

MINUTES

**UTAH
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING**

October 4, 2012

**Room 402 – 4th Floor – 8:30 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 8:40 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:55 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Debra Hobbins, DNP, APRN
Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Sheryl Steadman

Committee Members Present:

Sheryl Steadman
Debra Mills

Committee Members Excused:

Gig Marshall
Jodi Groot

DOPL Staff Present:

Mark Steinagel, Division Director
Matthew White, Division Intern

Guests:

Donna Lister, SUU
Julie Aiken, Ameritech College
Yvette Ross
Glenda Christiaens, Fortis College
Linda Petersen, Ameritech College
Karla Larsen, Provo College
Nate Creer, WGU
TJ Carter, MATC
Tara Peters, MATC
Sharon Dingman, USU
Frank Pignanelli
Carma Miller, WGU
Vicky Dewsnup, Stevens-Henager
Becky Richards, Stevens-Henager

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

September 9, 2012 Minutes:

The September 9, 2012 minutes were tabled due to lack of a quorum.

Mark Steinagel, Discussion regarding regulation of nursing education programs:

Mr. Steinagel provided Committee members with a study regarding prelicensure nursing education program approval processes in other states. The study found:

- 1). Twenty-seven BONs are independent of the national accreditation bodies. Initial approval processes are conducted before accreditation takes place.
- 2). Five BONs share reports with the national nursing accrediting bodies and/or make visits with them sharing information. However, the final decision about approval is made by the BON. Initial approval processes are conducted before accreditation takes place.
- 3). Four BONs accept national nursing accreditation as meeting BON approval, though they continue to approve schools that don't voluntarily become accredited.
- 4). Eight BONs accept national nursing accreditation as meeting BON approval with further documentation. However, if there are complaints, low NCLEX results, excessive student attrition, excessive faculty turnover or lack of clinical sites the BON reviews further. Initial approval processes are conducted before accreditation takes place.
- 5). Six BONs require national nursing accreditation with additional processes.
- 6). One BON does not have jurisdiction over programs that have national nursing accreditation. Non-accredited programs are only initially approved by the BON and under specific statutory requirements.
- 7). Two BONs are not involved with the approval system at all. The BON is not given the authority to approve nursing programs.

Mr. Steinagel stated that he finds numbers three and four of the most interest to the Division. Dr. Hobbins stated that in the past, most states became involved in the

educational approval process because at least 50% of the ADN nursing programs are not accredited by a national accreditation body. Mr. Steinagel stated that there are only two other professions in the Division that approve educational programs. These two professions are cosmetology and security guards.

Mr. Steinagel stated the Division is concerned with dealing with one group of programs one way; and the second group a different way. He stated the Division is considering going to the legislature and requesting the elimination of the requirement to be regionally accredited and only requiring nursing accreditation.

Dr. Steadman stated she reported on the Division's proposal at the deans and directors meeting. Dr. Steadman reported the deans and directors feel this is a good compromise; however they were concerned with opening the Nurse Practice Act. In the past, anytime the Nurse Practice Act was opened, other requirements were added or taken away from the Act that the nursing community was not aware of. Mr. Steinagel stated another party can always add something to the bill, however it would be the Division's bill and he would be watching it very closely.

Members of the public expressed the following concerns

- Who would regulate the program between the period of time starting a program and the time the program becomes accredited. Mr. Steinagel stated the NLNAC has candidacy status for new programs and CCNE has new application status. He stated he does not know if a program can receive one of these statuses prior to opening the doors of the program.
- Accreditation bodies will not require the 10 to 1 ratio in clinical settings.
- It will become even more difficult in finding clinical placements.

-A few programs stated they would prefer to be regulated at the state level rather than national level.

-Accreditation bodies may allow more than 25% simulation.

-Accreditation bodies would not review pass rates.

-If there is a problem with a program, who would address the issues? Mr. Steinagel stated the Board could address if there were major problems and the accreditation body could always be contacted with the concerns.

-There would be less regulation of programs.

-Accreditation bodies only review a program every eight to ten years. If a program is not doing well, it will take a longer period of time to catch the problem.

-Difficulty receiving a response from the accreditation bodies.

-The accreditation body is not a regulator and each plays a different role in nursing education.

-Not all programs will report to the same accreditation body.

Dr. Dingman stated she likes having only one source to report. Mr. Steinagel stated it is redundancy having two bodies do the same thing. He also indicated this would also save the Division resources to work on other nursing issues. Ms. Carter, MATC, stated she would rather pay a fee to the state for regulation than have to pay the high accreditation fees to the accreditation body. Dr. Christiaens stated she feels NLNAC would keep a close eye on the programs, they require an annual report and she feels it is a good idea to have only one body to respond to.

Mr. Steinagel also included in the handout two different proposals. The first would be to go back to the legislature and have 58-31b-603(1)(a) eliminated. This would eliminate the requirement that education programs have to be affiliated with an institution of higher

education that is accredited by one of the six accreditation bodies and only require nursing education programs be accredited by the nursing accreditation bodies.

The second proposal would be after July 1, 2016 be approved by the board and comply with standards defined by division rule and be accredited by one of the nursing accreditation bodies. Mr. Pignanelli stated he would have a problem with the second option. Vicky Dewnsup stated she agrees with having the accreditation bodies do the regulation.

Mr. Steinagel indicated if the nursing community is uncomfortable with the proposal, there could be a three-year sunset placed in the statute, the effectiveness studied and the issue revisited.

Committee members and a majority of members of the public agree with the first option. Mr. Steinagel stated the Division will pursue the first option.

Update on Broadview University:

Dr. Hobbins provided an update regarding Broadview University. She indicated NLNAC is requiring a full time administrator for the remaining seven students. NLNAC will not accept Delos Jones as the administrator of the program. Faye Uppman has obtained a Utah license and will act as the nursing program administrator until the end of December.

Eagle Gate College,
Written report:

The vita for new faculty member Caroline Hammer was reviewed. The report was reviewed and accepted.

Everest College,
Written report:

The report was reviewed and accepted.

Fortis College,
Written report:

The report was reviewed and accepted.

Nightingale College of Nursing,
Written report:

The report was reviewed. Ms. Sowards needs to submit a vita for the new part-time clinical faculty member.

Western Governors University,
Written report:

The report reviewed and accepted.

Stevens Henager College:

Committee members reviewed an anonymous complaint regarding Stevens Henager's testing and progression policy. The complaint stated that the testing policy indicates that if a student fails to achieve a minimum score as determined by SHC nursing program on a third course, the student will be withdrawn from the nursing program. This statement is not congruent with the assessment testing policy in the proposed program expansion document submitted to the Committee. The document submitted does not say anything about the student being withdrawn from the program. The policy also indicates that if a student fails to complete the remediation plan and/or achieve an acceptable minimum score, the student will receive a failing grade and be withdrawn from the program. The program does not provide the student with what that score would be. Ms. Mills indicated the terminology used is confusing for the student.

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.

-----November 1, 2012
Date Approved

(ss) Sheryl Steadman
Sheryl Steadman, Acting Chair
Education Committee

November 1, 2012
Date Approved

(ss) Debra Hobbins
Debra Hobbins, Bureau Manager,
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing