

MINUTES

**UTAH
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF NURSING**

January 8, 2009

**Room 474 – 4th Floor – 7:30 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 7:41 a.m.

ADJOURNED. 9:46 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Secretary:

Laura Poe
Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Diane Forster-Burke

Committee Members Present:

Peggy Brown
Diane Forster-Burke
Mary Williams
Pam Rice

Guests:

Linda Petersen, Ameritech College

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

December 11, 2008 Education Committee minutes:

The minutes were approved with corrections. All Committee members in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review NCLEX pass rates for Provisionally approved programs:

Reviewed.

Discussion regarding electronic transcripts and fingerprints:

Ms. Poe discussed the possibility of the Division receiving electronic transcripts from nursing education programs. Committee members will check with the registrar's office to see if electronic transmission to the Division is possible. Ms. Poe also questioned whether or not the schools would have the ability to do electronic fingerprints. Committee members will look into this issue.

NCSBN test plan:

Lorraine Kenny from the NCSBN joined the meeting via telephone to provide clarification regarding changes to the NCLEX-RN Examination. Dr.

Williams made a Motion to close the meeting in accordance with 52-4-205. Ms. Brown seconded the Motion. All Committee members in favor. The meeting was closed at 9:10 a.m. to discuss the NCLEX-RN test plan. Dr. Williams made a Motion to open the meeting. The Motion was seconded. All Committee members in favor. The meeting was opened at 9:27 a.m.

Ms. Poe will respond to the request from NCSBN with suggestions for changes to the proposed RN test plan.

Carolyn Lewis,
Utah Career College:

Dr. Lewis and James Cox, regional director of Utah Career College meet with the Committee. Dr. Lewis indicated the annual report had been submitted to the Board. Dr. Lewis stated there are 37 new students, making a total of 160 students enrolled in the nursing program. She reported the program has hired three new adjunct faculty members. Dr. Lewis stated they are preparing for the NLNAC site visit in February. Dr. Lewis requested a letter from Ms. Poe and the Board regarding the exception to hire a BSN faculty member as long as that individual is enrolled in a graduate program and has a signed contract to complete the MSN within three years. Ms. Poe requested that a copy of the contract be forwarded to her. Ms. Poe will write the requested letter outlining the rule. Dr. Lewis stated she is not sure of the time of the exit meeting, but will let Ms. Poe know so that Committee members can be present. Committee members indicated to Dr. Lewis that she should have faculty members at the exit meeting. Dr. Lewis stated the staff is organizing the evidence room and the students can articulate the mission statement. Committee members commended Dr. Lewis for the increase in the NCLEX-RN pass rates.

Katherine Dimmock,
Linda Petersen
Ameritech College:

Dr. Dimmock was contacted by telephone and Ms. Petersen met in person with the Committee. Ms. Broadhead is teaching a class today and could not change her schedule in order to meet with the Committee. The annual report has been received. Dr. Dimmock indicated they are moving forward toward candidacy status. Ms. Petersen stated she will send Ms. Poe the names and the cohort each student attended to help determine pass rates by cohort. Ms.

Petersen stated there are 9 students from the October 2008 cohort who still have not taken the NCLEX examination. Ms. Petersen stated the program is going to have the students go through the Hurst review. This is a four day review going over content and test taking strategies. Ms. Petersen indicated the students who have not taken the examination have been notified of the rule changes. Dr. Dimmock reported on the status with ABHES. She reported that the Show Cause remains in effect because the nursing program is out of compliance. ABHES has also requested a 6 month financial audit. The 74% pass rate on the NCLEX examination is an improvement, however, the pass rate still needs to increase to meet the standard in rules. Dr. Dimmock indicated her role with Ameritech is to focus on NLNAC candidacy status, get the curriculum in shape, and work on the objectives. She stated the objectives will be sent to Ms. Poe prior to the next meeting. Dr. Dimmock reported she has accepted a position at Chamberlain College in Florida as the campus dean. Ms. Poe expressed concern with the time commitment and the self study report for Ameritech College. Dr. Dimmock reported Karla Huntsman will be completing the self study report.

Traci Hardell,
Stevens-Henager College:

Ms. Hardell stated they have 52 nursing students and 46 students enrolled in pre-requisite courses. She reported the next cohort begins March 2009 and two new faculty members have been hired. Ms. Hardell reported NLNAC scheduled a site visit for March 10-12, 2009. The self study report will be completed by the end of January and Ms. Hardell indicated she will provide a copy to the Board. Ms. Hardell reported she broke down the NCLEX student results by cohort. She reported the first cohort had a 50% pass rate and the next cohort had an 87% pass rate. Committee members questioned what the difference was between the two cohorts? Ms. Hardell stated there were several students who did well on the LPN examination and did not think they needed to study for the RN exam. She stated that the length of the program was also increased, some classes increasing from 4 to 8 weeks. Ms. Hardell stated the curriculum was the same and does not know why the pass rate increased from 50% to 87%. She stated students now have to take the NCLEX review and the program is changing from the

ERI to the ATI. She indicated the program runs more smoothly now. Ms. Hardell also reported that the December group of students are positive about the program and have stated they would recommend the program to others. Education Committee members indicated the program has made a lot of good changes. The Board will continue to monitor pass rates and would like a copy of the self study report when completed.

Discussion regarding medications in school settings – Rule 156-31b-701 and 701a:

Ms. Poe indicated she has received a request for a written opinion regarding the delegation of Diazepam rectal gel (Diastat) administration in the school setting. She has also received a request regarding intranasal Versed given for seizures in children in the school setting (ordered by a physician from PCMC). Ms. Poe also indicated there has been concern expressed regarding controlled substance pain medications that would be given to the child by the school staff. Committee members stated that in a hospital setting, controlled substance medications are locked up and controls are set in place to monitor the administration of the controlled substances. These controls do not happen in the school setting. Ms. Poe stated the delegation rule for the school nurse is specific for insulin. She questioned whether or not we need to look at the type and route of medications and redraft that section of the rule. Ms. Poe proposed that Committee members review the information and the discussion will be scheduled for February. Ms. Poe requested Committee members look at what rules are in place and think about what direction we want to go. She indicated the following individuals will be invited for the discussion: a representative of the school nurse association, individuals from PCMC and the Department of Health school nurse consultant.

Education Peer Committee member:

Ms. Poe reported that two individuals have indicated an interest in the vacant Committee position. Both of these individuals work with clinicals in the health care setting. Committee members indicated they would welcome someone who works in the clinical setting.

Licensure exemptions:

Ms. Poe indicated there is concern with the NCLEX pass rates that continues to drop. The Division is issuing temporary licenses to individuals who have not

documented competency by passing the exam. These individuals are changing employment and the division is not being notified of the new supervisor/place of employment. The proposal is to eliminate the temporary license. There is an exemption in 58-1 that allows for an individual who is in an approved residency/intern program to be exempt from licensure for a period of time. Ms. Poe suggested that the Committee look at putting in place what a residency program could look like. A facility could be approved for the residency program. The approved program could hire new graduates who would then be exempt from licensure.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

February 12, 2009
Date Approved

(ss) Diane Forster-Burke
Diane Forster-Burke, Chair, Education Committee Board of
Nursing

February 12, 2009
Date Approved

(ss) Laura Poe
Laura Poe, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing