



EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 26, 2017

SACRAMENTO, CA

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Dr. Bernice Bass de Martinez, Public Member
John Vertido, L.V.N. Educator Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Cheryl Anderson, Acting Assistant Executive Officer and
Supervising Nursing Education Consultant
Beth de Young, Nursing Education
Consultant
Jessica Gomez, Nursing Education
Consultant
Faye Silverman, Nursing Education Consultant
Margarita Valdez, Nursing Education Consultant
Rebecca Bon, Legal Counsel, DCA
Jennifer Almanza, Administrative Analyst
Lanessa Guerra, Education Analyst

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Chairperson Dr. Bernice Bass de Martinez.

2. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND BOARD STAFF.

Committee Members introduced themselves. Cheryl Anderson, Acting Assistant Executive Officer, introduced herself and staff present. Rebecca Bon, Department of Consumer Affairs Legal Counsel introduced herself.

3. INTRODUCTION OF APPROVED SCHOOLS REPRESENTED AT MEETING BASED UPON VOLUNTARY SIGN-IN.

The program directors present introduced themselves based upon the voluntary sign-in.

**4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PROGRAM PLACEMENT ON
PROVISION APPROVAL.**

- A. Medical Allied Career Center Vocational Nursing Program. Consideration of Placement on Provisional Approval; Consideration of Request to Admit Students. Jessica Gomez, Nursing Education Consultant.

Program Representative:

- Ms. Elizabeth Gerber, President, Medical Allied Career Center, Inc., represented the program in the absence of the program director Alfie Ignacio. Ms. Gerber stated the program had admitted and began instruction in a pre-anatomy prep class. She denied the program's admission of a class without Board approval.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Discussion:

- John Vertido expressed his concern with the program's history of admitting a class without prior Board approval.
- Dr. Bass de Martinez asked Ms. Gerber if the program employed sufficient qualified instructors for the current and proposed student population. Ms. Gerber responded the program employs sufficient faculty for the student enrollment.
- Dr. Bass de Martinez commended the program on its compliance with regulatory requirement relative to program pass rates. She noted the program had maintained compliance for seven (7) consecutive quarters. She noted the significantly low numbers of program graduates completing the licensure examination in comparison to the number admitted to the program. Further, she stressed the seriousness of the program's admission of a class without prior Board approval.
- Ms. Anderson reminded Committee Members that the Board had placed the program on provisional approval on September 16, 2010, due to non-compliant pass rates. The Board approved provisional approval September 6, 2012 and September 16, 2013. On September 12, 2014, the Board approved the program for a term of four (4) years. Subsequent to that approval, correspondence from the program Director confirmed the admission of a class of ten (10) students in July 2014. That class was admitted without prior Board approval.
- Dr. Bass de Martinez noted the program's repeated disregard of program requirements and Board decisions.

MOTION: The Committee accept and recommend the Board adopt the report with recommendations.

Moved/Seconded: J. Vertido/B. Bass de Martinez

Support: 2 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0

The motion passed.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CURRICULUM CONTENT FOR VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN PROGRAMS.

Dr. Bass de Martinez read the recommendations from the Executive Officer's report to the Committee Members dated January 15, 2017. A copy of this report was made available to the public at the meeting.

Public Comment:

- Kathy Hearst, R.N./Attorney asked the Committee to take a more detailed look at required curriculum content and hours. She recommended increased knowledge and proficiency in clinical skills.
- Jennifer Cannon, Director, VN Program, Blake Austin College. Ms. Cannon stated programs should seek to ensure students application of theory instruction. The program curricula should include all content and not be specific to the test plan.
- Abdul Yosef, Director, Nursing Programs, Unitek Colleges. Mr. Yosef asked what clinical facilities expect from graduates. He also asked the Committee Members what type of participation is being requested, Board staff only or participation from stakeholders or the programs. Mr. Yosef recommended that schools and nurses participate.
- Arvella Battick Director, Glendale Career College VN Program, commented that healthcare is evolving. Is there still going to be a need for this field? She added there needs to be a clear definition in the regulations or standardization so schools can have better pass rates. She added that all of the program directors should participate in the curricula project.
- Robert Millay, Director, PT Program, Napa Valley College. Mr. Millay said the Board should research where psychiatric technician graduates are employed.
- Lisa Luccretti, Director, PT Program, San Joaquin Delta Valley College. The Director added, in order to evaluate performance, programs need to see where students are failing. She agreed with a previous commenter regarding OB/Ped facilities.
- Laarni Gallardo, Director, VN Program, Charles A. Jones Career Education Center. Ms. Gallardo asked if a deadline can be set for students to take the exam. She stated Department of Health Care Services requires Certified Nursing Assistants to take the exam within two (2) years. Ms. Gallardo asked the Committee Members if this type of requirement can be established.
- Elvira Miller, Director, VN Program, Xavier College, Stockton, CA. Ms. Miller said she agreed there should be a standardization of curriculum. She said she would not want to see an over- standardization of curriculum that would reduce the level of teaching. Ms. Miller gave kudos to the Board for its implementation of BreEZe. She reported that prior to BreEZe it took 6 months

to one year for students to take the NCLEX. Since the implementation of BreEZe, there is a quicker turnaround time as short as two weeks.

Committee Discussion:

- Dr. Bass de Martinez commented that participation is a collaborative effort, and that participation is needed to complete this project.
- Mr. Vertido commented that the California Code of Regulations specify minimal requirements; however, programs should base decisions to exceed the minimal requirements based on the level of students admitted to the program.
- Dr. Bass de Martinez asked for volunteers to possibly meet and discuss the curricula.
- Ms. Anderson conveyed to those in attendance to contact their assigned consultant or Jennifer Almanza if they wish to actively participate in this project.
- Dr. Bass de Martinez said the project would commence after the February 2017 Board Meeting.

MOTION: No motion required.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.** *The Committee may not discuss or take any action on any item raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting [Government Code Sections 11125, 11125.7(a)].*

- Arvella Battick from the SCDVN requested clarification on the Director Forum in Southern California.

7. **SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

- Mr. Vertido said he would like to see graduation dates on quarterly reports and asked if special permission is necessary for this type of data.
- Mr. Vertido asked that an update on the curricula progress be provided at the next Education Committee Meeting, and all items related to any recommendations.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.