

**BOARD OF NURSING**  
**Education Committee**  
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor as required by section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Date: Thursday, September 1, 2011

Time: 11:30 a.m. (Approximate time following the Board of Nursing Meeting)

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor  
335 Merchant Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Members Present: Denise Cohen, MS, APRN, Chair  
Cecilia P.S. Mukai, Ph.D, APRN

Staff Present: Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer ("EO")  
Lesley Matsumoto, Secretary

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:52 p.m.

Additions/Additional Distribution: The Chair announced that the following was distributed as additional distribution:

Additional Distribution

4. Hawaii Nursing Schools/Program
  - b. Quarterly Reports
    - 1) Kauai Community College – Deferred from August 1, 2011 Meeting
      - i. Curriculum Vitae for Judith Chovanec-Toy, Sally Elizabeth Tazelaar and Sandra Knighton

Approval of The Minutes: Upon a motion by Dr. Mukai, seconded by the Chair, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the August 11, 2011 minutes as circulated.

Hawaii Nursing Schools/Programs:

**Annual Reports – Status Report**

The Chair stated that she received the annual report for UH Hilo's nursing program, however, they did not submit the report using the new annual report form.

After some discussion, the Committee determined that the new annual report form requests different information from the previous form and that they would request that UH Hilo resubmit their annual report utilizing the new annual report form.

Also, at this time, the Committee members were assigned to review the annual reports for Hawaii nursing programs.

### **Quarterly Reports**

#### Kauai Community College

The Committee re-reviewed the quarterly report for Kauai Community College regarding their faculty.

Upon review of the additional curriculum vitae (CV), Dr. Mukai stated that although it appears that revisions were made to Ms. Tazalaar's CV, the information submitted does not indicate that Ms. Tazalaar had any clinical working experience as a registered nurse, pursuant to HAR 16-89-45(d)(6). Dr. Mukai stated that the revised CV appears to indicate that Ms. Tazalaar only taught in hospitals and did not have work experience.

The CV for Ms. Chovanec-Toy and Ms. Knighton were accepted.

The Committee deferred acceptance of the quarterly report for the period April – June, 2011 for Kauai Community College for more information.

#### Hawaii Pacific University

The Committee reviewed the quarterly report for Hawaii Pacific University.

Upon a motion by Dr. Mukai, seconded by the Chair, it was voted on and unanimously carried to recommend to the Board that they accept Hawaii Pacific University's quarterly report for the period April – June, 2011 and to inform Hawaii Pacific University to submit their next quarterly report for the period covering July – September, 2011, using the new quarterly report form.

#### Correspondence:

#### **North Carolina Board of Nursing "Use of External Examinations in Nursing Education Programs – Position Statement"**

The Committee reviewed North Carolina's policy:

"NCBON does not support the use of any external examination that is used as a gatekeeper for progression or graduation. Schools can include performance on an external exam as part of a final course grade; however, the score should not count as an all-or-none scale for meeting or failing to meet a specific predetermined criterion. If an external exam is utilized in grading, the external exam should count

no more than 10% of the grade and the assignment of points is on a sliding scale based on performance on the examination.”

There was no discussion.

### **Collegenetwork.com – Hawaii Board of Nursing Updates – August 2009**

The EO reported that she received several phone calls asking if they could apply for a Hawaii nurse license if they graduated from Excelsior College.

One of the callers stated that she read, online, that the Hawaii State Board of Nursing was not accepting Excelsior graduates.

The EO found the following “statement” on the collegenetwork.com web page:

#### **“Hawaii Board of Nursing Updates – August 2009**

The College Network, Inc. has recently been informed that the Hawaii Board of Nursing is considering a change interpretation of HRS §457-7(b)(1) and (2) that may affect the eligibility of Excelsior College associate degree nursing program graduates for RN licensure by examination and endorsement in the state of Hawaii. Should the Hawaii Board of Nursing rule at its October 2, 2009 board meeting to remove recognition of the Excelsior College associate degree nursing program, those who are not currently enrolled in the nursing program may not be eligible for RN licensure by examination or endorsement in the state of Hawaii.

To ensure eligibility to receive RN licensure in the state of Hawaii, we strongly encourage you to enroll in the Excelsior College associate nursing degree program by September 30, 2009. Graduates of the program who enrolled in Excelsior College on or before September 30, 2009 and remain enrolled will not be affected by the pending Hawaii Board of Nursing ruling. These graduates will remain eligible to take the NCLEX-RN examination and receive RN licensure in Hawaii, assuming all other non-education-related requirements have been met. For admission and enrollment information, please visit [www.excelsior.edu](http://www.excelsior.edu) and click on the Admissions link. If you do not have Internet access you can request an admissions application by calling Excelsior College at 1-888-647-2388.”

The Chair stated that at the Board’s October 2009 meeting, the Board determined that since Excelsior College is nationally accredited, pursuant to HAR 16-89-10, graduates of Excelsior College would have met the education requirement to be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam through Hawaii.

The EO stated that she will inform College Network, Inc. of the Board’s previous determination so that they can update their information.

Distance Learning:      **University of Texas at Tyler**

The Committee reviewed an email inquiry from Dr. Gayle P. Varnell, Associate Professor and Assistant Dean for Advanced Practice, University of Texas at Tyler asking if one of their students, who will be moving to Hawaii, can continue in their distance learning program and do her clinicals with a preceptor in Hawaii.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that the preceptor in Hawaii would have to be a licensed Hawaii nurse.

**Felician College**

The Committee reviewed a letter from Muriel M. Shore, Dean and Professor of Felician College asking if there are any statutory or regulatory requirements for out-of-state distance programs and whether or not the utilization of health care facilities such as hospitals or private practice by advanced nursing practice students residing in our State, requires additional approval.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to inform Felician College that nurses seeking recognition as an advanced practice registered nurse must complete an accredited graduate-level education program leading to a master's degree as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, a nurse midwife, a clinical nurse specialist or a nurse practitioner, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes §457-8.5 and that the preceptor for the clinical portion of the curriculum, if conducted in Hawaii, would have to be by a nurse who is licensed in this State. Also, nursing programs located in this State, require Board approval.

**Indiana State University**

The Committee reviewed a letter from Marcia Ann Miller, Executive Director for Nursing from the Indiana State University asking if their online nursing course for their RN-BS and post-licensure nursing education must be approved by the Board.

According to Dr. Miller's letter, Indiana State University is fully accredited by the Indiana State Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, and the Higher Learning Commission of the North central Associate of Colleges and Schools.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to inform the Office of the Executive Director for Nursing, Indiana State University that nurses who apply to sit for the NCLEX-RN shall meet the education requirement pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") §457-7, by graduating from a registered nursing program at an education institution in the United States or any territory or possession under the jurisdiction of the United State or graduated with a bachelor's degree and satisfactorily completed the pre-licensure portion of a master's entry program in nursing at an accredited school of nursing in the United

States or any territory or possession under the jurisdiction of the United States that is recognized by the board or other state boards of nursing. And that a registered nurse seeking recognition as an advanced practice registered nurse must complete an accredited graduate-level education program leading to a master's degree as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, a nurse midwife, a clinical nurse specialist or a nurse practitioner, pursuant to HRS §457-8.5.

**Federal Rule and Article Regarding Federal Rule**

A copy of the federal rule was distributed to the Committee for their information.

Proposed Amendments to HAR 89, Subsections 6, 7, 8, & 9: The Committee discussed distance nursing programs that are approved by state boards of nursing and/or nationally accredited, including those nursing programs in jurisdiction of the United States.


The Committee members deferred further discussion for more information.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 3, 2011(Immediately Following the Board Meeting)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken by:

  
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Lee Ann Teshima  
Executive Officer

  
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Lesley Matsumoto  
Secretary

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- Minutes approved as is.
- Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.