A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on October 7, 2016 in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Patricia Murphy, Board President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Theresa Beck
Barbara Blozen
Noreen D’Angelo
Yolanda Delgado
James Doran

Lucille Joel
Irene Mantell
Gina Miranda-Diaz
Patricia Murphy

ALSO PRESENT:

Dorothy Carolina, Executive Director
Olga Bradford, Deputy Attorney General
Gayle Pearson, Nursing Education Consultant
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst (to discuss regulation amendments)
Diane Scott, Administrative Staff

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing on December 16, 2015. A schedule of all 2016 Regular Open Board Meetings to be held during 2016 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post and The Philadelphia Inquirer. The schedule has also been posted on the Bulletin Board at the New Jersey State Board of Nursing Office.
AGENDA:

Open Regular Board Meeting Agenda of October 7, 2016: Reading and Approval:

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Yolanda Delgado and duly seconded by Dr. Lucille Joel voted to approve the October 7, 2016 Regular Board meeting agenda. The motion carried.

MINUTES:

Open Business Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2016: Reading and Approval:

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Yolanda Delgado and duly seconded by James Doran voted to approve the June 3, 2016 Regular Board meeting minutes. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT – PATRICIA A. MURPHY, Ph.D.:

Dr. Murphy reported:

- Barbara Blozen, Board Member has been elected to serve on the NCSBN NCLEX Panel.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – DOROTHY CAROLINA, Ph.D.:

Dr. Carolina reported:

- Has been with the Board of Nursing for four months and in the midst of revising standard operating procedures within the Board to streamline the processing of applications.

- Dr. Carolina and Dr. Joel attended the NCSBN Annual Meeting on August 16-19, 2016 in Chicago, IL. The conference, "Leading Transformation: Architects of Nursing Regulation," was an opportunity to meet and network with nursing regulators from all over the country to discuss important regulatory issues.

- Dr. Carolina attended the NCLEX Conference on September 12, 2016 in Chicago, IL. The conference focused on updates regarding the exam and also provided an opportunity to network with other nursing boards.

- Dr. Carolina attended the OAG’s Sexual Assault Work group meeting to discuss updates on training programs and regulations.
APPEARANCE:

1. Edna Cadmus, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Executive Director, NJ Collaborating Center for Nursing – provided a detailed report on Educational Trends for LPNs and RNs.

The Collaborating Center conducts an annual survey of all nursing schools on behalf of the NJ Board of Nursing in an effort to monitor enrollment and graduation trends as well as demographics of both students and faculty.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. REGULATIONS:

Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst reported:

1. Alternative to discipline surcharge, APN reinstatement, and doctoral education for APN

   The Board, upon a motion made by Gina Miranda-Diaz and duly seconded by James Doran voted to approve the amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.2 and 7.2. The motion carried.

2. APN work permit letter

   The Board, upon a motion made by Gina Miranda-Diaz and duly seconded by James Doran voted to approve the amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-7.3. The motion carried.

3. FN-CSA education programs

   The Board, upon a motion made by Theresa Beck and duly seconded by James Doran voted to approve the amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-9.5, 9.6, and 9.10. The motion carried.

4. APN accrediting entities

   This matter has been tabled until the next Regular Board meeting.

2. EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Dr. Lucille Joel reported on the following:

Session I – September 9, 2016

1. Correspondence:
a. April 19, 2016 – Letter from Gary S. Horan, FACHE, President & CEO, Trinitas Regional Medical Center. Re: Donna M. Penn, RN, MSN, CNE, the new Dean of the Trinitas School of Nursing once Mary E. Kelley, LL.D (Hon), MSN, RN, CNE, ANEF retires.
c. April 28, 2016 – Letter from Diane Smith-Levine, MHA, MSN, BSN, RN, CNE, Sr. Manager, State Licensing and Regulation, Chamberlain College of Nursing. Re: Effective March 28, 2016, the title of Campus Dean was changed to Campus President at all campuses.
e. May 9, 2016 – Letter from Dr. Mustafa A. Mustafa, Vice President, Eastern International College. Re: Effective May 9, 2016 Stephanie Herr, MSN has assumed the position of Chairperson for the Nursing Department.
f. May 16, 2016 – Letter from Carpenter Johnson & Lindley Consultants, LLC (CJL). Re: Offering assistance to struggling nursing programs to maintain accreditation.
g. May 17, 2016 – Letter Sandra L. Quinn, DNP, RN, CNE, Dean Health Sciences, Rowan College at Burlington County. Re: the revised Mission Statement at Rowan College.
h. May 19, 2016 – Letter from Linda B. Scherr, Ph.D., Acting Dean, Division of Math, Science & Health Professions, Mercer County Community College. Re: Effective May 23, 2016, Toni Racioppo, MSN, RN, CNS, has been appointed the Acting Director of Nursing Education at Mercer County Community College.
i. June 2, 2016 – Letter from Shirley Richardson, RN, MSN, Ed, EdDc, Dean St. Francis School of Nursing. Re: Shirley Richardson will be the only Dean over St. Frances School of Nursing and Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing.
j. June 27, 2016 – Email from Nancy Spector, PhD, RN, FAAN, Director, Regulatory Innovations, NCSBN. Re: the accreditation process for nursing programs.
k. July 12, 2016 – Letter from Joan Valas, PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, Kean University. Re: Effective July 7, 2016 Dr. Valas has been appointed the new Executive Director for the School of Nursing.
m. July 27, 2016 – Letter from Evadne A. Harrison-Madu, PhD, MSN, RN, Chairperson, Nursing and Allied Health, Essex County College. Re: Effective September 1, 2016 Dr. Lola Oyedele, DNP, RN has been appointed Nursing Coordinator of the LPN Program.

n. August 8, 2016 – Letter from Arlin Schmidt, Chief Executive Officer, Prism Education Group, Prism Career Institute. Re: Fathia Richardson, MSN, RN, has been appointed as the new Director of Nursing at the W. Atlantic City campus.
o. August 9, 2016 – Letter from Maris A. Lown, EdD, MSN, RN, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Union County College. Re: Dr. Carol Healey, RN is serving as Interim Director until a new Director is found.
p. August 15, 2016 – Letter from Gary S. Horan, FACHE, President and Chief Executive Officer, Trinitas Health & Regional Medical Center. Re: Donna M. Peno, RN, MSN, CNE, will serves as the new Dean of the Trinitas School of Nursing.
q. August 19, 2016 – Letter from Janet R. Ogunbote, MA, RN, APN-BC/ANCS, Director, Hackensack UMC Mountainside School of Nursing. Re: Student Records and Transcripts will be maintained at the Health Sciences Library.

Session II

1. Discussion:


   The Committee has received numerous complaints from students regarding the way nursing programs are using Exit Exams.

   In October 2011 the Board put out a statement regarding the use of Exit Exams. The position of the Board is that commercially and/or faculty prepared exit examinations should be used as diagnostic tools that are utilized to assess curriculum strengths and weaknesses as well as individual students’ educational strengths and weaknesses, and not as a sole criterion or artificial bar to graduation and/or eligibility to sit for the national licensing examination.

   The Committee recommends that the Board reaffirm its October 2011 statement.

2. Self-Study

a. Rowan College at Burlington County

   To approve continued accreditation for Rowan College at Burlington County for eight (8) years from 2016 to 2024 with the following directive:

   Administration and faculty study and determine the reasons for the decline in NCLEX scores for first time candidates.

b. Rutgers University School of Nursing
   Newark/New Brunswick

   To approve continued accreditation for Rutgers University School of Nursing for eight (8) years from 2016 to 2024 with the following directives:

   1. Clearly identify in course outlines where content related to organ and tissue procurement is taught.
   2. All contracts with clinical agencies must contain a statement that identifies a 1:10 faculty student ratio.
   3. All contracts with clinical agencies must contain a 120 day time frame for the termination of the contract.
3. New Program:
   a. Best Care College – Part II to establish a RN program.
      
      This matter has been tabled until the next available committee meeting.

4. Curriculum Change:
   a. Warren County Community College
      
      To approve the Curriculum Change for Warren County Community College.
   b. Chamberlain College of Nursing – Increase student size from 400 to 500.
      
      To approve the Curriculum Change for Chamberlain College of Nursing.

5. Program Accreditation Status:
   a. William Paterson – notification went out to the students in the program of the Board’s decision to place William Paterson Nursing program on conditional accreditation.
      
      The Committee recommends that a letter be sent acknowledging receipt of their correspondence.
   b. Seton Hall University – Requested an extension of the Conditional Accreditation status for one additional year, through September, 2018.
      
      The Education Committee recommended to deny the request and to wait until March 2017 to review NCLEX scores for a full year.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by Dr. Lucille Joel and voted to approve the report and recommendations of the Education Committee. The motion carried.

OPEN FORUM:

Patricia Murphy asked the public to share with the Board of Nursing any concerns, issues or questions:

- Commenter – expressed concerns about finding educators for Associate Degree programs in Warren County.
- Commenter – inquired about the status of Best Care’s application to establish a RN program.
- Commenter – inquired about becoming a public member of the Board.
- Commenter – requested a copy of the information presented by Dr. Edna Cadmus.
After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by James Doran and duly seconded by Barbara Blozen voted to go into closed session to discuss complaints against nursing programs. The motion carried.

After discussion, the Board upon a motion made by James Doran and duly seconded by Barbara Blozen voted to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of October 7, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

On October 7, 2016 the Regular Open Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on December 2, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dr. Patricia Murphy
Board President