

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
EDUCATION INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 11, 2017**

**TIME AND
PLACE:**

The meeting of the Education Informal Conference Committee was convened at 9:00 a.m. in Suite 201, Department of Health Professions 9960 Mayland Drive, Second Floor, Board Room 4, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS
PRESENT:
STAFF
PRESENT:**

Joyce A. Hahn, Ph.D., RN, NEA-BC, FNAP, Chair
Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA

Jay Douglas, Executive Director, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Paula B. Saxby, RN, Ph.D., Deputy Executive Director
Charlette Ridout, RN, MS, CNE, Senior Nursing Education Consultant
Beth Yates, Licensing by Exam Supervisor/Nursing Education Support

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

REGISTERED NURSING, PRACTICAL NURSING, AND NURSE AIDE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Curriculum Changes

VCCS Concept Based Core Curriculum, RN Programs

Charles Smith, MS, RN, Dean, Rappahannock Community College; Patricia Lisk, RN, Ph.D, Dean, Germanna Community College; Tammy Colatruglio, MSN, RN, Director, John Tyler Community College; Elaine Beaupre, RN, M.Ed, MSN, CNE, Director, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, and Dr. Daniel Lewis, Director of Educational Programs and Policy, VCCS System Office were in attendance.

Representatives presented information on the development and implementation of the VCCS Concept Based Common Curriculum for registered nurses. Representatives stated that 19 Virginia community college nursing programs participated in the process and that 4 community colleges will participate in the initial controlled roll out. Those community colleges are Rappahannock Community College, Reynolds Community College, Germanna Community College and John Tyler Community College.

Representatives reported that this shared curriculum has been contemplated for many years however it was not until 2014 that consensus was reached and the committee started meeting. The colleges acknowledged Dr. Saxby's leadership and support when these meetings convened in 2014 and that Ms. Ridout's attendance at committee meetings and invaluable input contributed greatly to the final product.

Key points shared by the representatives include:

- Focus is on seamless progression
- Collaboration between colleges, faculty and leadership and Board of Nursing was critical

Key Success factors were:

- Specific changes in curriculum were driven by the faculty rather than Deans and Directors

- The concepts were thoroughly researched
- Partnerships with 4 year colleges that deliver RN to BSN programs are in place
- Outcomes include a predictable product, ability of students to transfer between community colleges and the content is now presented in a way that develops thinking skills.

Action: Recommend to accept the report as information.

Request for approval of Clinical Learning Experiences Outside of Virginia

Chamberlain College of Nursing, RN Program, Arlington – Program Code US28500600

Diane Smith Levine, RN, Senior Manager, Sharon Guillett, Ph.D., RN, Campus President, Arlington Campus, Nelda Webb, Senior Manager of Licensing and Trish Hughes, Ph.D., RN, Licensing and Regulation, were in attendance.

At 9:52 a.m. Ms. Hershkowitz moved that this informal conference committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation in the matter of Chamberlain College of Nursing, RN program, Arlington. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr. Saxby, Ms. Ridout, and Ms. Yates attend the meeting as their presence is deemed necessary to aid the informal conference in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:06 a .m.

Ms. Hershkowitz certified that the informal conference committee heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

Action: Recommend to grant Chamberlain College of Nursing an exception to regulation 18 VAC 90-20-137(A) that requires 80% of all clinical experience be conducted in Virginia and that the Board approve of the use of clinical sites outside the 50 mile limit.

Recommend to approve the direct care component of Chamberlain College's Global Health Education Program contingent upon compliance with Virginia regulations including faculty to student ratios in direct care.

The Committee recessed at 10:08 a.m.

The Committee reconvened at 10:16 a.m.

Application for Nurse Aide Education Program:

Dominion Health Education Center, Henrico

Virginia Hopkins, RN, Program Director, Dominion Health Education Center, Christine Sellers, Director, Edgenuity and Anne Widener, Account Executive, Edgenuity, were in attendance.

At 11:00 a.m. Ms. Hershkowitz moved that this informal conference committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation in the matter of Dominion Health Education Center, Henrico. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr. Saxby, Ms. Ridout, and Ms. Yates attend the meeting as their presence is deemed necessary to aid the informal conference in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:11 a.m.

Ms. Hershkowitz certified that the informal conference committee heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

Action: Recommend to grant conditional approval of the hybrid nurse aide education program at Dominion Health Education Center contingent upon receipt of a satisfactory detailed schedule of skills lab content and hours.

Update of Program Status:

Ms. Ridout presented a report regarding approval status, pass rates, and survey visits of the following programs:

Eastern Shore Community College, PN Program, Melfa –
US28202000: continued full approval

Giles County Technology Center, PN Program, Pearisburg –
US28100500: they were able to admit a cohort in Fall 2016

Global Health College, PN Program, Alexandria –
US28102900: placed on conditional approval

Global Health College, RN Program, Alexandria –
US28402000: placed on conditional approval

Hampton University, Virginia Beach Campus, RN Program, Virginia Beach,
US28500400: continued full approval

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, RN Program, Richmond,
US28406300: continued full approval

Action: Recommend to accept the report as information.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

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