

## MINUTES

### UTAH EDUCATION COMMITTEE BOARD OF NURSING

September 9, 2010

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

**CONVENED:** 7:37 a.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 9:47 a.m.

**Bureau Manager:**

Laura Poe

**Secretary:**

Shirlene Kimball

**Conducting:**

Peggy Brown

**Committee Members Present:**

Peggy Brown

Mary Williams

Pam Rice

**Committee Members Excused:**

Gigi Marshall

**Guests:**

Susan Jero, ISH

Phyllis Gertge, ISH

Pamela Stoeckel, ISH

Kathy Frisbie, ISH

Rebekah Lynch, Everest College

Linda Petersen, Ameritech

Julie Aiken, Ameritech College

Glenda Christiaens, Fortis College

#### **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

##### **NEW BUSINESS:**

June 10, 2010 Minutes:

The June 10, 2010 minutes were approved as written.

June 17, 2010 Minutes:

The June 17, 2010 minutes were approved as written.

Intermountain School of Health,  
Susan Jero, Requesting approval for associate  
degree RN education program with possible  
PN step-out (or 1+1 program):

Susan Jero, Phyllis Gertge, Pamela Stoeckel and  
Kathy Frisbie met with the Committee to present  
Intermountain School of Health request for approval to  
begin an associate degree program.

Ms. Jero stated the program will provide three options  
leading to licensure. The first option allows exit at the  
end of the first year with an additional course to

#### **DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

prepare the student to take the PN-NCLEX exam. The second option allows the student to go through both years without stopping and the third option allows for advanced placement of a current LPN who would like to continue to obtain an associates degree. They will not offer pre-requisite general education courses. The students will have obtained the pre-requisites from a state approved institution. The campus will be in the Ogden area and they have signed a lease on a building for seven years. The didactic portion will be online and video taped for review by students. Ms. Jero stated faculty members teaching didactic are in Colorado, online and interacting with students and a local faculty member is in the room with the student. The clinical faculty member takes them to the clinical sites. Ms. Poe questioned the curriculum and stated it appears to be based on curriculum from a community school in Colorado. Ms. Gertge stated the curriculum is based on some curriculum from Colorado and part was developed by the planning team. Ms. Gertge stated if a student has a situation where they can not continue into the second year, they can exit the program and take a transition course. Ms. Gertge stated the LPN could take a transition course into the role of the RN. Dr. Williams expressed concern this may create role confusion. Ms. Poe stated it appears this is an associate degree program and not a one plus one program.

Ms. Poe stated the Committee can not move forward until the parent institution has been accredited. Ms. Jero stated they have submitted an application for ABHES accreditation. Ms. Poe also questioned the change of the name of the school. Ms. Jero stated they will be changing the name, but have not decided what that name will be. Ms. Poe stated before moving forward, the Committee will need to know the organizational structure, who the owners are, whether or not the massage school shares resources, such as financial aid, and if so, how does that work. Ms. Jero stated the nursing program will be run independent of the massage school and they will set their own admissions criteria.

Ms. Brown questioned where the funding will come from. Ms. Jero stated the funding comes from private

individuals. Ms. Brown stated that if it was a one time gift, there would be concern that if the money runs out, the students are left high and dry.

Ms. Poe questioned how many students they feel they will need for the program. Ms. Jero stated they would like to have 50 students, but if they only have 10 students, they will move forward. Dr. Williams stated that there may not be the number of students out there as stated in the feasibility study. She indicated some of the data may not be current and she would like to see the DWS report that was referenced. Ms. Poe stated the feasibility study does not match with the Boards experience.

Ms. Rice questioned commitments from clinical sites. Ms. Jero stated they have a list of facilities they will pursue, but not all are acute care settings.

Dr. Williams questioned whether not faculty has experience in education. Ms. Jero stated they are all educators and Ms Jero will oversee the curriculum. Ms. Jero stated she is pursuing further education to meet the requirements and presented a list of classes she will be taking. Ms. Poe stated the Committee appreciates the background and her plan for pursuing further education; however, there are no waivers in rule for the director of the program. Dr. Williams indicated whoever put the proposal together needs to use titles consistently. We also need the job description of the dean. To meet NLNAC criteria, the Dean needs to have education experience.

Committee members questioned how communication will take place. Ms. Gertge will be here physically and is the consultant. Ms. Jero will be responsible for hiring and firing. There will be a dean and a director. Everything will be Utah based, they will hire local faculty and faculty will be involved in decision making.

Committee members requested clarification of the role of the individual with an associate degree in the lab. Ms. Jero stated it is the intent to have this person help in the lab. Committee members requested clarification of the role. Committee members also questioned the

role of the preceptor.

Ms. Jero stated they would like to begin the program January 2011. This means they would have to have the build-out completed in November and a site visit completed in December. Approval can not be granted before the site visit and ABHES accreditation. The site visit could be completed in December as long as the build out is completed and the lab completed. If a site visit is conducted in December, then results of the site visit would be reported to the Board January 2011.

Committee members indicated Ms. Jero needs to provide the Committee with additional information, meet with the Committee again in October for clarification of the remaining issues. The items identified that need to be addressed are the organizational chart; explanation of the services, who is responsible (the parent institution) copy of resource document used in the feasibility study from a DWS survey; list of clinical sites that have been identified including the day of the week, the shift and unit; faculty experiences (will be looking for the quality and diversity of experiences); corrected job descriptions. The next meeting will be scheduled for October 14, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

Fortis College,  
Glenda Christiaens:

Dr. Christiaens met with the Committee to introduce herself as the new nursing director of Fortis College. She reported Kathleen Potter has returned to Colorado. Dr. Christiaens stated the October cohort will not start unless the program has at least 24 students and she is not sure they will be able to fill the cohort. Dr. Christiaens stated she does not think the program has submitted the candidacy status application yet. Committee members indicated she needs to focus on submitting the NLNAC candidacy application and it should be done quickly. Committee members also requested documentation regarding clinical sites.

Review NCLEX pass rates for provisionally approved programs:

Ameritech and Stevens-Henager both had a 100% pass rate for this months review.

Review of Written Reports from:  
Ameritech College  
Julie Aiken:

Ms. Aiken and Ms. Peterson indicated the NLNAC exit interview will be held Saturday, October 16, 2010.

Committee members would like to see a copy of the self assessment report.

Committee members also indicated we still don't have the first time test takers by cohort. Committee members would also like to know which students are still in the "lounge". Those students who have finished the program but haven't passed the exit exam are the students that Committee members consider in the "lounge". Ms. Aiken stated there are no students in this category. She stated they have four students repeating the NCLEX review. They have students who have not completed their course work.

Everest College,  
Rebekah Lynch:

Ms. Lynch reported Everest College will be delaying their nursing classes until Spring of 2011. Ms. Lynch stated they do not have enough students to begin a cohort. Ms. Lynch stated she feels the reason they do not have the number of students is due to the fact they offer a BSN program and students are choosing to get through school quicker with the associates degree. Ms. Rice suggested the program may want to look at offering a 2 plus 2 program.

Stevens Henager College,  
Rebecca Ford:

Report reviewed and accepted.

University of Southern Nevada,  
Marlene Luna:

Report reviewed and accepted. The University of Southern Nevada will be graduating their first class soon.

Western Governor's University  
Carolyn Lewis:

Report reviewed and accepted. Committee members would like to know how many students they have accepted into the cohort.

Follow-up regarding Parent institution  
changing names:

Ms. Poe indicated that if a parent institution changes its name, the Board must be notified, but the nursing program does not need to go through another accreditation process.

Eagle Gate College site visit:

The site visit to Eagle Gate College will be conducted September 16, 2010 at 9:00 at the Layton campus.

October 14, 2010  
Date Approved

(ss) Peggy Brown  
Peggy Brown, Co-Chair, Education Committee, Board of  
Nursing

October 14, 2010  
Date Approved

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