

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
EDUCATION INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 6, 2019**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Education Informal Conference Committee was convened at 9:08 a.m. in Suite 201, Department of Health Professions 9960 Mayland Drive, Second Floor, Board Room 1, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce A. Hahn, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP, Chair
Laura Freeman Cei, BS, LPN, CCRP

STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director
Paula B. Saxby, RN, Ph.D., Deputy Executive Director
Robin Hills, RN, DNP, WHNP, Deputy Executive Director
Jacquelyn Wilmoth, RN, MSN, Nursing Education Program Manager
Beth Yates, Nursing and Nurse Aide Education Coordinator

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

REGISTERED NURSING AND PRACTICAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Chamberlain University, BSN Program, Arlington, US28500600

Dr. Diane Smith-Levine, Senior Manager State Licensing and Regulation and Julie Siemers, DNP, RN, Campus President, were in attendance.

At 9:22 a.m. Ms. Cei moved that the Education Informal Conference Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711 (A) (27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Chamberlain University, BSN program. Additionally, she moved that, Ms. Douglas, Dr. Saxby, Dr. Hills, Ms. Wilmoth, and Ms. Yates attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Committee reconvened in open session at 9:27 a.m.

Ms. Cei moved that the Education 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 accept their intended change in location as information.

Medical Solutions Academy, PN Program, Danville, US28110700

Lakesha Reed-Curtis, MSN, RN, Owner and Mary Williamson, MSN, RN, Program Director, were in attendance.

At 9:55 a.m. Ms. Cei moved that the Education Informal Conference Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711 (A) (27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Medical Solutions Academy, PN Program. Additionally, she moved that, Ms. Douglas, Dr. Saxby, Dr. Hills, Ms. Wilmoth, and Ms. Yates attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:18 a.m.

Ms. Cei moved that the Education 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 deny the request to increase enrollment at Medical Solutions Academy due to failure to provide evidence that meets the requirements of 18VAC-90-27-30 (3) (d) as evidenced by the initial enrollment plan has not yet been met.

Fairfax County Public Schools, PN Program, Springfield, US28108600

Jennifer Alpers, Program Manager, HMS, and Jacqueline Portnoy, Program Director were in attendance.

At 10:41 a.m. Ms. Cei moved that the Education Informal Conference Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711 (A) (27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Fairfax County Public Schools, PN Program. Additionally, she moved that, Ms. Douglas, Dr. Saxby, Dr. Hills, Ms. Wilmoth, and Ms. Yates attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:46 a.m.

Ms. Cei moved that the Education 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 approve the request to restructure the nursing pathway and increase the length of the program for Fairfax County Public Schools Practical Nursing Program.

Bryant & Stratton College, ADN, Program, Hampton, US28409900

There were no representatives for the program in attendance.

Action: Recommend to defer the request from Bryant & Stratton College to change from a day to evening program as no representative was present.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Applications to Establish Nursing Education Programs: Update

Staff provided a status report for the following applications:

Practical Nursing Programs:

Salvation Academy, Alexandria

American National University, Salem

Registered Nursing Programs:

Stratford University, BSN, Virginia Beach

Regent University, BSN, Virginia Beach

American National University, ADN, Salem

ECPI University, BSN, Norfolk

The Board held an Education Program Orientation session on February 28, 2019. Representatives from nine (9) prospective programs attended the session for Establishing a Nursing Education Program.

Action: Recommend to accept the report as information.

NCLEX Pass Rates Below 80% for 1 Year

Staff provided a status report for the following programs with NCLEX pass rates below 80% for 2018.

Practical Nursing Programs

America School of Allied Health

Fairfax County Public Schools

Petersburg Public Schools

Ultimate Health School

Registered Nursing Programs

Fortis College, Norfolk, ADN

Hampton University School of Nursing, BSN

George Mason University Accelerated BSN program can be removed from the list of below 80% for one year after making an adjustment to their pass rates due to students choosing an incorrect program code. With the corrections the pass rate is above 90%.

Action: Recommend to accept the report as information (with edits.)

NCLEX Pass Rates Below 80% for 2 Years

Staff provided a status report for the following programs with NCLEX pass rates below 80% for 2 years (2017 and 2018) who have been placed on Conditional Approval.

Eastern Virginia Career College, ADN

Fortis College, Richmond, ADN

Action: Recommend to place Eastern Virginia Career College and Fortis College, Richmond on Conditional Approval with terms and conditions; submit an updated NCLEX plan of correction; schedule an NCLEX site visit; and submit a site visit fee.

NCLEX Pass Rates Below 80% for 3 Years

Staff reported on current status for the following programs with NCLEX pass rates below 80% for 3 or more years (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.)

Centura College Midlothian, program closed on September 30, 2018.

Centura College Norfolk, pursuant to a current Board Order, needed to be 80% or above for 2018. Compliance received notification that the program would like to voluntarily close September 30, 2019.

Paul D. Camp Community College, PN program's pass rate is below 80% for Four years. The current Board Order states the Board will review the 2019 NCLEX results.

Global Health College was closed by Board Order December 31, 2018.

Paul D. Camp Community College, ADN program's pass rate is below for three years.

Action: Recommend to accept the report as information and accept Centura College Norfolk's request to voluntarily close.

Virginia and National NCLEX Pass Rates 2018 for RN and PN Programs

Board staff presented an update on the NCLEX pass rates from 2012 to 2018. Overall, Virginia's NCLEX pass rate is higher than the National Pass Rate for Registered Nursing Education Programs.

Action: Recommended to accept as information.

Nurse Aide Education Program Application

Grace Health and Rehabilitation Center of Greene County – Application for a Hybrid Nurse Aide Education Program.

There were no representatives for the program in attendance.

Dr. Saxby presented information regarding the status of the application.

Action: Recommend to defer the request to establish a hybrid nurse aide education program at Grace Health and Rehabilitation Center of Greene County as no representative for the program was present.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Paula B. Saxby, R.N., Ph.D.
Deputy Executive Director

Jacquelyn Wilmoth, RN, MSN
Education Program Manager