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Arizona State Board of Nursing

EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES May 1, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathy Malloch, Co-Chair, PhD, RN, MBA
Sharon Akes-Caves, RN, BC, MS, MSN
Sherrie Beardsley RN, MBA/HCM
Judi Crume, PhD, RN
Sally Doshier, EdD, RN, CNE
Terry Duffy, RN, MN, CDE
Rita Jury, MSN, CPHQ, RN
Mary Killeen, PhD, RN
Kathie J. Kulikowski, MSN, CNE, RN-BC
Jennifer Lakosil, RN, MSN, PNP
Carol Mangold, RN MSN
Marty Mayhew RN, MSN
Debra McGinty, PhD, RN
Linda Riesdorff RN, MS, DON
Cheryl Roat EdD, MSN
M. Kitty Rogers, MS, RN
Brian Stewart, MSN, BSN, BFA, RN
Jane Werth, MS, RN (telephonic)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Constance Woulard, Co-Chair, RN, MSN
Ela-Joy Lehrman PhD, RN

GUESTS PRESENT

Sue Rhodes, Brown Mackey College

BOARD STAFF ATTENDING:

Joey Ridenour, Executive Director
Pamela Randolph, Associate Director, Education
Karen Gilliland, Education Department Staff

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Malloch at 8:36 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Malloch welcomed committee members and noted that photographs taken of committee members prior to convening the meeting will be featured in an upcoming AZBN Regulatory Journal. Malloch asked committee members if they were adjusting to the use of the electronic advance reading packet. Members noted their satisfaction. Randolph informed the committee that there would be a voluminous amount of material as part of the June advance reading packet. Distribution will remain the same with 15 members received an electronic copy and five members receiving both an electronic and paper version.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 6, 2009

Duffy moved and Crume seconded to approve the February 6, 2009 minutes with correction. Motion carried unanimously.

4. INFORMATION/POLICY

A. Clinical Availability

Randolph reported that there is no new information for the committee, and no indication that there has been a decrease in the need for clinical placements. There are four new programs seeking proposal or provisional approval which are expected to be on the Education Advisory Committee's June 5, 2009 meeting agenda. Upon review of applications, Randolph noted that some applying programs intend to use few acute care settings, with most clinical placements in rehabilitation and long-term care facilities. Randolph further stated that a substantive discussion is needed with regard to considerable amounts of clinical placements being proposed away from the acute care despite past employment trends that show 85-87% of new nursing graduates work in acute care settings. Randolph has received reports from programs that have experienced an insufficient number of patients in clinical settings. Randolph noted that as a result, faculty must not only be concerned about clinical placement/space but must also determine how clinical space may be used in ways other than one-on-one clinical assignments.

Crume noted that the increased request of surveys from potential programs will be raised at a meeting with the Nursing Instructional Council of Maricopa as well as the status of the MCCDNP waiting list.

Members discussed alternative assignments for students in clinicals; getting information to clinical faculty; raising topic at Statewide Educators Conference; Board requirement of potential programs to show need and restraint of trade; market research being flawed because of current economic conditions; licensing trends for nursing graduates; publishing objective data; ADN to BSN programs; and how the issue is managed in other states. Randolph noted that there have been some states that have declared a moratorium which is not possible in the State of Arizona.

Randolph recommended considering a statewide consortium to develop a plan for rational growth for nursing programs based on health needs. Randolph noted that the topic would need its own day for a substantive discussion and resolution. The Board would have to be involved but the conference would need education, service, and government/legislative support.

Stewart suggested potential programs demonstrate evidence to support alternative placement and provide evidence to show that learning objectives will be achieved at the program level. Members supported the idea and requested that it be included in the application. Members felt that it would help the applicants understand what the committee is looking for. Randolph noted that while this could be added to the application, it is not required in rule.

Motion: Recommend the Board convene a consortium for rational growth of nursing programs to meet Arizona healthcare needs, that would consist of service, education, and legislative needs.

Moved: Ms. Carol Mangold

Seconded: Dr. Sally Doshier

Discussion: Randolph stated that the Board would need a co-sponsor. AzNA would need to be involved, and the Board has a legislative specialist to assist.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

B. Statewide Educator's Meeting Planning

Randolph addressed the committee stating that Dr. Glenn Regehr has been selected as guest speaker for the 2009 Statewide Educators Conference. Dr. Regehr gave a presentation at the National Council Conference in 2008 entitled *Self-Assessment, Self-Direction, Self-Regulation and Other Myths: Deconstructing the Fallacy of the Adult Learner*. Randolph shared Dr. Regehr's biographical information and noted that Everest College has offered a generous sponsorship for Dr. Regehr's appearance. Malloch asked that a letter be sent to Everest College thanking them for their contribution to the program.

Randolph received 50 responses to the survey sent to the Education Advisory Committee and nursing program directors which determined the date and the following topics selected to be on the program schedule:

Evidence Based Curriculum

Killeen recommended Susan Stilwell to discuss evidence based program curriculum. Randolph will contact Stilwell to ascertain her availability.

Best Practices in Clinical Instruction

Werth recommended Linda Caputi. Randolph stated because the Board is statutorily limited to what can be charged, a sponsor would be needed to accommodate Caputi as a speaker. Kulikowski will contact Caputi to see what recommendations she might have for the topic and organize a panel.

Increasing NCLEX Pass Rates

Randolph suggested McGinty share Northland Pioneer's story regarding how the program was turned around. The presentation will be entitled *Increasing NCLEX Pass Rates: One Program's Story*.

Board reports will remain on the program schedule. It was the consensus of the committee that continuing education credits will be offered at this event. Dr. Doshier, Dr. Roat and Ms. Rogers will serve on the event planning committee. Randolph will e-mail biographical data forms to planning committee members.

Malloch suggested requesting outlines and objectives rather than requesting a copy of speakers' PowerPoint presentations.

Note: Education Committee Member Ms. Jane Werth left for the duration of the meeting.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR PROPOSAL APPROVAL

There were no applications for proposal approval.

6. APPLICATION FOR REFRESHER PROGRAM RE-APPROVAL

a. Northland Pioneer College

Note: Education Committee Member Dr. Debra McGinty recused herself from this portion of the agenda.

Northland Pioneer College Representatives Present: Dr. Debra McGinty

Members discussed the merit of the preceptor outline in the application packet; student placement at clinical sites; number of years out of practice as criteria for taking refresher course.

Motion: Recommend Board grant approval.

Moved: Dr. Mary Killeen

Seconded: Mr. Brian Stewart

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

7. APPLICATION FOR FULL APPROVAL/RENEWAL

There were no applications for full approval/renewal.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR PROGRAM CHANGE

There were no applications for program change.

9. APPLICATIONS FOR REFRESHER PROGRAM APPROVAL

There were no applications for refresher program approval.

10. NCLEX

A. NCLEX 1st Quarter Reports, 2009

Malloch addressed the committee stating that first quarter NCLEX pass rates were 96.67% for practical nursing programs and 88.69% for registered nursing programs. Both PN and RN were above the national average. Central Arizona College was noted to have a first quarter pass rate of 57%. Randolph will send a formal letter addressing the low pass rate.

Malloch noted that the Philippine's pass rate is at 49%. Randolph offered that there are reports that Philippine schools have less oversight, and the recent proliferation of schools with less oversight and less clinical may be a contributing factor.

Three programs remain under Notice of Deficiency: IIA, EVIT, and University of Phoenix. University of Phoenix has increased to 80%, however the Notice of Deficiency can not be lifted until more candidates have tested to determine if the increase is a trend.

11. BOARD AND MEMBER UPDATES

Malloch announced that Constance Woulard has resigned and will be moving out of state. Board Members Karen Hardy, Pat Johnson, and Steve Robertson are up for reappointment. When the new governor took over it was noted that 400 positions on boards and commissions remained unfilled. Malloch recommended interested parties consider applying. Ridenour offered that inquiries may be directed to Linda Styles who assists the governor in this area. Information is available on the governor's website. Malloch added that applicant may need a letter of support from AzNA.

Ridenour addressed the committee stating that no legislation will be passed until after the budget approved. Some discussions at the capitol may result in a special session after the budget is passed. No legislation is expected this year for AZBN.

Randolph reported Education items reviewed by the Board included an investigative site visit for East Valley Institute of Technology and a follow-up report; ITT received proposal approval. A provisional application was submitted which will be sent to committee members for the June 5, 2009 meeting; Fortis College received proposal approval; The application for full approval and renewal from International Institute of the Americas was not granted. The Board agreed to hold any decision to see pass rates at end of deficiency period (September 30, 2009); Northern Arizona University Nursing Program was re-approved; University of Arizona application for a pediatric nurse practitioner program was approved.

Board discussed the clinical capacity surveys. Werth attended the Board meeting and presented the clinical coordinator survey. The reports are now on the AZBN website. The policy on submission of materials to the education committee which included the adoption of the electronic packet was approved. The Board reviewed NCLEX reports and the refresher course meeting report. The Board also approved a new credentialing agency, Joseph Silny & Associates which has done work in for the New Mexico and Florida boards. The University of Phoenix responded to potential deficiencies from their site visit report adequately. A nursing assistant training program operated without Board approval and received a Letter of Concern.

12. DEBRIEFING ON TODAY'S MEETING

Malloch suggested starting the next meeting early because of amount of material on the agenda. Committee members agreed to begin the June 5, 2009 meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Members appreciated discussion regarding evidence on alternative approaches to curriculum.

13. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Malloch welcomed Sue Rhodes, clinical coordinator for Brown Mackey College.

14. FUTURE MEETING TOPICS/DATES

Next meeting will be Friday, June 5, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Malloch adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Randazzo".

Signature

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