

MINUTES

**UTAH
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING**

January 3, 2013

**Room 474 – 4th Floor – 8:30 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 8:43 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 11:06 a.m.

**Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:**

Debra Hobbins, DNP, APRN, LSAC
Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Gigi Marshall

Committee Members Present:

Gigi Marshall
Sheryl Steadman
Debra Mills

Committee Members Excused:

Jodi Groot

Guests:

Donna Lister, Southern Utah University
Geeta Maharaj, Everest College
Traci Hardell, Fortis College
Sally Russell, Eagle Gate College
Chuck Ericson, Eagle Gate College

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

November 1, 2012 Minutes:

Dr. Steadman made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Ms. Mills seconded the motion. All Committee members voted in favor of the motion.

Discussion:

Dr. Steadman indicated the Committee needs to schedule a meeting to develop new Rules and set standards for the educational programs we will be continuing to monitor. Dr. Hobbins indicated we would need to wait until after the Legislative session to see how the Statue will be amended. It was suggested this be a discussion item for the March 2013 agenda.

Dr. Hobbins questioned whether we should suggest

adding a Committee member that works at a facility who is responsible for determining clinical placements for students. Dr. Hobbins indicated this may raise awareness of the difficulty nursing education programs are having in the placement of students. Ms. Mills stated she is not sure someone would want to be on the Committee, but we could invite them to attend a meeting. Ms. Mills stated the facility's focus is on staff and not on students. A new employee is not oriented to the importance of the placement of students. Dr. Steadman indicated this issue is discussed at deans and directors meetings and she could bring information back to the Committee.

Fortis College,
Traci Hardell:

Ms. Hardell met with the Committee to discuss the remediation plan regarding the low NCLEX pass rates. Ms. Hardell stated they are afraid that the 4th quarter pass rates will be low as well. Ms. Hardell indicated administration and faculty have been reviewing the whole program and making major changes. Ms. Hardell stated they are closely following each student through-out the entire program. She indicated that if student grades are high in a course, but low on the HESI exam, the course is reviewed by program administrators. The program also requires a student with less than a 75% go through remediation. Ms. Hardell questioned what will happen if the 2012 fourth quarter and the 2013 first quarter pass rates are below the national average. Will the program be prevented from accepting new students into the program? Dr. Hobbins stated that the Board of Nursing reviewed special circumstances for Nightingale School of Nursing last month and allowed Nightingale an additional six months to make changes. Ms. Marshall stated in the spirit of what we are trying to do, reviewing the circumstances and extending a time period may be a good idea. Ms. Mills stated the Committee could look at the percentage of change that takes place to make a determination.

Compact State NCLEX requirement:

Review of the Compact State NCLEX requirement was tabled.

Board survey of online disciplinary documents:

Committee members discussed the letter requesting Board members' opinions whether DOPL should post its disciplinary documents in a way that restricts a

person's ability to find them through a general internet search. For example, individuals could find the documents by searching within dopl.utah.gov, but not through general search engines like Google, Yahoo or Bing. Committee members recommended option number one that reads, "We believe disciplinary documents posted on DOPL's website should only be found through a search someone performs within DOPL's website. General internet searches shouldn't be allowed to display or embed disciplinary documents as a search result." Dr. Hobbins indicated disciplinary documents are currently available through the general search engines.

Discussion regarding the January 1, 2013 transition:

Dr. Hobbins indicated there will be twelve programs that the Committee will monitor: Bridgerland ATC; Davis ATC; Eagle Gate College, Everest College, Fortis College, Mountainland ATC, Nightingale School of Nursing; Ogden/Weber ATC; Provo College; Stevens-Henager College; and Uintah Basin ATC.

Eagle Gate College,
Sally Russell:

Ms. Russell reported Eagle Gate will be consolidating the Salt Lake City and Layton campuses. She indicated the program is currently approved as one program on two campuses. Ms. Russell indicated they feel the consolidation will be better for the students and the Layton campus will be closed after those students who are currently enrolled at that campus graduate in 2014. Ms. Russell stated the Salt Lake campus will be able to accommodate 40 students.

Ms. Russell indicated the program was aware that their 3rd quarter NCLEX pass rates were going to be low. She indicated remediation of students takes place in every course. The program uses an online testing system and the program can code up to nine questions. She indicated they look at trends for each student and if remediation is necessary, it is done whenever needed through out the program.

Everest College,
Written report:

Written report reviewed and accepted.

Nightingale School of Nursing:

There is a question whether or not Yvette Ross is the new Dean of Nursing and if Louise Sowards is the

program administrator. The Division will contact Nightingale for clarification.

Annual Reports:

Committee members indicated they would not need to review the annual reports from Snow College and Utah State University. The annual reports for Davis Applied Technology College and Mountainland Applied Technology College were reviewed and accepted.

A reminder will be send to the provisional programs and PN programs that they will be required to submit an annual report.

Discussion regarding new programs:

Committee members questioned what process should be taken with new programs. Will the Committee review the initial application and monitor the program until the program receives candidacy or new application status? Dr. Hobbins indicated this will be determined at a later date.

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.

February 7, 2013
Date Approved

(ss) Gigi Marshall
Gigi Marshall, Chair
Education Committee

February 7, 2013
Date Approved

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