

**Kansas Board of Nursing
Virtual Meeting
Education Committee Minutes
December 8, 2020**

Time: 8:43 AM – 11:27 AM

Committee Members: Patsy Zeller, MSN, APRN, NP-C, Chair
Carol Bragdon, PhD, APRN, Vice-Chair
Mandy Karstetter, LPN
Gita Noble, Public Member
Christina Rudacille, MSN, RN
Karen Kidder, DNP, RN, CNE
Dee Bohnenblust, EdD, MSN, APRN, RN
Amy Hite, DNP, EdS, APRN, FNP

Staff: Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN – Nursing Education Compliance Officer
Carol Moreland, MSN, RN – Executive Administrator
Chelsey Stephenson – Education Secretary

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Patsy Zeller, MSN, APRN, FNP, Chair, at 8:43 AM via Zoom.

Rev. Onsite Packet: There is an on-site packet, which includes documents from the University of Saint Mary requesting a Major Curriculum Change. Motion #1 Kidder/Bragdon Adopted.

Add./Rev. Agenda: A Major Curriculum Change from the University of Saint Mary was added under New Business. Motion #2 Bragdon/Bohnenblust Adopted.

Announcements: Because the Education Committee is conducting this public meeting by Zoom, P. Zeller stated for the record the following information:

On November 23, 2020 the Board sent notice of the meeting for the Education Committee to all individuals who have requested notice of the Committee’s meetings. Additionally, the notice and agenda were posted on the Board’s website: ksbn.kansas.gov. The notice contains the meeting’s link to attend this meeting free of charge. The notice also advised individuals to contact the Board’s office at 785-296-5752 if the individual does not have access to a computer.

Minutes: The minutes from the September 15, 2020 Education Committee meeting were reviewed. C. Rudacille noted two corrections needed on page 2: Rationale for Change: “Coffeyville Community College” should be changed to “Johnson County Community College” and C. Rudacille’s credentials should end with “RN”. It was moved to approve the September 2020 Education Committee Minutes as drafted with corrections related to Johnson County Community College Major Curriculum Change. Motion #3 Kidder/Hite Adopted.

Educ. Spec. Report: The Education Report was reviewed by Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN. Included in the report are various nursing program administrator updates. A letter of intent arrived from Barclay College to develop a BSN Program. The site visits that were cancelled last spring due to COVID-19 were completed this fall: 2 virtually and 2 in-person visits. The PowerPoint used for the Program Administrator Update and Orientation in September is available on KSBN's website.

Site Visit Reports:

Rev. of Policies/Proc: P. Zeller stated that clarification of focus visits and conditional approval of nursing programs needs review. C. Moreland provided background on how site visits have evolved over the last several years. Clarification is needed regarding policies and procedures so that circumstances are treated similarly and in fairness.

P. Zeller posed several questions: 1) What is the purpose of the special focus-site visits? 2) What are the definitions of terms used in site visits? 3) What specific areas are to be include in the report? 4) Could a template be developed for programs to refer to? 5) Could a proposed timeline for improvement be utilized for programs? 6) How can programs plan for the expected outcomes?

P. Zeller recommended a taskforce be put together to review the policies and procedures for site visits, specifically to draft proposals for templates to be used in site visits and to discuss clarification of processes and policies for focus visits. C. Bragdon, D. Bohnenblust, P. Zeller, C. Moreland and J. Martin will serve on this taskforce.

Labette CC: The November 4-5, 2020 site visit report for Labette Community College, Bi-Level Program, was reviewed. Site visitors were Karen Kidder, DNP, RN, CNE and Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN.

It was moved to accept the site visit for Labette Community College, Bi-Level Program, approving the LPN Program for a time-period of 5 years and re-approving the ADN Program for a time-period of national accreditation. Motion #4 Bragdon/Rudacille Adopted; Bohnenblust Abstained.

New Business:

Major Curriculum Change Requests

WSU Tech PN: Request to include IV Therapy in the Practical Nursing Program beginning January 2021.

Rationale for Change: To bring the PN program at WSU Tech into full alignment with the KBOR 2018 revised PN Core Curriculum which includes IV therapy.

It was moved to accept the Major Curriculum Change Request from WSU Tech, PN Program, to include IV Therapy beginning January 2021. Motion #5 Kidder/Rudacille Adopted.

Labette CC: Request to incorporate IV Therapy curriculum into NURS 122 Medical Surgical Nursing Course.

Rational for Change: By incorporating IV Therapy into the LPN Curriculum, students will be able to apply these skills into their entry-level nursing practice.

It was moved to accept the Major Curriculum Change Request from Labette Community College, ADN Bi-Level Program, to incorporate IV Therapy curriculum into NURS 122 Medical Surgical Nursing Course. Motion #6 Rudacille/Kidder Adopted; Bohnenblust Abstained.

U. of St. Mary: Request to increase clinical practice hours for the MSN-FNP and Post-Masters FNP Program from 540 to 720, effective January 2021.

Rational for Change: The current hour requirement of 540 clinical practice hours just meets the minimum requirement. This change will help students transition into the advanced-practice role.

It was moved to accept the Major Curriculum Change Request from University of Saint Mary, MSN-FNP and Post-Masters FNP Program to increase clinical practice hours from 540 to 720, effective January 2021. Motion #7 Bragdon/Hite Adopted.

Clinical Partnerships: A discussion was led by J. Martin regarding clinical practice/academic partnerships. It was asked if there is there anything in KSBN Regulation that would preclude a nursing program from doing a partnership with a nursing facility in which the facility would hire the student nurse and they would be working for that facility, while also receiving academic credit for certain courses, especially related to Capstone.

C. Bragdon stated this raises many red flags when it comes to staffing crunches and that there would need to be extremely detailed and structured guidelines. M. Karstetter agrees with C. Bragdon. D. Bohnenblust mentions the role-confusion concern for the student. Also, who is responsible for liability? K. Kidder asked if there is any study that shows how this alternative affects testing scores? J. Martin is not aware of any studies. P. Zeller agrees that this blurs the line significantly and makes it extremely difficult to evaluate the student. A. Hite mentioned her program is being requested to partner with a hospital in Joplin, Missouri.

A taskforce of A. Hite, C. Rudacille, G. Noble and J. Martin was put together to further explore this option to bring back data to the committee in March 2021.

Annual Report: A taskforce was established to consider adopting the annual report template from NCSBN. K. Kidder, C. Rudacille, J. Martin and A. Guerrero were a part of this taskforce. C. Rudacille provided an update of the taskforce meeting. After assessing the NCSBN's annual report format, it was determined that using their format would still allow KSBN to meet all regulation requirements. It was noted that NCSBN is able to gather data and pool it nationally, which would alleviate the workload for KSBN staff. A. Guerrero and K. Kidder brought attention to the user-friendly options available.

It was moved to approve the recommendation from the Annual Report Taskforce of the Education Committee that KSBN use the NCSBN Annual Report template for Nursing Programs beginning with the June 2021 deadline. Motion #8 Bragdon/Hite Adopted.

NCSBN Guidelines: J. Martin mentioned that NCSBN did a study of what states look at for Nursing Program Approval requirements. The guidelines are included in the Board Packet for Committee Members to review.

Unfinished Business:

Clinical Hours Disc.: A discussion was led by J. Martin regarding clinical site hours being unavailable due to COVID-19. Committee is in agreeance that regulation requires in-person clinical hours and a student's course completion or graduation may be delayed if this type of experience is delayed due to the pandemic.

Virtual Site Visits: J. Martin provided an update on the efficiency of two virtual site visits held this fall. Both site visits were conducted successfully. The main concern from virtual site visits was the timeline given in deciding if the site visit will be virtual or in-person.

A discussion was held as to whether the spring site visits should all be held virtually or not.

It was moved to approve the recommendation to conduct all site visits as virtual visits in 2021, to be reevaluated at each Committee and Board meeting, allowing the Education Committee and Board to request an in-person follow up visit as needed, prior to a decision being made. Motion #9 Kidder/Hite Adopted.

Site Visit Schedule: The 2021 Nursing and MHT Program Site Visit Schedule was reviewed by Janelle Martin, MHSA, RN.

Petitions: Petition for Permission to Test/Retest Summary from August 15, 2020 through November 7, 2020

Shandra Daniels	Maria Freeman	Erica Hunt
Jamie Layne	Ufuoma Oruoghor	Renu Shrestha
Gabriela Torres		

It was moved to approve the Petition for Permission to Test/Retest Summary from August 15, 2020 through November 7, 2020, which includes:

Shandra Daniels	Maria Freeman	Erica Hunt
Jamie Layne	Ufuoma Oruoghor	Renu Shrestha
Gabriela Torres		

Motion #10 Kidder/Rudacille Adopted.

Agenda for March 2021

1. Clinical Partnerships Taskforce Update
2. Site Visit Policies Taskforce Update
3. Virtual vs In-Person Reapproval Programs

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:27 AM. Motion #11 Kidder/Hite Adopted.

Committee Chairperson

Date