

MINUTES

**UTAH
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF NURSING**

June 11, 2008

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

CONVENED: 7:35 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 8:55 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Secretary:

Laura Poe
Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Mary Williams

Committee Members Present:

Peggy Brown
Mary Williams
Pam Rice
Gigi Marshall

Committee members excused:

Diane Forster-Burke

Guests:

Dan Inman, Eagle Gate college
Mable Smith, University of Southern Nevada
Marlene Luna, University of Southern Nevada

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

April 9, 2009 Education Committee minutes:

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

May 14, 2009 Education Committee minutes:

The May 14, 2009 minutes were tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review NCLEX pass rates for Provisionally approved programs:

Reviewed.

Review request from Provo College,
Gigi Marshall, Director of Nursing
Dan Inman, Chief of Operations, Eagle Gate College:

Ms. Marshall and Mr. Inman met with Committee members to discuss their request to expand Provo College's Nursing program. It is requested that they be allowed to start two cohorts per year and add two additional locations at existing Eagle Gate College

locations, one in downtown Salt Lake and one in Layton. Mr. Inman explained that Provo College is an entity of Eagle Gate College and the owners are the same for each college. Provo College has the accreditation through NLNAC because Eagle Gate did not have the national accreditation that was necessary at the time the nursing program was approved. He indicated they have ACICS accreditation which is now recognized by NLNAC.

Ms. Marshall indicated the program is ready to expand and feel this can be done without diluting the quality or integrity of the existing program. She indicated in order to more efficiently utilize faculty and staff, they would like to start two cohorts per year at the Provo College location. They currently accept up to 50 students once a year and would like to make a change to accept 20 students in August, and decrease the number of students accepted in January to forty. This would be an overall increase of 10 students at the Provo College location. Ms. Marshall also reported the general education classes are at capacity and they have a waiting list. Ms. Marshall stated if the expansion is approved, the students would be accepted into pre-requisites January 2010 and would begin the nursing program August 2010. Ms. Marshall indicated the same curriculum would be used on all campuses. Committee members indicated Ms. Marshall should check with NLNAC to see if the additional sites will effect their accreditation.

Ms. Marshall indicated there are between 110 and 120 students in the current program. Committee members expressed concerns with the number of faculty members and the number of students. It appears from a review of the organizational chart that there are only two faculty members. Ms. Marshall stated they are using more than two faculty members and she will submit clarification. Ms. Marshall indicated they have adequate faculty and clinical experiences. She stated she understands the concerns with clinical sites.

She stated she has not contacted NLNAC to see if this would affect accreditation. Ms. Brown made a Motion to allow Provo College to rearrange student admissions and faculty and allow for two admissions.

Ms. Rice seconded the Motion. Ms. Marshall abstained. All other Committee members in favor. Ms. Rice made a motion to allow Provo College/Eagle Gate College to expand the Salt Lake City and Layton Eagle Gate campus contingent on approval from NLNAC. If NLNAC does not approve the change, our approval is withdrawn. Ms. Brown seconded the Motion. Ms. Marshall abstained. All other Committee members in favor.

Discussion:

Committee members reviewed the summary of recommendations to the 2009 delegate assembly. Ms. Brown made a Motion to recommend to the full Board to support the changes to the NCLEX-RN test plan. Ms. Rice seconded the Motion. All Committee members in favor. Ms. Brown made a Motion to recommend to the full Board to support changes in the model rules for innovative education proposals. Ms. Marshall seconded the Motion. All Committee members in favor.

Carolyn Lewis,
Utah Career College:

The monthly NCLEX pass rates were reviewed. A written report was not received, however, Ms. Poe reported Dr. Lewis indicated NLNAC voted to move forward with accreditation and the recommendation will be voted on in July. Dr. Lewis had indicated she feels the vote will be favorable and does not perceive any problems.

Debra Edmunds,
Mountainland ATC, written report:

Committee members reviewed the written report. Ms. Edmunds reported the NLNAC site visit will be September 29, 2009 through October 1, 2009. Committee members will attend the exit interview. Ms. Edmunds reported the program has accepted 20 new students out of an applicant pool of 50 and these students will begin the program in August.

Lona Broadhead
Ameritech College, written report:

The NCLEX pass rates were reviewed. Committee members noted the pass rates remain low. Ms. Broadhead submitted a letter indicating the program has decided to hold transcripts and will not allow the student to graduate until they have passed the HESI exam. Ms. Broadhead indicated the program has offered a great deal of mediation and still have individuals who haven't passed the exam, or haven't even taken the exam. Ms. Poe indicated the first group of students from the new curriculum will graduate this

summer. There is one more group to sit from the old curriculum and the program anticipates the pass rates will remain low for this group. Ameritech still does not have candidacy status.

Traci Hardell,
Stevens-Henager College, written report:

Ms. Hardell indicated the NLNAC accreditation committee will make a recommendation regarding accreditation in July. Ms. Hardell indicated they have 36 pre-nursing students, 54 nursing students and will begin a new cohort in August with 15 students. July is then next graduation date. They have a new faculty member and his vita was submitted. Ms. Hardell indicated the curricular changes regarding student outcomes as recommended by the NLNAC site visitors have been made.

Chamberlain College:

Ms. Poe indicated the letter from Chamberlain College is informational only. This is an RN to BSN program and does not need approval from the Utah Board of Nursing.

University of Southern Nevada:

Dr. Smith presented the pass rates from the Nevada program as requested by Committee members in April. For the quarter ending March 2009 the Nevada pass rate was 85%. Committee members indicated they need to conduct a site visit before next months meeting. Committee members indicated the program could move forward and Ms. Poe will set up a time for the site visit.

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.

Date Approved

Diane Forster-Burke, Chair, Education Committee Board of Nursing

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Laura Poe, Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing