

MINUTES
UTAH
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING

August 1, 2013

Room 475 – 4th Floor – 8:30 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 8:36 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 11:42 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:
Department of Commerce Staff:

Debra Hobbins, DNP, APRN, LSUDC
Shirlene Kimball
Jennie Jonsson, Administrative Law Judge

Conducting:

Gigi Marshall, MSN, chair

Committee Members Present:

Sheryl Steadman, Ph.D., APRN
Debra Mills, MSN
Jodi Groot, Ph.D., APRN
Gigi Marshall, MSN
Donna Lister, Ph.D,

Guests:

Dr. Sharon Dingman, USU

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Administer Oath of Office to Donna Lister:

Dr. Hobbins administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Lister. Committee members welcomed Dr. Lister as a member of the Committee.

May 2, 2013 Minutes:

Dr. Groot made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Mills seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor of the motion.

List of Education Program Accreditation:

Reviewed

Dr. Hobbins, update:

Dr. Hobbins reported Nightingale College has received ABHES accreditation.

Dr. Hobbins also reported that development of the process for the Division to receive electronic transcripts from nursing education programs has been placed on hold.

Dr. Hobbins reported NCSBN would look into allowing nursing education programs to obtain their own NCLEX scores and candidate information.

Snow College, ADN program update:

Ms. Epling provided a written update regarding the progress of the ADN program at Snow College. Ms. Marshall indicated she is concerned that they are seeking accreditation too early. Dr. Lister indicated she thinks they are seeking accreditation so that the students can graduate from a fully accredited program. Ms. Marshall indicated that the accreditation process has recently changed and the accreditation body would like to see at least six months of employment data after a student has graduated before issuing full accreditation.

Medication Aide Certified update:

Dr. Hobbins indicated the MACE examination contract could not be signed until the Nursing Rule has been adopted.

Dr. Hobbins reported Weber State University started the first group of ten students on July 29, 2013. The Division will offer a temporary certification for these students until the examination is in place.

NCSBN Regulatory Standards for
Prelicensure Distance Education Programs
in Nursing:

Committee members reviewed the NCSBN Regulatory Standards for Prelicensure Distance Education Programs. Committee members indicated we do not need to place these standards in Rule; however it is an excellent reference and the Division could direct a nursing education program to the standards and the checklist attached to the article. Committee members recommended the checklist be placed on the Division's web site.

NCLEX review:

Committee members reviewed the NCLEX pass rates and voiced concern with several of the programs with low pass rates. However, this will be an issue for the accreditation body. Ms. Mills indicated that the NCLEX pass rates are included in the annual report to the accreditation body and the Committee will be receiving a copy of those reports. Committee members also indicated this is the first examination after a change in the examination and pass rates are usually lower after a change in the examination.

Sharon Dingman indicated that the Utah Cluster

Acceleration Partnership (UCAP) has been charged to look at clinical site issues. An Innovative Clinical Placement Committee has been established to review clinical placement opportunities other than traditional inpatient hospital experiences to meet clinical education outcomes and quality experiences for students. Dr. Dingman reported clinical sites are moving from hospital to community nursing and additional use of simulation has been discussed. Ms. Mills stated she is concerned that the education of nurses may be moving away from education programs and back to the hospitals.

Dr. Steadman expressed concern that clinical sites are checking school pass rates and determining whether they will accept students for clinical placement at the facility. Ms. Mills stated it is challenging because some areas of the state like one school over others and the facilities are not looking beyond the name of the school. Dr. Hobbins stated there are also some nurses who do not want to have students work with them. There are also some programs whose faculty members are available for the student, and then there are those faculty members who are not in the same area as the student and not available. Dr. Dingman stated she would be concerned with a student in a clinical setting without faculty present; however, the bottom line for some programs is that it is cheaper not to have faculty in clinicals. It was reported that IHC will not allow a faculty member to do any procedures that are considered invasive. This makes it harder for faculty members to help students. There needs to be clear communication between clinical sites and educators.

Dr. Lister and Dr. Dingman explained the how the Utah Cluster Acceleration Partnership (UACP) was established. Dr. Lister stated that the Commissioners Office of Higher Education began looking at a way to facilitate students from education to employment. They conducted a survey and came up with a list from educators and facilities of things they would like to see happen. There were three areas identified: transition into the work place, creation of a nurse case manager (this was placed with the University of Utah for a trial period), and blending the preceptor and internship clinical hours. Educators and employers were to meet to create a model and to develop the same process across the state. Dr. Steadman stated that most of the pilot programs are with schools that have access to hospital

sites, such as the University of Utah. State schools receive some funding, but the private institutions do not have the funds to develop pilot programs. Several Committee members also indicated they are hearing that out-of-state programs are paying facilities to take students for clinical placements. There are facilities that will accept a student who has agreed to work at the facility after licensure, and Committee members expressed concern that the student will feel obligated to stay with the facility. Dr. Lister stated that at this point, these issues are in the discussion stage. Dr. Dingman reported that there have been a number of meeting between educators and employers.

Dr. Steadman:

Dr. Steadman indicated that if the national trend is to move to BSN nurses, Westminster would like to be able to offer an RN to BSN program. However, Westminster cannot accept the RN student from a nationally accredited program; they have to have received their general education courses from a regionally accredited program. Dr. Steadman reported that her program has been speaking with school administrators to see if there is a way that they can accept the students from the nationally accredited program since the Department of Education recognizes those program.

She reported a majority of nurses in the workforce are ADN prepared and there is a huge percentage that could have the BSN and meet key indicators except they have graduated from a nationally accredited program or have the AAS degree.

Break at 10:05 a.m.
Reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Rules Discussion:

Judge Jonsson reported the Nurse Practice Act Rules would be repealed and rewritten. She indicated that most of the changes were not substantive changes and the Committee approved them at their last meeting. She indicated the major changes were restructuring and rearranging.

Dr. Groot suggested removing the APRN Psych Nurse hours out of the endorsement section so that those individuals who have been working in another state do not think they have to redo the hours to be licensed here.

Dr. Lister made a motion to accept the Rules with the changes. Dr. Groot seconded the motion. All Committee members voted in favor.

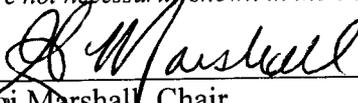
NCSBN Simulation Report:

Committee members indicated that the NCSBN report on simulation has not been released. It was reported that ACEN was looking at 30% simulation. Ms. Mills also indicated they are looking at those programs with decreased clinical hours and collecting data, including employment data; critical thinking safety; and simulation exposures versus real life.

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.

9-5-13

Date Approved


Gigi Marshall, Chair
Education Committee

8/5/13

Date Approved


Debra Hobbins, Bureau Manager,
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing