

**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, May 3, 2012

Time: 8:30 a.m.

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  
Lorraine Fleming, APRN

Staff Present: Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer ("EO")  
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")  
Faith Nishimura, Secretary

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda: Upon a motion by Ms. Fleming, seconded by Dr. Mukai, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes: Upon a motion by Dr. Mukai, seconded by Ms. Fleming, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the April 5, 2012 minutes as circulated.

Hawaii Nursing Schools/Programs:

**Annual Report Form**

The Committee continued their discussion on amendments to the annual report form. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to make the following amendments to the annual report form:

- Include "Other (Specify):" for the "Undergraduate Level", "Graduate Level" and "Retention Rates" tables;
- Add "All Newly Appointed Faculty Declaration:";
- Clarify the "Curriculum" for "Entry Level Practice";
- Clarify "Simulation Use" as "Electronic"; and
- Add certification for "Program National Accreditation"

### **Review of Annual Pass Rate for Hawaii Nursing Programs**

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee members to recommend to the Board that the annual pass rate for Hawaii nursing programs should not be below 90% of the national annual pass rate, and that the national annual pass rate is determined by the NCSBN NCLEX Examinations for first time, US educated exam candidates for the past year.

Based upon this criteria, they also determined that the acceptable annual pass rate for registered nurse Hawaii programs was 79.11%, which was based on 90% of the national average pass rate of 87.89%, as determined by the NCSBN for 2011.

For LPN Hawaii programs, the acceptable annual pass rate was 76.35%, which was based on 90% of the national average pass rate of 84.83%, as determined by the NCSBN for 2011.

The Committee reviewed the 2011 annual pass rates for Hawaii nursing programs and recommends that the following programs be requested to submit a quarterly report for the period January through March 2012 because their 2011 annual pass rate fell below 90% of the national average:

#### RN Program

Hawaii Pacific University  
University of Phoenix  
Hawaii Community College

#### LPN Program

Hawaii Community College

After further discussion, Dr. Mukai and the Chair volunteered to contact the NCSBN to obtain information on pass rates for other states.

### Old Business:

#### **Proposed Amendments to HAR Title 16, Chapter 89**

The Chair deferred this matter.

#### **Definition of “continuing education”, “contact hours” and “AMA Category 2 CEs”**

The Chair deferred this matter.

#### **Request from Eluned Mun**

The Committee reviewed Ms. Mun’s transcripts of her Master’s Degree in Pharmacology to determine if the pharmacology and pathophysiology courses taken towards her Master’s Degree in Pharmacology could be credited towards the requirements for APRN prescriptive authority as it will not be included in her Master’s Degree in Nursing because the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing waived these courses due to her Master’s Degree in Pharmacology and her teaching of both the pharmacology and pathophysiology courses.

The Committee determined that the pharmacology and pathophysiology courses included in Ms. Mun's Master's Degree in Pharmacology, combined with her Master's Degree in Nursing, would meet the education requirements in HAR section 16-89-119(a)(5).

Correspondence:

**Question Regarding University of Hawaii@Manoa MEPN Program**

The Committee reviewed an email from Tracie Asayama regarding proposed changes to the doctoral degree in Nursing for 2015. According to Ms. Asayama, she understands that should she complete the MEPN program prior to 2015, she will be able to practice as an NP or APRN, however, if she doesn't complete the program before the 2015 deadline, she will have to obtain a DNP in order to practice as an NP or APRN. Ms. Asayama stated that she was informed by someone at the University of Hawaii at Manoa that those changes won't affect the MEPN program and that only nurse anesthesiologists have to get their DNP. Ms. Asayama says that she is interested in pursuing her Master's Degree through the 2013 MEPN program, however, she is unsure how the proposed changes to a DNP in 2015 will affect her.

The Committee reviewed HRS section 457-8.5 that states the requirements for APRN recognition. This section currently requires an individual to complete an accredited graduate-level education program leading to a master's degree as a certified nurse anesthetist, a nurse midwife, a clinical nurse specialist, or a nurse practitioner. However, this section also requires that the individual applying for APRN recognition also have a current, unencumbered certification of having passed a national certification examination that measures role and population-focused competencies and is recognized by the board.

After some discussion, Dr. Mukai stated that the requirements for a DNP to qualify for certification in 2015 is under the jurisdiction of the certifying body and Ms. Asayama needs to clarify qualifications with these certifying organizations. Also, the DNP and MEPN are academic programs and information about them should come from the academic institution, not the BON. The BON reiterates that APRN recognition requires that candidates meet qualifications as described in HRS 457-8.5.

**Requirements for Nurse Internship in Hawaii**

The Committee reviewed an email inquiry regarding requirements for nurse internships in Hawaii. Susan Warner's email asks whether the Hawaii Board of Nursing requires that a nursing student enroll in an academic course in order to function as a student intern during the summer in Hawaii.

The Committee reviewed the EO's initial response informing Ms. Warner of HRS section 457-13 that allows a student to obtain intern hours if the student is enrolled in a nursing education program accredited by the Board.

In response, Ms. Warner submitted information on the Internship course, Nurs 444 asking if this would be sufficient to meet the Hawaii Nursing Board standards. She further explained that their baccalaureate nursing program at St. Cloud State University is fully accredited by CCNE.

After some discussion, the Committee recommends that since applicants who have graduated from an accredited nursing program or school may be approved to sit for the NCLEX because Hawaii recognizes nationally accredited nursing programs or schools, a student from a nursing program or school nationally accredited by an organization approved or recognized by the Board, may obtain intern hours in this State as long as their preceptor is a Hawaii licensed nurse.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 7, 2012  
8:30 a.m.  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Taken by:

/s/ Lee Ann Teshima \_\_\_\_\_  
Lee Ann Teshima  
Executive Officer

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[ ] Minutes approved as is.  
[X] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of June 7, 2012.