

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
EDUCATION SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 2, 2020**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Education Special Conference Committee was convened at 9:06 a.m. in Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Second Floor, Training Room 1, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cynthia Swineford, RN, MSN, CNE, Chair
Yvette L. Dorsey, DNP, RN

STAFF PRESENT: Jacquelyn Wilmoth, RN, MSN, Nursing Education Program Manager
Beth Yates, Nursing and Nurse Aide Education Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

CONTINUED FACULTY EXCEPTION:

Eastern Mennonite University, BSN Program, US28509700

There were no program representatives present.

The Committee considered the Program's request for one continued faculty exception.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Dorsey moved to recommend that the Board approve the request for continued faculty exception for J. Alderfer. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This recommendation will be presented to a committee of the Board on September 15, 2020.

VOLUNTARY CLOSURE:

Chesterfield County Public Schools, PN Program, Chesterfield, US28104300

Hampton University BSN Program, Virginia Beach, US28500400

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Dorsey moved to recommend to accept the voluntary closures of Chesterfield County Public Schools PN program and Hampton University BSN Virginia Beach campus as information only.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION
ITEMS:**

Ms. Wilmoth presented the following reports to the Committee:

NCSBN Annual Survey

Ms. Wilmoth explained that NCSBN has developed a Prelicensure Annual Report Core Data Survey (annual survey) based on core data results of a large mixed methods study of nursing program quality indicators and warning signs. NCSBN has also included questions regarding COVID-19 to assist in analyzing its impact. The survey questions are unable to be modified, however the board is able to add additional questions. Ms. Wilmoth explained that the survey could not be combined with the board's annual report as the foci are different. The annual survey will be sent out by NCSBN in either August or January to nursing programs in participating states.

Ms. Wilmoth proposed that the board participate in the January 2021 NCSBN annual survey as the states regulatory required annual report is sent out in October of each year. There would be no repercussion to the programs if they do not complete the NCSBN annual survey as it is not required by regulation.

Ms. Wilmoth stated that NCSBN will provide the raw data results of the survey to the board.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Dorsey moved to recommend that the board participate in the NCSBN annual survey in January 2021 to allow for the submission of the regulatory required annual report by all programs prior to completion of the NCSBN survey.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

COVID – 19 Questionnaire

To assist in ascertaining the impact of COVID-19 and programs' use of regulatory waivers that are currently in place, board staff is working on a COVID-19 questionnaire to send out to all nursing programs.

Dr. Dorsey suggested questions be included to determine if there had been a decrease in enrollment due, an increase in faculty attrition, and an increase in lack of access to clinical facilities due to COVID-19.

Nursing Education Program Updates

Ms. Wilmoth provided the following information:

Bluefield College BSN program and Averett University –Norfolk BSN program have obtained initial approval and plan to admit students January 2021. Ferrum College, BSN program has an initial site visit scheduled

Chester Career College closed by board order on August 31, 2020.

Virginia Appalachian Tricollege separated into three programs at their three campuses; Mountain Empire Community College, Southwest Virginia Community College, and Virginia Highlands Community College have each obtained new program codes for their campuses. The curriculum, faculty, and clinical sites remain the same as before the separation.

Ms. Wilmoth stated the board had approved eleven initial faculty exceptions in the last two weeks.

Nurse Aide Education Program Updates

In Dr. Hills absence, Ms. Wilmoth advised the committee a COVID-19 questionnaire has been prepared and will be sent out to all nurse aide education programs for completion.

There are regulatory waivers in place to allow for clinical hours to be completed in a variety of clinical facilities. Simulation is not permitted for use to obtain clinical hours for nurse aide education programs.

Regulatory updates, approved by the Board November 2019, remain in process for final approval.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Jacquelyn Wilmoth, RN, MSN
Nursing Education Program Manager