

NORTHLAND PIONEER COLLEGE  
NURSING PROGRAMS  
Advisory Board Meeting  
June 29, 2007

Present: Debra McGinty, Orina Hodgson, Janet Critser, Jeannie O’Haco, Kristen Tippets, Janet Gardner, Michelle Witt, Marilyn Page

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	<b>DECISION:</b>
<p>I. Introductions</p> <p>II. Review of Minutes</p>	<p>Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm</p> <p>Minutes were reviewed and no corrections were made.</p> <p>Objective to conduct meeting asynchronously online or obtain a WebCT Discussion Group</p> <p>Strategies to improve perception of NPC in the community and interact with high schools more frequently.</p> <p>Bringing a male nurse into leadership focus for the community (besides Dan ;-)</p> <p>Recommendation to hold luncheons to improve board meeting attendance.</p> <p>Brown Bag series was well-received by the students with student preparation for exams conflicting at times with scheduling.</p> <p>The new curriculum discussed and approved in January was approved by the Instructional</p>	<p>Minutes were approved as written.</p> <p>Not met.</p> <p>New clinical rotation at Blue Ridge Schools underway for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students.</p> <p>Six groups of 20 5<sup>th</sup> grade students toured through the simlab auscultating heart and breath sounds on mannequins. Paul Saucedo was hired as the new Allied Health Coordinator today and will be working his homebase in Winslow at the Little Colorado Campus.</p> <p>Light lunch being served today</p> <p>Series attended by Dan Roper, Lynn Browne-Wagner, Johnnie Rae Latham, Tom Barela, Fran Stier, Willadene Hughes, Dawn Marino, Tami Bonebrake, William Tindall</p> <p>The program is moving forward with the NLN Accreditation process.</p>

	<p>Leadership Council and AZSBN to align the program with the NLN.</p> <p>Lynn Browne-Wager is collaborating with Summit Healthcare to utilize simulation resources to benefit both facilities.</p> <p>Fredda Kermes is developing a connection with University Medical Center Pediatric Outreach efforts so regional providers will have access to instruction/resources provided by this grant-supported project.</p>	<p>No additions or corrections to the minutes were offered.</p>
<p>III. Advisor Presentations</p>	<p>Jeannie O'Haco introduced Kristen Tippetts who came from NRMCC. She will be working in a recruitment role and working with the medical staff credentialing. Little Colorado Medical Center is getting a new, general surgeon on staff beginning October 1, 2007 and opening a 2-bed surgical ICU opening in October. So it will be a 25-bed hospital with two of those beds. Cross-coverage surgical limitations LCMC experienced in the past will be relieved with the addition of this surgeon. Basic surgeries as well as vascular surgeries are expected to stay in house with the addition of this staff. They will need more nurses in the unit as well as the OR as well as surgical scrub technicians. A new services building is being constructed currently and will be finished in October. Renovations are planned to double the size of the Emergency Room by Dec/Jan. Jeannie invited NPC students to come take part in training at their growing facility.</p>	<p>Training in scrub technicians was recommended as an allied health option NPC should consider in the future. Paul Saucedo will visit with Jeannie.</p>

	<p>Michelle Witt explained Pineview Behavioral Health Center (PBH) is also expanding as they are constructing a Medicare-certified facility behind the RTA Hospice building off Porter Mountain Road. They expect to occupy the building in the spring. Moving from 12 +2 to a 14 +2 bed facility. Michelle invited both levels of nurses to work at the facility. Janet just finished a year's long preceptorship required for psychiatric nursing. Invited students to interview for part-time shift work. Both NPC RN graduates and current student/techs are employed by PBH. Michelle described her pride in her unique and terrific staff. The Community Counseling Center has 3 outpatient clinics in Winslow, Holbrook and Show Low as well as two contracted Little Colorado Behavioral clinics in Springerville and St. Johns. Apache Behavioral Health will be contracting with PBH. have an addictionologist on staff and set up a detox program and offers training for students. Looking forward to establishing a transitional, case-managed facility in the future.</p> <p>Michelle asked for additional feedback about how the students felt about their clinical rotation experience at PBH. Orina asked Janet and Michelle about how an internship position could be offered to students. A preceptorship of a one year is required of new graduates until they are full-time staff. Michelle is interested in exploring and supporting an internship program. Orina explained internship</p>	<p>Orina explained that she will gather data about the student experience in the coming semester. The students gained a whole new perspective about the extent and impact of mental illness on patients and families.</p> <p>Orina will acquire the names and contact information of persons at different facilities to communicate with Michelle and Janet so they could take a look at how these programs work.</p>
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	<p>programs are facility-sponsored and not affiliated with NPC.</p> <p>LCC doesn't currently offer an internship program but Kristin is starting up an externship program similar to the model used at NRMC.</p>	
<p>III. Local Program Assessment Guide for Arizona Career and Technical Education.</p>	<p>Debra reviewed last year's survey sent to graduates and employers so revisions could be made. The response rate has been low in the past.</p> <p>Debra will add a question such as, "If there was one thing we could improve the program it might be ...." to acquire more qualitative information.</p> <p>Orina recommended sending an email. John Chapin may be able to help streamline the survey so it's more user friendly.</p> <p>Debra pointed out how several of the indices measured, i.e., work ethic and social service skills, and knowledge of physiology and pharmacology were added in response to anecdotal concerns heard during interviews in the community and following a review of NCLEX reports.</p> <p>Graduate response rate was higher than the employer survey. Overall students felt it was a good nursing program. Only one graduate responded from 2005 graduating class, perhaps our addresses are not as current.</p> <p>Michelle Witt asked if we have any nursing alumni. Page responded that many alumni have responded positively to the idea of having</p>	<p>Jeannie O'Haco will send email addresses.</p> <p>Debra will ask John for assistance in developing the survey format.</p> <p>Debra made a commitment to plan an NPC alumni nursing reunion.</p>

	<p>this kind of organization. Michelle recommended they could meet once a year and have a reunion. Page described a new concept of socialization between nurses called Salons she had seen documented in the literature. Michelle recommended this concept could be utilized with alumni.</p> <p>Debra described that we operated within our budget last year except for travel between campuses.</p>	
Predictive Data of NCLEX Success	<p>Debra explained the value of HESI testing in predicting performance on the NCLEX. Janet Critser felt testing scores aren't always accurate predictors of performance. In her work as an advisor, she finds other factors such as motivation and self-efficacy influence performance. Janet described how social and psychological skills are so important in nursing in addition to intellectual skills. Being able to relate to people is so important in nursing practice.</p>	<p>Deb will be meeting with the Institutional Research and putting together the graduate and employer questionnaire to distribute electronically.</p>
Nursing Student Recruitment Efforts	<p>Page described her role with the college and her interest in recruiting students to the program. Christi asked for packets to be sent to LCMC.</p>	<p>Page will get packets out to Little Colorado Medical Center.</p>
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm</p>	<p>Next meeting will be in September.</p>