughts about the presentation and discussion noting, in particular, the fact that Committee members are not speaking as representatives of particular organizations, but rather as advocates for nursing education in Arizona and that discussions must be consistent with items on the agenda.

Assistant Attorney General Dan Christl distributed copies of the Anti-trust Primer given to members present at the August 19, 2005 meeting, and provided the Committee with an overview of the discussion held at that meeting. Christl stated that Nancy Bonnell, Anti-trust Unit Chief at the Attorney General's Office, did not find that the Education Advisory Committee had violated any anti-trust laws. Christl offered the following recommendations:

- Include public members on the Committee
- Be careful of what is said on the record
- Remain consistent with all applicants
- Support inquiries with public policies
- Be cautious when initiating new policies or requirements. Establish an implementation date to be on the records for all incoming applicants.
- Be aware of the statutory authority for the Committee
- Communicate to the Board

Christl advised Committee members not solve the problem of diminishing clinical capacity, but rather allow the market to ‘run its course’. Christl further advised Committee members that it was within their scope of activities and supported by rule to ask that programs provide full disclosure to potential students. Probing into financial resources should focus on viability of the program both in the immediate and long-term future. Christl suggested the Committee consider a certified public accountant, or individual with financial expertise as a public member.

In their discussion of the topic, Committee members offered the following:

- Need for an annual or semi-annual workshop for agency/facility representatives and the Committee to discuss managing the issue of clinical capacity and those dynamics that affect clinical availability.
- Conduct education sessions with a CPA to discuss financial issues.
- Have a consultant develop standard questions that would be used thereby making questions/requirements consistent in all situations.
- Committee does not have statutory authority to make decisions regarding clinical capacity as available clinical placements are viewed as a market.
- Education/Information from Assistant Attorney Generals will be a permanent agenda item.

Committee members requested Christl provide a definition and/or information and advise the Committee on public members. The matter will be sent to the Board for review.

4. Application for Continuing Program Approval

A. Maricopa Skill Center

Maricopa Skill Center Representative Present: Ms. Jane Werth, Director

Randolph addressed the Committee stating that Maricopa Skill Center applied for renewal of Board approval. The potential violations noted in the site visit report have been corrected.

Committee members requested clarification regarding clock hours versus credit hours, and courses that may have extended clock hours for instruction.

Werth stated that the Maricopa Skill Center has a history of providing services to non-traditional learners. With some of those learners it may take longer impart the same knowledge. The Skill Center is a clock hour school. Classes are based on hours delivered. Federal tuition reimbursement must be based on clock hours not credit hours. An articulation agreement exists between Maricopa Skill Center and MCCDNP.

Motion: Recommend that the Board approve.

Moved: Dr. Sellers

Seconded: Dr. Boyle

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR PROPOSAL APPROVAL

There were no applications for proposal approval submitted for review at this meeting.

6. APPLICATIONS FOR PROVISIONAL APPROVAL

There were no applications for provisional approval submitted for review at this meeting.

7. APPLICATIONS FOR PROGRAM CHANGE

A. Pima Community College

Pima Community College Representative Present: Ms. Marie Barrentine, Director Generic Program

Randolph addressed the Committee stating that an application for program change was submitted by Pima Community College for using an additional site and increasing numbers. Pima Community College addressed all the considerations that were asked for in the rules. The new clinical availability form was completed showing that the program has the clinical placement sites that they will need.

Barrentine informed the Committee that when the college does satellite agreements with both TMC and Carondelet Hospital, they insist that part of the negotiations for the contract is that it not impact programs that are currently using the clinical spaces. Pima Community College works very closely with the University of Arizona. Statistics are available regarding clinical space in the Tucson area.

Motion: Recommend the approval of the application for program change.

Moved: Dr. Killeen

Seconded: Ms. Riesdorph

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried.

B. Eastern Arizona College

Eastern Arizona College Representative Present: Dr. Mayuree Siripoon

Randolph addressed the Committee stating that for the past five years persons from the Globe and Payson (Gila County) areas have expressed a desire to offer a local nursing program. Gila Community College District cannot offer educational programs without a community college partner due to statutory limitations. Eastern Arizona College (EAC) is proposing to partner with Gila to expand the current program at EAC to both Globe and Payson. Dr. Siripoon included the clinical availability documents and provided information assuring the committee of clinical availability.

Committee members requested clarification on the following:

- Availability of qualified faculty in the communities where the expansion is going to occur.
- Onsite management or a program coordinator available to evaluate the clinical sites and the clinical instructors and any adjunct faculty.
- Resources

In her statement to the Committee, Dr. Siripoon stated that faculty interviews were being conducted and applications for faculty positions have been received. Dr. Siripoon travels to various sites to supervise the nursing program and anticipates designating a program coordinator in the future as enrollment increases. Some classes are conducted using ITV.

Motion: Recommend approval of adding geographic locations and increasing enrollment.

Moved: Ms. Riesdorph

Seconded: Ms. Mayhew

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion carried.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE PROGRAM TO CONDUCT CLINICAL IN ARIZONA

A. Case Western Reserve University

Case Western Reserve University Representative Present: Dr. Lynn Lotus

Randolph addressed the Committee stating that Dr. Lotus informed Randolph that Case Western Reserve University had been sending students to Arizona. Randolph notified Dr. Lotus that Case Western Reserve was required to show evidence that it met Arizona standards. The material submitted went before the Board on September 21, 2005. The Board voted to allow the students currently in Arizona to continue to engage in clinicals, but to submit the required documentation to the Education Advisory Committee. Case Western Reserve used the self-study worksheet. Additional material is available in the Board office; however, protection of patient safety is not in the evaluation plan yet.

Dr. Lotus informed the Committee that protection of patient safety is on their agenda for the next evaluation committee meeting. Criteria for student placements include a preceptor or organizing faculty available in the area that Case Western has a relationship with. Case Western Reserve is interested in sites where students can focus on marginalized populations and at-risk populations. Sites have included aboriginal health service in Australia, community clinics in Chile, and migrant worker groups in Florida. Future site placements will be in Appalachia. In response to a Committee inquiry as to projected volume of students, Dr. Lotus provided that no more than three students are placed at one time and only in the Fall semester. Case Western Reserve students currently in the state of Arizona have been placed at the Hohokam Medical Center on the Gila River Reservation and Banner Desert Medical Center.

Motion: Recommend that the Board approve the Case Western Reserve application for conducting clinical in Arizona and request that Case Western Reserve submit an annual report on how many students are coming to Arizona for clinical experiences.

Moved: Dr. Pipe

Seconded: Dr. Boyle

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion carried.

9 ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION

There were no Advanced Practice Nursing Program applications submitted for review at this meeting.

10. NCLEX

A. Report from NAU

Northern Arizona University Representative Present: Dr. Judith Sellers

Randolph addressed the Committee by stating that she communicated with Dr. Sellers regarding the Committee’s request.

Dr. Sellers addressed the Committee by stating that fourteen students took the exam, two out-of-state, twelve in-state, all passed. Northern Arizona University feels that the decline in scores was an anomaly. In response to the Committee request to have NAU formulate a plan to improve NCLEX pass rates, Dr. Sellers provided that one of the plans for the next academic year is to work with the HESI Corporation to look at testing trends or patterns with NAU students. NAU had not taken time in the past to look at trends. In the past all students took the HESI exam together. Unfortunately, it took up a substantial amount of faculty time. Subsequently, NAU made arrangements with Counseling and Testing for students to make appointments, test, and individual reports were generated which was not compiled or trended. The evaluation of the data would provide curricular evaluation and change.

The information provided will be forwarded to the Board.

11. SELF REPORT OF RULE VIOLATION COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Coconino Community College Representative Present: Don Johnson, Director of Nursing Programs

Randolph informed the Committee that Johnson reported that a faculty member had been hired but had not yet acquired a masters degree. The faculty member had been providing didactic instruction. Randolph discussed the rule requirements for nursing education programs with Johnson, and requested that Coconino Community College self-report a rule violation of R4-19-204. Mr. Johnson complied with the request.

Motion: Recommend to the Board that they issue a Notice of Deficiency with eighteen (18) months to correct.

Moved: Dr. Roe

Seconded: Dr. Killeen

Discussion: None.

Vote: Motion carried.

12. UPDATES

A. Board Actions

Randolph addressed the Committee and shared the September 21 - 23, 2005 Board results which included the approval of the refresher program applications for SEVEN Healthcare Academy, Mohave Community College and Pima Community College. CNE Net withdrew its application to renew the RN and PN Refresher Programs. A meeting of the refresher programs will take place in October. CNE Net is expected to return to the Committee in the future with the requested changes to be consistent with Board rules.

NCLEX quarterly data was reviewed. One program was reported to be below 75% for the quarter. The Board directed Randolph to submit a letter requesting that the program devise a plan to increase scores. Program changes were approved for Central Arizona College and Baptist Health System. The policy for submission to the Education Advisory Committee and the form for clinical availability were approved. The Board took the action with Case Western Reserve that was discussed in agenda item 8A (above).

B. Certified Medication Technician Pilot Study

The Certified Medication Technician Pilot Study Steering Committee will complete a RFP to recruit a researcher. A meeting was conducted with facilities interested in participating in the study. Randolph is working with D&S Diversified Technologies to devise an exam. The curriculum has been approved by the Board.

The state of Michigan would like to have the project replicated in their state. The Steering Committee is asking in the RFP that the researcher address whether they will be able to replicate the study in the state of Michigan which may contribute to it being a nationally significant study. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held October 11, 2005.

C. Rules

Randolph addressed the Committee stating that Article 5 has been approved by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC). The portfolio project will go to the Advanced Practice Committee on September 30, 2005 for their approval and recommendation and is expected to go to the Board in November. Article 5 rules will become effective on or about November 13, 2005. Revisions will be made to the online version and revised copies will be made for the public. Article 8 is going to GRRC on October 4, 2005.

13. ANNUAL REPORTS

Revisions to the Annual Report were made and e-mailed to Committee members based on the August 19, 2005 committee meeting discussion. Randolph reiterated the concerns with submitting data online. Members requested the use of a key to assist in the completion of the form.

Committee members expressed concern that there would be an appropriate level of benefit in relation to the amount of time devoted to compiling and submitting data for the report. Committee members were informed that the data collected is provided as a service to the public and is also used for legislative purposes and support for education. The IT department will provide the number of Annual Report downloads by the next meeting. Annual Reports will be due in January 2006.

This matter will be placed on the November 3, 2005 agenda.

14. CLINICAL CAPACITY

The clinical hours survey was revised and distributed. Randolph informed the Committee that a summary report was in progress. The survey was able to show that baccalaureate programs have more clinical hours and acute care clinical hours than associate degree programs; and there are more maternity hours than pediatric hours in acute care. Committee members noted the challenge in calculating clinical hours without being able to demonstrate various teaching modalities that focus on clinical skills.

Committee members reviewed the issues discussed in Agenda item 3C. In addition Committee members suggested the Governor create a task force to explore the issue of clinical capacity and expressed a need for a mechanism to address the fact that agencies/facilities look at clinical placement not by cohort or group by rather semester by semester.

This matter will be taken to the Board in November.

15. DEBRIEFING ON TODAY'S MEETING

Committee members would like to continue the education sessions; see the need for redefining committee goals; saw the value in having nursing students present to observe the committee processes; have all persons with agenda items be given the option of appearing telephonically; and expressed concern that the future of clinical capacity may present overwhelming concerns notwithstanding the education provided by the assistant attorney generals regarding anti-trust.

16. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None.

17. FUTURE MEETING TOPICS/DATES

Next Meeting: November 3, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED/APPROVED BY:



Signature