

MINUTES

**UTAH
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF NURSING**

December 11, 2008

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

CONVENED: 7:39

ADJOURNED: 9:15 a.m.

**Bureau Manager:
Secretary:**

Laura Poe
Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Diane Forster-Burke

Board Members Present:

Peggy Brown
Diane Forster-Burke
Mary Williams
Pam Rice

Guests:

Christy Larsen

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

October 9, 2008 Education Committee minutes:

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

November 13, 2008 Education Committee minutes:

The minutes were approved as written. All Committee members in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review NCLEX pass rates for Provisionally approved programs:

Reviewed.

NCSBN test plan:

The NCSBN proposed revised RN NCLEX test plan was reviewed. Committee members expressed concern that the executive summary does not correspond with the strikethroughs. Committee members stated they can not support the document with the strikeouts unless there is further explanation. Committee members requested that a member of the NCSBN staff be available by telephone at the January meeting to answer questions Committee members

have.

Ms. Poe discussion:

Ms. Poe discussed the implementation of the August Nurse Practice Act Rules and graduation cycles. Ms. Poe indicated there is concern regarding how a graduation cycle is measured. One program may have one graduating class every six months and another school has a graduating class every other month and thus has three graduating classes in the same time period. The quarterly NCLEX reports from NCSBN are based on calendar quarters and not graduation cycles. Ms. Forster-Burke stated programs should be responsible to track this information by graduating cycle. After a lengthy discussion the Committee recommends that DOPL track graduation days for each program and use the quarterly rate following the graduation to determine NCLEX pass rates/graduation cycle. Ms. Brown questioned if a program has less than 50% of students writing Boards within six months of graduation, is that information included in the attrition rate? Ms. Poe stated if an individual graduates, but fails to take the exam, the school has no control and it is not considered attrition.

Ms. Poe reported the Memorandum of Understanding with Ameritech Nursing Program has been signed. She indicated the program changes from provisional to probationary approval. Dr. Dimmock has indicated a copy of the MOU will be at school where students can review the document and they have also prepared a letter with the dates and MOU on their web site.

Ms. Poe indicated the Rule to be filed will give all programs until January 1, 2010 to have an articulation agreement in place for prerequisites. The Rule will also eliminate temporary licenses for the RN/LPN.

Ms. Poe reported on a discussion she had with Nancy Nowak, IHC. Ms. Noak indicated IHC has implemented a 12 week residency program that everyone goes through (it will be streamlined to 8 weeks). Ms. Poe indicated these individuals could be exempt from licensure because they would be in an approved residency/training program. The accountability is with the nurse and the institution. The individual could take the exam and be issued a

Carolyn Lewis,
Utah Career College:

license during the residency.

The Division failed to notify Ms. Lewis of the scheduled meeting time. Committee members discussed canceling the site visit for Utah Career College in January. Committee members would like to attend the NLNAC exit visit. Dr. Lewis will be invited to meet with the Committee in January to discuss preparations for the site visit.

Debra Edmunds,
Mountainland:

Ms. Edmunds was not notified that a written report needed to be submitted.

Katherine Dimmock,
Linda Petersen
Ameritech College:

Dr. Dimmock stated that Lona Broadhead has been hired as acting director of the nursing program. Dr. Dimmock stated Ms. Broadhead will work on the day to day issues, while Dr. Dimmock continues to work on accreditation and faculty development. Ms. Broadhead will be meeting with the Board next month. Ms. Poe presented Dr. Dimmock with the signed Memorandum of Understanding. Dr. Dimmock stated she understands the terms and conditions of the MOU, and understands it moves the program to probationary status.

The monthly pass rates were reviewed. Only 8 tested, with 4 passing. Ms. Peterson stated there are still 7 individuals who have not passed the exam and 9 who have not tested. She indicated the next graduating class is in February. She reported she has called the students and still have students from old cohorts testing. She stated she is working with those individuals. Ms. Poe indicated the Committee discussed this earlier, and have decided to track the individual by name by cohort. Ms. Poe requested a list of students by cohort and Ms. Peterson stated she will send this in. After this time period, the program will need to track from here on out.

Dr. Williams questioned if Ms. Broadbent will have adequate time for administration if she is also carrying a full load in the classroom. Dr. Dimmock stated Ms. Broadbent will be carrying a full load in the class room. Dr. Dimmock reported faculty members are coming together now. The syllabus has changed and is focusing on the NCLEX examination. Ms. Peterson stated she is concerned that the Division is losing the

transcripts and it delays the students. She reported hand delivering the transcripts and then the Division tells the students the transcripts have not been received. Ms. Poe indicated she would look into this issue.

Dr. Dimmock requested that a Board member come to the school to speak regarding the NCLEX examination, the process and what the exam entails. This would be 3:00 to 5:00 on Mondays or Thursdays. Ms. Poe indicated she would be willing and would work out with a Board member to come to the school. Ms. Forster-Burke stated she would be glad to go with Ms. Poe if it is on a Monday.

Dr. Dimmock stated she is available for teleconference anytime. She thanked the Board for all their help. She indicated the program is continuing to work on the ABHES accreditation issue and she stated she feels the Order to Show Cause will be lifted because they have corrected a number of the issues.

Ms. Peterson and Ms. Broadbent will be present at the January 8, 2008 meeting. Dr. Dimmock will be available by telephone.

Traci Hardell,
Stevens-Henager College:

Ms. Hardell and Stevens-Henager College did not receive notification of the meeting and will be scheduled for January 8, 2009.

Western Governors University:

Western Governors University will be contacted to see if they would like to meet with the Committee in January.

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.

January 8, 2009
Date Approved

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

January 8, 2009
Date Approved

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

Professional Licensing