

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
EDUCATION SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 12, 2022**

Department of Health Professions – Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Conference Center 201 – **Boardroom 3**
Henrico, Virginia 23233

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Education Special Conference Committee was convened at 9:07 a.m. in Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Second Floor, Boardroom 3, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brandon A. Jones, MSN, RN, CEN, NEA-BC, Chair
Yvette Dorsey, DNP, RN

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director
Jacquelyn Wilmoth, MSN, RN, Deputy Executive Director
Randall Mangrum, DNP, RN, Nursing Education Program Manager
Christine Smith, MSN, RN, Nurse Aide/RMA Education Program Manager
Erin Barrett, JD, Senior Policy Analyst
Beth Yates, Education Program Specialist

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION: **Revisions to Nurse Aide Regulations**

Ms. Wilmoth provided background information regarding a Board education staff proposal to review and revise Regulations for Nurse Aide Education Programs.

Mr. Jones requested to review the suggested regulatory revisions sequentially.

Ms. Wilmoth led a discussion of proposed revisions to Regulations for Nurse Aide Education Programs.

Ms. Barrett advised the committee that wordsmithing was not necessary today, as it would be the committee’s responsibility to first determine if regulatory revisions were necessary and make a recommendation to move forward with a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA), if desired.

Discussion ensued regarding proposed regulatory changes to include rationale for suggested revisions.

Ms. Smith brought attention to 18VAC90-26-50 (D) as the description of classroom facilities and statements regarding equipment/supplies are difficult for the inspectors to verify during a visit.

Discussion occurred regarding the implementation of a Guidance Document to provide the board’s interpretation of the regulation, which would increase objectivity during survey visits.

ACTION:

Dr. Dorsey moved to recommend to issue a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action to review and potentially amend the Regulations for Nurse Aide Education programs.

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dorsey moved to recommend the creation of a workgroup to develop a guidance document to provide the board's interpretation of 18VAC90-26-50 (D).

The motion passed unanimously.

These recommendations will be presented to the full Board on Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Ms. Barrett left the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

**EDUCATION PROGRAM
UPDATES:**

The committee held a brief discussion of nursing, nurse aide and medication aide education program updates.

Dr. Mangrum reported that programs are experiencing challenges with clinical faculty recruitment; however, programs are able to utilize the faculty exception request process to meet their needs. He reported that programs are reaching out to him related to clinical site availability due to the recent increases in COVID infections.

Ms. Smith reported that nurse aide education programs are experiencing challenges regarding obtaining and retaining instructors. There has also been an increase in programs reaching out to her related to clinical site availability due to the recent increases in COVID infections.

Ms. Wilmoth reported that board staff continue to contact registered medication aide programs to determine program status.

Mr. Jones suggested a full verbal education update be provided to the full board on Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.