

MINUTES

**UTAH
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING**

February 5, 2015

**Room 402 – 4th Floor – 8:30 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:20 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Suzette Farmer, Ph.D., RN
Shirlene Kimball

Conducting:

Jodi Morstein, Ph.D., APRN Chair

Committee Members Present:

Donna Lister, Ph.D., APRN
Jodi Morstein, Ph.D., APRN
Debra Mills, MSN, RN
Gary Measom, Ph.D., RN

Committee Members Excused:

Julie Aiken, MSN/Ed, RN
Sharon Dingman, DNP, RN

Guests:

Steven Litteral, Ameritech College
Sally Russell, Eagle Gate College
Chuck Ericson, Eagle Gate/Provo College
Susan Jero, Nightingale College
Stephanie Slater, Stevens-Henagar College
Marie-Eileen Onieal, Rocky Mountain University
Anmy Mayfield, Rocky Mountain University

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

December 4, 2014 Minutes:

Dr. Lister motion to approve the December 4, 2015 minutes. Ms. Mills seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Administration of the Oath of Office to Gary Measom:

Dr. Farmer administered the Oath of Office to Gary Measom. Mr. Measom was welcomed by Committee members.

Dr. Farmer,
Discussion regarding Proposed Rules that

Dr. Farmer indicated that a Rule Hearing would be held before the Board of Nursing on March 12, 2015 regarding

have been filed:

R156-31b-602, Requirements for Limited-time Approval of Non-accredited nursing programs and R156-31b-603, Education Providers-Requirements for ongoing communication with the Board. Dr. Farmer indicated that the Division has not received comments with concerns regarding these Rules.

Dr. Farmer indicated she removed R156-31b-301c, APRN License-Education, Examination, and Experience Requirements from the Rule change filing because the Division is concerned that the proposal is not consistent with statutory language. Dr. Farmer indicated the Division understands and supports the rationale for the proposed changes; however, the statutory language does not support distinguishing between a "new graduate" seeking initial licensure in Utah and someone who may have been licensed in another state. The current interpretation of statutory language is that anyone who wants to specialize in psychiatric/mental health nurse must complete the clinical practice requirements established by Rule.

Dr. Morstein stated having the stringent rules regarding supervised experience for new graduates makes sense, but not for those who have been practicing for a period in another state. It would make more sense to have the individual already licensed in another state document 4000 hours of independent clinical practice.

Ms. Mills made a motion that if an individual were licensed in another state as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, they would need to document 4000 hours of independent clinical practice. If they cannot document the 4000 hours of practice, the applicant would need to obtain the additional hours under supervision of a psychiatric APRN or physician. Dr. Lister seconded the motion. All Committee members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Discussion of distance education and Utah licensure of faculty members. Dr. Farmer indicated the current Rule requires faculty members from out-of-state programs be licensed in Utah. Dr. Farmer indicated this makes sense for pre-licensure, but if using a preceptor model, the preceptor is licensed in Utah. Dr. Farmer reported the CNM Board reviewed the rule and determined if they

have a Utah licensed preceptor, the faculty member does not need to be licensed in Utah. Dr. Morstein stated that most programs would make the preceptor part of the faculty. The CNM Board also indicated in their proposed Rules that the program must have current accreditation to be approved. Current Rule only required "having been accredited". The CNM board also determined that the education program would need to reapply after accreditation is revisited.

Eagle Gate College and Provo College,
Sally Russell, Chuck Ericson – discussion
regarding moving from an ASN to BSN
program:

Ms. Russell indicated that Eagle Gate College and Provo College have determined to phase out the ASN program and would like to begin a BSN program. Ms. Russell stated they are making curriculum changes and have reviewed CCNE criteria. Ms. Russell reported the ASN program has eight students that will finish the program summer 2016. Ms. Russell stated the generic students would be taking the courses from the BSN completion program. Ms. Russell reported CCNE would conduct an on-site visit before 2016. Ms. Russell stated they would be admitting a cohort three times a year, 20-25 students per class, and they have 75 students per year. Ms. Russell indicated the program would hire more faculty members as the number of students increase. Dr. Farmer indicated she is concerned with those students currently in the associate degree program that will finish the end of August 2016. Eagle Gates has ACEN candidacy status which will end about six weeks prior to the date the ASN students will graduate. Dr. Lister stated she does not feel the Committee has the authority to say that those students will have graduated from an approved program. Dr. Farmer stated they would just need approval for a short period, if the Committee makes the recommendation to allow those students to sit for the NCLEX, they would be able to. Students entered into the program in good faith and the program should give the students the option to enter the new program or take the examination. Ms. Mills stated she is concerned giving approval when it would be the direct opposite of Rule. Ms. Mills stated if we give approval once, what happens when the next group comes along and wants 8 weeks or 6 months. Dr. Morstein stated we could approve for six weeks, but would not approve for six months. Ms. Mills indicated we need to give a recommendation that will fit within the law and questioned whether the program could petition ACEN to extend the status. Mr. Ericson stated they are looking at

their options of transferring students to Provo College, requesting an extension from ACEN, or accelerating the program. Dr. Morstein indicated Rule allows for a transfer and teach out as long as there is an articulation agreement.

Mr. Ericson reported that Provo College students graduate in April and will be okay to sit for the examination. He indicated there has been an increase of inquiries regarding the BSN program. They will have a CCNE site visit January 2016.

Committee members also reviewed the Annual reports submitted by Eagle Gate and Provo College. Eagle Gate had an 88% overall pass rate for the year.

Mr. Ericson indicated that the Eagle Gate Nursing program would be moved to the Murray campus and will be giving up the Salt Lake location in May 2015.

Stevens Henager College,
Stephanie Slater:

Ms. Slater provided an update on the ADN program and the status of the program. Ms. Slater provided handouts for Committee members to review. The handouts included an update from Stevens-Henager College indicating that the program has candidacy status and an ACEN site visit is scheduled for Spring 2016. Ms. Slater indicated the program is weighing their options between ACEN accreditation and CNEA, the new accreditation body. Ms. Slater also indicated that all of their students have been notified by email, in person or in the classroom regarding the status of the program. Students have signed a letter of acknowledgement regarding the potential implications and the signed, dated letters are on file with the nursing education program. Ms. Slater indicated they have an articulation agreement with the University of Phoenix and have the RN-BSN program with Independence University, a branch of Stevens-Henager West Haven Campus, to help facilitate the graduate's education requirements. Ms. Slater indicated the campus would continue to accept and enroll students into the program. Students will sign acknowledgment that they have read the notice to students before enrollment is discussed.

Ms. Slater indicated that one cohort of three students will graduate in October and the other cohort will graduate

after the first of the year. They will have 18 students while in candidacy status. Ms. Slater also indicated that the website was changed to reflect the new status and change in curriculum. The program admits students quarterly, with a minimum of 10 students and maximum of 40 students. Dr. Lister stated she is concerned that the students beginning the program in January will not graduate in candidacy status and will not be able to sit for the NCLEX examination. Dr. Lister also indicated that they need to find another program to sign an articulation agreement with, other than the University of Phoenix. The program needs to inform the student that if they graduate after candidacy status ends, they would not be eligible to sit for the NCLEX examination.

Everest Annual Report:

The Annual report for Everest was reviewed and accepted.

Fortis College:

Committee members reviewed the ACEN correspondence regarding performance improvement plan.

Dixie State University,
Change in nurse administrator:

DeAnne Larsen, MSN, RN, CPN has been appointed the interim chair of the ADN program. Carole Grady, EdD, WHNP-BC, CNE has been appointed as interim chair of the BSN program.

Rocky Mountain University of Health
Professions, Dr. Marie-Eileen Onieal and
Dr. Anmy Mayfield:

Dr. Onieal, Program Director and Dr. Anmy Mayfield, Rocky Mountain University, met with Committee members to discuss the nursing programs at RMU. Dr. Onieal indicated that they have two doctoral tracks, post masters DNP and post baccalaureate DNP/Family Nurse practitioner; and one track for postgraduate FNP certification program.

Dr. Onieal indicated the program recently had a site visit from CCNE. She reported CCNE looked at all programs during the site visit, including the postgraduate certificate program. The program currently has 12 postmasters DNP students that will graduate Summer 2015, and another cohort that will graduate Summer 2016. The post baccalaureate DNP/FNP has 10 students that will graduate winter 2016 and the second cohort of 15 students will graduate winter 2017. The postgraduate FNP certification program has one student who will graduate winter 2015.

Dr. Morstein questioned what is the emphasis for the post doctorate DNP. Dr. Onieal indicated leadership and

system changes. Dr. Onieal indicated some students are educators and some are APRNs.

Dr. Onieal indicated the program anticipates notification regarding accreditation status in July 2015.

Legislative Update:

Dr. Farmer indicated that there is a bill that will give the Board rule making authority regarding limited time approval if an education program loses accreditation. The Statute will also indicate that approved programs are accredited programmatic programs approved by the Department of Education. Since ACEN is listed under a hybrid program, A recommendation will be made to have the language changed to a national nursing program accreditation body approved by the Department of Education.

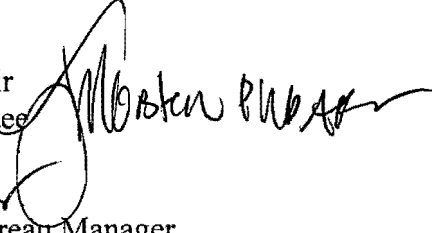
Dr. Farmer indicated there were a number of individuals that met with State Representative DiCaro and Senator Vickers to discuss Board oversight of nursing education programs. Dr. Farmer indicated Mary Williams, Diane Forster-Burke, Kathleen Kaufman, Julie Aiken and several other individuals were at the meeting. Dr. Farmer indicated the Division will implement whatever legislation is passed; however, there does not appear to be a clearly defined problem. Other professions do not have oversight of education.

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 4/2/15

Jodi Morstein, Chair
Education Committee

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Suzette Farmer, Bureau Manager,
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing