

MINUTES

**UTAH
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING**

September 9, 2012

**Room 464 – 4th Floor – 8:30 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 8:32 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 11:06 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Debra Hobbins, DNP, APRN, LSUDC
Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Gigi Marshall, MSN, RN

Committee Members Present:

Gigi Marshall, MSN, RN
Sheryl Steadman, Ph.D., APRN
Debra Mills, MS, RN

DOPL Staff Present:

Mark Steinagel, Division Director

Guests:

Sharon Dingman, Utah State University
T.J. Carter, Mountainland ATC
Sally Russell, Eagle Gate College
Chuck Ericson, Eagle Gate College
Matt Moncur, Eagle Gate college
Geeta Maharaj, Everest College
Braden Sheehy, Corinthian College
Garry Thorup, Corinthian College
Jan Jones-Schenk, Western Governors University
Vicky Dewsnup, Stevens Henager College
Cheryl Jasley, Stevens Henager College
Holli Sowerby, Stevens Henager College
Rebecca Richards, Stevens Henager College
Carol Allen, Stevens Henager College
Carma Miller, Western Governors University

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Swearing In and Oath of Office for Jodi Groot,
PhD:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Hobbins swore in Jodi Groot as a member of the
Education Committee. Committee members
welcomed Dr. Groot.

August 2, 2012 Minutes:

Ms. Mills made a motion to approve the August 2, 2012 minutes as written. Dr. Groot seconded the motion. All Committee members voted in favor of the motion.

Mark Steinagel, Discussion Regarding Education Programs:

Mr. Steinagel indicated there have been several discussions within the Division regarding the regulation of nursing education programs. Mr. Steinagel stated that 18 of the 26 programs will no longer be regulated by the Division/Board of Nursing as long as the program is affiliated with an institution of higher education that is accredited by one of the six accreditation bodies and by CCNE, NLNAC or COA. Mr. Steinagel questioned whether or not it makes sense to continue to regulate the other eight nursing education programs and questioned why we would want to have two different systems of regulation. Mr. Steinagel stated all programs need to be accredited by NLNAC, CCNE or COA and questioned whether or not the Board has a process that is different from the accreditation body. The Governor has asked all Departments to reduce business regulation. Mr. Steinagel stated that the Division does not charge fees to regulate the programs; however, the accreditation bodies charges high fees for their services. Mr. Steinagel stated the only explanation he has heard as to why we should continue to regulate the schools is that all other states do it. He indicated he has not heard specific reasons or facts why the Board should continue to regulate. Mr. Steinagel stated the Division will move slowly on this issue and have an open discussion with the industry and the associations.

Ms. Marshall stated Mr. Steinagel's comments make sense, but she has not looked at the difference between accreditation bodies and State Board functions. Ms. Marshall indicated the NLNAC just issued new standards and she would like to review those standards to see if there is a gap. Dr. Steadman stated the Board really needs to study the issues, and in her opinion, the accreditation bodies are passive and they would have to become more active. However, she stated she does not know if there is any data available to review. She stated she would be concerned if the accreditation body only monitored a program every five years because we would not be able to address the issue of

public safety. Mr. Steinagel stated no other DOPL healthcare professions regulate their educational programs. He stated we could do it this way for a period of time and then review the process. Dr. Steadman stated the accreditation bodies may not want to, or be able to, monitor in detail programs in all fifty states.

Ms. Mills stated the clinical sites are moving to accepting students for clinicals based on the schools posted NCLEX scores.

Dr. Steadman stated this is a very important issue and needs to be reviewed closely. Ms. Marshall stated she will speak with Suzette Farmer, formerly at the NLNAC. Ms. Marshall stated she will also send the NLNAC accreditation standards for review. Dr. Steadman will meet with the Dean and Directors and let them know the Board and the Division will be looking at this issue. She will also forward a copy of the COA and CCNE standards. This will be a major discussion at the next meeting.

Eagle Gate College,
Sally Russell:

Ms. Russell indicated Eagle Gate College has appealed the NLNAC accreditation denial. She stated they are currently in discussions with NLNAC. NLNAC has indicated they would let the program reapply for candidacy status if they withdraw their appeal. Mr. Mitchell Jones indicated that if the program receives candidacy status, the Memorandum of Understanding will be withdrawn, but it is up to the program to work with NLNAC. Ms. Russell stated the program wants to see where DOPL stands. The Division will move forward with the MOU if the program does not meet standards outline in Rule. Dr. Hobbins stated she was under the impression that Eagle Gate had received a new candidacy status. Mr. Jones stated it was also his understanding that new candidacy status would happen very quickly. Dr. Hobbins indicated the Rule requires full NLNAC accreditation within two years from the date the first class graduates. Eagle Gate College needs to let the Division/Board know as soon as the NLNAC has granted candidacy status.

Fortis College,

Report accepted.

Written report:

Mountainland ATC
T.J. Carter:

Ms. Carter reported the innovative (preceptor) piece of the program is going well. Ms. Carter reported they signed an affiliation agreement for one semester with a home health agency to see if clinicals will work out in home health. She reported clinicals at Aspen Rehab are going well. Ms. Carter stated the program has changed their focus this year and will move from experiences in different areas the first semester to only one area of focus. Ms. Carter stated they hope this will be an advantage to the student by allowing them to remain in one area for a longer period of time. Committee members requested the program provide data from the previous focus versus the new focus. Ms. Carter stated she will also submit a vita for the new faculty member. Ms. Carter also reported the program has signed a contract with Weber to accept Mountainland PN students into the Weber RN program. Education Committee members requested an update in December or January.

Everest College,
Written report:

Dr. Hobbins reported Everest College made application to CCNE and she has been informed that CCNE accepted their application as the first step in pursuing a status of accreditation. The first students from Everest College will graduate in January 2013.

NCLEX Board member review of operational items:

Informational only. If an individual is currently teaching in a nursing education program, they can not participate in the review.

Stevens Henager College,
Rebecca Richards,
Vicky Dewsnup:

Ms. Richards submitted a current student handbook, clarified credentials and submitted CVs for all faculty members. Ms. Richards stated a course progression plan and testing policy has been developed and will be in effect for new cohorts beginning September 2012. Ms. Richards also reported they have hired consultants to assist in curriculum changes, a test blueprint project and changes in course content. Ms. Richards requested a correction to the June minutes that indicated a letter from Stevens Henager College listed three faculty members as being BSN prepared. She stated the letter did not indicate there were three faculty members prepared at the BSN level. Ms. Richards stated she feels that Committee members

must have looked at the old student handbook which may have included that information. Committee members indicated they would review the letter and make any necessary corrections. The CVs submitted were reviewed. Note: The letter was reviewed as requested. The letter did not state that there were three faculty members prepared at the BSN level; however, the letter was attached and submitted with a student handbook which did report this information.

Sharon Dingman,
Utah State University:

Dr. Dingman reported Utah State University has had two visits from consultants from the University of New Mexico. She reported the program has formed a curriculum committee and this committee found there is a need for the standardization of the curriculum on each campus site. The USU nursing program campuses are located in Price, Vernal and Blanding. Dr. Dingman reported she is working on separating out programs and placing responsibility at each campus. Dr. Dingman reported the Vernal campus is currently running two courses side by side. This campus has twenty applications for the RN program. She reported NLNAC has been notified of the name change and that USU has been assigned a program code.

Utah Action Coalition – In-Kind Support:

Reviewed. Informational only

Electronic Transcripts:

Dr. Hobbins reported the Division's system will not merge with multiple system programs and would not be able to receive electronic transcripts.

Update on Nurse Practice Act Rule:

Dr. Hobbins stated that a majority of the changes were in regards to educational programs and will be placed on hold.

Break at 10:30 a.m.
Reconvened at 10:41 a.m.

Western Governors University:
Jan Jones-Schenk,
Carma Miller:

Ms. Marshall indicated Committee members requested clarification regarding the pre-nursing and nursing courses. Ms. Jones-Schenk stated the students enroll in the University for pre-nursing courses. These are rigorous courses to see if the student will be a match for the program. Ms. Mills stated it appears that nursing courses have been changed to pre-nursing.

Dr. Miller outlined the prerequisite courses and the pre-nursing courses. The students started the pre-nursing courses April 1, 2012 and will complete them September 30, 2012. Once the pre-nursing courses are completed, they will apply for admission to program, and nursing courses will begin October 2012. These students will then graduate September 2014. Ms. Mills stated the confusion was the terminology. Dr. Miller stated they use the same terminology across the board. Pre-nursing is the education so that the student clearly understands the role of the nurse. This is a six-month period for the student to understand nursing and to help both the student and the program determine whether or not the student wants to continue, or can continue in the nursing program. During this period there are no clinicals, it is simply just to determine if the student is a fit for the program. Also the intro to nursing skills is just an introduction students are not practicing nursing skills. Ms. Mills indicated she wanted to see the outcomes and appreciates the clarification. Ms. Jones-Schenk reported they have submitted some proposed curricular changes. There will be the same number of hours which is 120 hours. The hours in lab and simulation will be slightly lower, but still within the same percentage. They have added geriatrics and health assessment. Committee members reviewed the curriculum and stated the curricular changes appears to be a minimal and they have only added enhancements. Ms. Jones-Schenk reported NLNAC accreditation has accepted the curriculum changes. Committee members thanked them for coming and they will need to continue to submit monthly reports.

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.

October 4, 2012
Date Approved

(ss) Sheryl Steadman, acting chair
Gig Marshall, Chair
Education Committee

October 4, 2012
Date Approved

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