

SC DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION

STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 29-30, 2004

A regular meeting of the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina was held on January 29-30, 2004 in Rooms 105 and 111 of the Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Board of Nursing Offices, in the Lobby of the Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

PLACE OF MEETING AND FOIA COMPLIANCE

President Whiting called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2004 and at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 30, 2004. The mission of the Board was announced as follows: The mission of the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina is the protection of public health, safety, and welfare by assuring safe and competent practice of nursing.

CALL TO ORDER

- Sylvia Whiting, RN, PhD, CS, President
Congressional Dist. 1 Present
Suzanne White, RN, MN, FAAN, FCCM, CNA, Vice-President
Congressional Dist. 4 Excused-Thursday, Present -Friday
Brenda Martin, RNC, MN, CNA, Secretary
Congressional Dist. 5 Present-Thursday, Excused-Friday
Mattie Jenkins, LPN
Region I Present
Rose Kearney-Nunnery, RN, PhD
Congressional Dist. 2 Present
C. Lynn Lewis, RN, EdD, MHS
Congressional Dist. 3 Present
Debra Newton, LPN
Region II Present
James Rogers, Esquire
Public Member Present

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING

Registered Nurse Vacancy - Congressional District 6

- Martha Summer Bursinger, RN, MSN, MEd, Administrator
Maggie Johnson, RN, MSN, Program Nurse Consultant-Practice
Nancy Murphy, RN, MSN, Program Nurse Consultant-Education
David Christian, III, Program Coordinator - Licensing
Donald W. Hayden, Regulatory Compliance Manager
Dottie Buchanan, Administrative Assistant
Richard P. Wilson, Esquire, Deputy General Counsel

BOARD & LLR STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

A motion was made to approve the January 29-30, 2004 Board of Nursing Meeting Agenda as presented. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

The following items were adopted on the consent agenda:

**APPROVAL OF  
CONSENT  
AGENDA**

- 2.2b Emergency Regulation – Examination Repeat Frequency
- 2.3b Compact Map Update
- 2.3c Letter to American Nurses Association Regarding Compact
  - 4.1 For Info: Recovering Professionals Program
  - 4.3 For Info: Citizens Advocacy Center Report -Donald Hayden
- 5.3 For Info: Unlicensed Practice (Not Appearing)
- 5.4 For Info: Compliance Statistics
- 5.6 For Info: Nursing Home Complaint Summary
- 6.1 For Info: Licensure Statistics
- 6.2 For Ratification: Licensure Recommendations
- 6.3 For Info: Licensure Announcements
- 6.4 For Info: License Renewal Status
- 7.1 For Info: Summary Statistics on Advanced Practice
- 7.2 For Info: Jan. 12, 2003 Nursing Practice & Standards Committee Meeting Minutes
- 7.3 For Info: Nov. 07, 2003 Advanced Practice Committee Meeting Minutes
- 8.1 For Info: Exploring the Value of Continuing Education Mandates
- 8.2 For Info: CA Board of Registered Nursing Decision Regarding Excelsior College
- 8.3 For Info: 2004 NCLEX-RN Passing Standard
- 8.6a For Info: Piedmont Tech. College, Letter from Dr. Lex Walters
- 8.6b For Info: Piedmont Tech. College NCLEX Passing Rate Def. Citation Follow-up
- 8.8 For Info: Conway School of Practical Nursing Program Closing
- 8.10 For Info: 2003 Practice Analysis of Newly Licensed Practical/Voc. Nurses in U.S.

A motion was made to adopt the Consent Agenda with the removal of items 5.1 December 4, 2003 Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC) Minutes and 5.2 November 13, 2003 Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Minutes. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

The minutes of the November 20, 2003 Board of Nursing Meeting were presented to the Board for review and approval.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the November 20, 2003 Board of Nursing Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

#### **Institute of Regulatory Excellence**

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (NCSBN) selected Board Administrator Martha Bursinger as a fellow in the first Annual Institute of Regulatory Excellence (Institute). Ms. Bursinger was one of only 25 applicants nationwide to be chosen for this program. The Institute will assist regulators in their professional development by providing opportunities for both education and networking with others. Fellows will complete a research project addressing

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a nursing issue. Ms. Bursinger will develop an administrative plan/template for medication administration by unlicensed assistive personnel for her project. In January, the first seminar focused on “Public Policy Development and the Role of Nursing Regulators.”

#### Board Newsletter

Board members liked the magazine format newsletter presented at the last meeting by Virginia Roberts of Publishing Concepts, Inc. who publishes newsletter magazines for several boards of nursing throughout the country. There is no charge to the boards of nursing for this magazine. The cost of the magazine is paid for by advertising. Boards of nursing provide articles and filler articles are available for times when there are not enough articles to fill board space. Staff will verify who approves advertisements and how long the contract runs. It was suggested that when the Nurse Practice Act passes that an announcement with a web link be published in the magazine and that a different section of the Nurse Practice Act be highlighted each issue. It was also suggested that articles on ethics and boundaries be published.

A motion was made to begin utilizing the magazine style newsletter with Publishing Concepts, Inc. but continue to publish information in the SC Nurse as usual. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

#### Nurse Practice Act Update

The Nurse Practice Act bill was not introduced in the Senate on January 27, 2004 as expected but should be introduced shortly. Senator Verne Smith, Chair of the Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee (LCI) will be the primary sponsor with Senators Fair, Knotts, Thomas, Martin, Land, Moore and Alexander adding their names as co-sponsors. Ms. Bursinger spoke with Martha Craig of the Senate LCI Committee where the bill will be sent upon introduction. Ms. Craig offered some suggestions and asked some questions including why an additional public member was being added. It was explained that the Director of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation asked for this change. Nationally more public members are being added to licensing boards. The SC Pharmacy Association stated they wanted an amendment adding “and prepared by authorized provider” to Section 40-33-40 regarding an exemption for nurses dispensing in SC Department of Health and Environmental Control clinics. This section is not new. It has been in the act for many years. Any amendments would be taken up in committee. Ms. Bursinger has spoken with a number of legislators, South Carolina Pharmacy Association, SC Medical Association, Academy of Family Physicians, SC Nurses Association and SC Association of Nurse Anesthetists, who have all given their support. We are not aware of any opposition at this time.

**LEGISLATION**

House Bill 4464 was introduced to enact the Medical Malpractice and Patient Safety Reform Act. The bill allows the Department of Insurance to place an assessment on medical malpractice insurance premiums to generate revenues to carry out the bill provisions. The bill allows the Board of Medical Examiners to establish fees to generate revenue to enable the board to perform its duties and responsibilities under the provisions of this bill. This bill also requires the Budget and Control Board in conjunction with the Department of Insurance and the Board of Medical Examiners to develop procedures for providing certain information to various parties.

The Board is also tracking House Bill 3744 regarding frivolous lawsuits.

Mid-Year Meeting

The Board discussed the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Mid-Year Meeting scheduled for March 3-6, 2004 in Chicago, Illinois. Governor Sanford has asked all state agencies to limit out-of-state travel. Requests for Board President Sylvia Whiting and Board Administrator, Martha Bursinger to attend this meeting will be submitted to the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Administration for approval.

NATIONAL  
COUNCIL OF  
STATE BOARDS  
OF NURSING  
(NCSBN)

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Whiting introduced C. Lynn Lewis, RN, EdD, MHS. Dr. Lewis was appointed by the Governor on January 13, 2004 to represent Congressional District Three. Board Members and staff welcomed Dr. Lewis.

NEW BOARD  
MEMBER

The Board thanked Dr. Rose Kearney-Nunnery for her dedication and service to the Board as President for the past two years.

FORMER  
PRESIDENT

President Whiting distributed a list of possible items to be discussed at the 2004 Strategic Planning Retreat. She asked that prior to the next meeting, Board Members and staff provide her with additional information to be considered for the Retreat agenda.

STRATEGIC  
PLANNING  
RETREAT

Motion to hold the 2004 Strategic Planning Retreat on May 19, 2004 prior to the May 2004 Board Meeting. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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REPORTS/UPDATES

It was reported that the Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON) reviewed the drafted position statement regarding medication administration in a school setting at their December 2003 meeting and deferred comment until their February meeting. Some revisions have been made and the position statement will be taken back to ACON for further review. Cathy Young Jones reported that a statewide school nurse task force has been setup and will review this statement. The position statement will be presented to the Board again after further review by both of these groups. There is concern that this may open medication administration by unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) in other areas.

UAP / SCHOOL  
NURSE TASK  
FORCE

It was decided that the School Nurse and Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP) Task Forces should remain separate due to the complexity of the issues. The Board had previously endorsed the concept of Level II Certified Nursing Assistants; however, any additional license categories would require Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) approval.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

The Board reviewed agenda item numbers 5.1 - December 4, 2003 Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC) Minutes and 5.2 - November 13, 2003 Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Minutes, which were removed from the Consent Agenda.

DRC & IRC  
MINUTES

A motion was made to approve December 4, 2003 Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC) Minutes and November 13, 2003 Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Minutes with editorial

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changes. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed cases and recommendations from the hearing panel. Respondents appeared before the Board.

**CERTIFIED**  
**PANEL**  
**REPORTS**

5.5a Respondent was properly notified and appeared without counsel to respond to questions from the Board. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Panel found that Respondent was in violation of Section 40-35-935(g) and Regulations 91-19(c) and 91-19(c)(3)(g). The Hearing Panel recommended that Respondent's license be suspended indefinitely; Respondent may apply for reinstatement after one year from the date of full compliance with the Recovering Professionals Program (RPP); and Respondent's license shall not be reinstated until proof of compliance with February 2003 Board Order.

A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation that Respondent's license be suspended indefinitely; that Respondent may apply for reinstatement after one year from the date of full compliance with the Recovering Professionals Program (RPP); and that Respondent's license shall not be reinstated until proof of compliance with February 2003 Board Order. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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5.5b Respondent was properly notified and but did not appear to respond to questions from the Board due to inclement weather. Respondent notified the Board and stated that there were no objections to the hearing proceeding. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Panel found that Respondent was in violation of Sections 40-35-935(b) and (g) and Regulation 91-19(c)(3)(f). The Hearing Panel recommended that Respondent's license continue in a suspended status provide that suspension may be stayed and Respondent allowed to resume practice only after the Board receives a positive written evaluation from the Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) indicating Respondent's fitness, rehabilitation and ability to safely practice nursing; upon reinstatement Respondent's license shall be placed on probation requiring continued participation in the RPP; practice will be restricted to an approved employment setting registered nurse on-site, on-shift supervision, with no home health or agency work, and quarterly employer reports.

A motion was made to accept Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation that Respondent's license continue in a suspended status provided that the suspension may be stayed and that Respondent allow to resume practice only after the Board receives a positive written evaluation from the Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) indicating Respondent's fitness, rehabilitation and ability to safely practice nursing; that upon reinstatement Respondent's license shall be placed on probation requiring continued participation in the RPP; practice will be restricted to an approved employment setting registered nurse on-site, on-shift supervision, with no home health or agency work, and quarterly employer reports. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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5.5c Respondent was properly notified and appeared without counsel to respond to questions from the Board. A Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulations was presented wherein Respondent admits to violation of Section 40-33-935(g) and Regulation 91-19(c)(3)(f).

A motion was made to go into executive session to receive legal counsel. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made to return to public session. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made to continue the suspension pending a written favorable report from Respondent's psychiatrist on ability to practice safely, with a positive report stay suspension, that within six months of final order Respondent attend a legal aspects workshop and to impose a two-year probationary status requiring registered nurse on-site, on-shift supervision, in an approved employment setting with no home health or agency work, and quarterly employer reports. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

5.5d Dr. Whiting recused herself due to prior knowledge of the Respondent. Board Secretary Brenda Martin presided for this case. Respondent was properly notified and appeared with Bidwell Moore, Attorney at Law to respond to questions from the Board. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Panel found that the State did not prove by preponderance of the evidence that the Respondent violated the Nurse Practice Act. The Hearing Panel recommended dismissal of the complaint.

A motion was made to go into executive session to receive legal counsel. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made to return to public session. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation that the case be dismissed. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**

5.5e Dr. Whiting recused herself due to prior knowledge of the case. Board Secretary Brenda Martin presided for this case. Respondent was properly notified and appeared without counsel to respond to questions from the Board. In their Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing Panel found that Respondent was in violation of Sections 40-1-110(f) and (h). The Hearing Panel recommended that Respondent's license be revoked.

A motion was made to go into executive session to receive legal counsel. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made to return to public session. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made to accept the Hearing Panel's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation that Respondent's license be revoked. The motion received a second. The motion carried with four ayes and one abstention by Mr. Rogers.

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## LICENSING

In accordance with Board policy, licensure endorsement applicants and National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) candidates with convictions and/or prior disciplinary action appeared before the Board to respond to questions.

## SPECIAL APPEARANCES

6.6a Registered Nurse Endorsement Applicant – Applicant was properly notified and appeared without counsel to respond to questions from the Board.

A motion was made to approve endorsement into South Carolina as a Registered Nurse contingent upon favorable check the records of the other states indicating that the licenses are unencumbered and the criminal record was reported to each of the states. The motion received a second. The motion carried with one nay vote.

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6.6b NCLEX-PN Candidate - Candidate was properly notified and appeared without counsel to respond to questions from the Board.

A motion was made to allow Candidate to take the NCLEX-RN examination and upon successful completion be licensed in South Carolina as a Registered Nurse. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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6.6c Licensed Practical Nurse Endorsement Applicant – Applicant was properly notified and appeared without counsel to respond to questions from the Board.

A motion was made to allow endorsement into South Carolina as a Licensed Practical Nurse. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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6.6d Licensed Practical Nurse Endorsement Applicant – Applicant was properly notified and appeared without counsel to respond to questions from the Board.

A motion was made to approve licensure by endorsement as a Licensed Practical Nurse in South Carolina and that applicant continue in the Recovering Professionals Program and to require quarterly employer reports. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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6.6e Licensed Practical Nurse Endorsement Applicant – Applicant was properly notified and appeared without counsel to respond to questions from the Board.

A motion was made to approve licensure by endorsement as a Licensed Practical Nurse in South Carolina. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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6.6f Licensed Practical Nurse Endorsement Applicant – Applicant was properly notified and appeared before the Board to respond to questions.

A motion was made to deny endorsement as a licensed practical nurse; in six months Applicant may reapply and appear before the Board providing written documentation of favorable progress from mental health counselor as well as written documentation from the New York Board of Nursing that all past convictions have been reported to them. The motion received a second.

## MOTION

The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the need for verifications from all states in which an applicant is licensed if the application requires further review by policy. The Board requested that cases coming before the Board for review include verifications from all states.

Board staff has received inquiries from students currently enrolled in South Carolina registered nursing education programs who have completed a portion their registered nurse (RN) studies and would like to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) - Practical Nurse (PN). The National Council of State Boards of Nursing reports that 15 member boards deem students in an RN educational program as eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN following completion of a set number of courses and if they pass the NCLEX-PN are eligible for licensure as an LPN/VN in their states. A draft LPN by Equivalency policy was presented was presented for Board review and approval. The Board is concerned about RN students' understanding of the differences in the scope of practice for an LPN and RN and at what point these are taught in their RN education programs. The NCLEX does not address scope of practice. Many employers ask RNs and LPNs to perform the same tasks. Presently, some South Carolina nursing schools are offering PN exit points in their RN education programs. Some students elect not to take the NCLEX at that exit point due to the examination cost while others elect to take the NCLEX at the exit point to gain experience in the workplace and for economic reasons.

**LPN BY  
EQUIVALENCY  
POLICY**

Currently candidates in South Carolina who are unsuccessful in taking the NCLEX-RN may opt to take the NCLEX-PN. This policy would allow students who have completed a portion of the RN education program to take the NCLEX-PN. Which courses and when they are taken in the program vary from school to school. According to this new policy, the RN education program would provide a statement to the Board certifying that the applicant's course of study is substantially equivalent to a PN program approved by the Board. Schools without a PN program may not be familiar with the PN curriculum.

A motion was made to submit this proposed policy to the Advisory Committee on Nursing, Deans and Directors Council and the PN Educators seeking their input to be reported at the March 2004 Board Meeting. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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**PRACTICE**

**Advisory Opinions**

The Nursing Practice and Standards Committee (NPSC) reviewed the following advisory opinions and made recommendations:

**Advisory Opinion #44** - Is it within the role and scope for the Registered Nurse (RN) to insert prostaglandin analogs (e.g. Mistoprostal) into the vagina for cervical ripening or induction of labor with a viable fetus?

Staff has received calls asking about the drugs Cervidil and Prepidil. These are prostoglandins not prostaglandin analogs. Many are not reading the word analog. The Committee suggested adding a sentence stating that the advisory opinion does not preclude the use of Cervidil and

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Prepidil. It was suggested that a statement be added stating that the Board recognizes the difference in prostoglandins and prostaglandin analogs.

A motion was made to send Advisory Opinion #44 back to the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee for further consideration. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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Advisory Opinion # 50 - Is it within the role and scope for the Registered Nurse (RN) to perform an OSHA Respiratory evaluation questionnaire and approve Respirator use?

A motion was made to send Advisory Opinion #50 back to the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee for further consideration. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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NPSC Membership

The Board would like to see a balance in the membership on the NPSC, which reflects the license population.

Proposed Curriculum

Linda Bellig appeared before the Board to discuss a proposed curriculum for controlled substances for advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) with prescriptive authority that may be expanded. Ms. Bellig reported that they have approached a private entity to see if they would like to provide this curriculum in our state. There was discussion about groups such as Area Health Education Consortium (AHEC) or possibly on-line by universities providing this education. The Board asked if all areas requested by the Board of Medical Examiners president are included. This information must be included to maintain Board of Medical Examiners support of the expansion of prescriptive authority. It was reported that the areas have been discussed and an outline has been developed. The APC will meet again in March.

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PRACTICE  
COMMITTEE**

APC Membership

The Board discussed the positions and vacancies on Advanced Practice Committee (APC). Curriculum Vitae have been received for open positions.

Dr. Kearney-Nunnery will head a task force to review committee memberships for the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee (NPSC), Advanced Practice Committee (APC) and Advisory Committee on Nursing (ACON).

Approval of the APC policy will be deferred until the task force report.

**EDUCATION**

President Whiting recused herself and Vice President White presided over this portion of the portion.

**SOUTH  
CAROLINA  
STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Whiting introduced Dr. Barbara Westphal who has recently accepted the position of Chair of the Nursing Program at South Carolina State University. Dr. Westphal thanked the Board for

their support and stated that she looks forward to working with the Board in her new position. Dr. Whiting reported that the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) visit was completed in November 2003 and they have submitted all additional materials requested. They hope to receive a final report and approval in May 2004. The program still has some concerns about the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) scores but do not expect to see the first true improvements reflecting the new program until 2005.

Dr. Whiting introduced Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., President of South Carolina State University. Dr. Hugine thanked the Board for their support of the evolving nursing education program at South Carolina State University. He said that the University is committed to this program and that all necessary resources will be allocated to make this program a success. He stated that this program is very important not only to South Carolina State University, but also to their community and to our State as a whole.

Board Members noted that there have been many changes and much progress made. Staff conducting the Site Survey stated that there were major improvements in morale in the faculty and students.

A motion was made to grant initial approval for South Carolina State University. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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NCLEX Passing Rate Deficiency

Dr. Rita Melton, DMD, RN, MSN, Dean at Spartanburg Technical College appeared before the Board to discuss their 2003 National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) passing rate deficiency. The Board outlined recommendations at its November 20, 2003 meeting regarding Spartanburg Tech's plan to address cited NCLEX deficiencies. The Board members reviewed and discussed the follow-up actions taken. They appreciated the steps taken to implement improvements and encouraged continued efforts.

**SPARTANBURG**  
**TECHNICAL**  
**COLLEGE**

Proposed ADN Program with PN Exit Option Curriculum

The Board also reviewed the curriculum for a proposed Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program, with Practical Nurse (PN) exit option, to begin Fall 2004. The recommendations included that Spartanburg Technical College's: 1) clarify ADN and PN exit option program course credit listings, 2) adopt the statewide articulation model guidelines of a maximum of 48 semester credit hours for a diploma in practical nursing, 3) verify course titles with the SC Technical College System Catalog of Approved Courses, and 4) list prerequisites as specific courses rather than within the program. The Board also recommended considering a math prerequisite for the clinical computations course.

A motion was made to grant approval of Spartanburg Technical College's intent to develop an Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program with Practical Nurse (PN) multiple exit option to begin in Fall 2004, provided certain recommended changes are included. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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Proposal for Establishing an ADN Program with PN Exit Option for Fall 2004

A proposal and self-evaluation report for a new Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program with a practical nurse (PN) exit point were also reviewed. The number of qualified faculty

available is a concern. The Board recommended that Spartanburg Technical College consider faculty with educational backgrounds from a variety of institutions and with a variety of clinical specialties when recruiting. It was recommended that a plan be developed to assure that Master's prepared faculty are hired in sufficient numbers to present the didactic content and to meet the required maximum 1:8 faculty to student ratio.

A motion was made to approve the admission of 60 students in the Spartanburg Technical College in Fall 2004 but to hold the decision on a Spring 2005 enrollment increase in abeyance until the Board reviews this request and verifies that masters prepared faculty in sufficient number are in place to present didactic contact. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Intent to Implement New Seamless ADN Program with PN Exit Option in 2005**

Dr. Sharon Vincent, RN, EdD, Health Science Division Chair and Associate Degree Program Director for Aiken Technical College appeared before the Board to discuss their proposed seamless Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program. During the discussion, concern was expressed that the conceptual framework represented a Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) level program. The Board's recommendations included that Aiken Technical College: 1) clarify program course credit listings; 2) include the state technical system model guidelines; 3) consult with other associate degree nursing education programs in our state; 4) include scope of nursing practice in curriculum; 5) consider another English course; 6) require 8 credits in anatomy and physiology sequence (BIO 210 and 211) for the practical nursing program; 7) include speech and computer competencies consistent with SACS requirements; 8) reflect the nursing elective as a Humanities elective, and 9) verify course listings. Aiken Technical College is also encouraged to review the statewide articulation model guidelines for the diploma in practical nursing.

**AIKEN  
TECHNICAL  
COLLEGE**

**Increase PN Program Enrollment in August 2004**

The Board also considered a request to increase the Practical Nurse (PN) Program Fall 2004 admissions to 45 students. The number of qualified faculty is a concern.

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A motion was made to allow to an increase in enrollment in the Aiken Technical College Practical Nurse (PN) Program for Fall 2004 to 45 students provided they have sufficient qualified faculty and coursework appropriate for the PN program with a view toward moving to a seamless curriculum and that they appear before the Board prior to any additions to the Spring semester enrollment. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

The annual National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) reports are normally received in January and reported to the Board in March with letters going to the nursing programs with deficiencies within two weeks. This delays notification of the schools and required appearances before the Board. Ms. Murphy proposed that rather than bringing the statistics and list of deficient schools for approval that standardized deficiency letters be sent and reported to the Board in March. These letters would be sent out based on the 5% below annual national pass rate as required by regulation.

**ANNUAL  
NCLEX  
REPORT &  
DEFICIENCY  
NOTIFICATION  
PROCESS**

Motion was made to approve the Program Nurse Consultant for Education to send standardized deficiency letters when the annual National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) reports

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are received and report the deficiencies to the Board at the following meeting. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. on January 30, 2004. The motion **ADJOURNMENT** received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dottie Buchanan, Administrative Assistant