

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (ACE) REPORT

### SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

(1.) The committee report is for information only, providing Board members an update regarding the status of ACE activities; and (2.) Consider the recommendation to accept the proposed nomination for a new committee member.

### I. COMMITTEE CHARGE:

At the April 2006 meeting, the Board issued the following charges to the Advisory Committee on Education:

- CHARGE #1 - Study issues involved in the Board approving nursing education programs outside Texas' jurisdiction that are currently operating in Texas or desiring to operate in Texas;
- CHARGE #2 - Recommend new rules and regulations addressing Board approval of nursing education programs outside Texas' jurisdiction currently operating Texas or desiring to operate in Texas; and
- CHARGE #3 - Review rule language for clarity and consistency between Rule 214 and Rule 215 and making recommendations regarding language in Rule 219.

The Advisory Committee on Education met on June 27, 2006 to address the above charges. Board staff presentations provided committee members with information regarding national and state issues related to Charge#1 and discussion followed.

#### Major Points of Discussion:

- Texas currently has no jurisdiction over programs from other states who may have a "physical presence" in Texas.
- The definition of "physical presence" according to Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- Issues related to on-line nursing education.
- Licensure requirement for out-of-state faculty teaching in Texas programs.
- NPA Sec. 301.004 which provides exemption for students enrolled in Board-approved nursing programs.
  - Students enrolled in out-of-state nursing programs and who have clinical experiences in Texas are not exempt from the NPA, since these programs are not approved by the BNE.
  - Confusion among faculty that the student is "practicing under the faculty's license."

#### Open Forum:

- Ann Bokelman, Associate Director of On-Line Nursing Education from Southside Regional Medical Center School of Nursing discussed the request to:
  - offer the on-line program to students in Texas and have Texas nurses supervise the clinical experiences;
  - allow NLNAC to be the "accrediting" agency rather than SACS;
  - consider a collaborative effort that would have the Texas BNE be responsible for clinical oversight and the Virginia BON have oversight of the on-line theory component.
- Nancy Maebius, committee member, presented accreditation issues that career schools have had when seeking to establish a professional nursing education program in Texas.

#### Action Taken:

- No voting occurred during the meeting.
- Staff were directed to provide data on the following topics to assist committee members in making informed decisions:
  - NCLEX pass rates from other states.
  - Education rules of other states (faculty credentials, supervised clinical practicums, accreditation, etc.)
  - Rule wording "Board-recognized accrediting agency."

- Data related to success of on-line nursing programs.
  - Simulation - what is it? How much should be allowed?
- Proceed with board charge at the next meeting on October 6, 2006.
  - Board staff will place an explanation in the *Bulletin* clarifying that the student is not “practicing under the faculty license.”

## **II. PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP OF ACE:**

The Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators(TAVNE) hospital school representative resigned due to closure of the Herman Memorial Hospital School of Vocational Nursing. TAVNE is submitting a nomination to replace the hospital school representative (Attachment 1).

### Purpose/Function of ACE

- The Advisory Committee on Education was established by the Board to identify, review and analyze issues in the education and practice arenas that have or may have a significant impact upon regulation of nursing education in Texas.
- Membership of ACE is comprised of representatives of all levels of nursing education and persons nominated by stakeholders of the Board of Nurse Examiners.
- Members serve a three year term. The terms may be extended to provide continuity, if the committee is working on a particular charge.

### **PROS:**

Letters of nomination and support have been received from the applicable stakeholder( Attachment 1). The proposed member has submitted acceptable biographical forms to board staff.

### **CONS:**

None noted.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Move to (1.) accept the Advisory Committee on Education report and (2.) accept the nomination for new membership on the Advisory Committee on Education as follows:

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April 4, 2006

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Re: ACE Committee

Dear Ms. Sims:

It is with great pleasure to recommend Beverly Skloss, MSN, RN to represent hospital-based vocational nursing programs on the ACE committee. Ms. Skloss has extensive experience in this setting and will represent the Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators well. She is a longstanding active member of TAVNE.

Ms. Skloss is Coordinator of Student Development with the School of Vocational Nursing, Valley Baptist Medical Center, Harlingen, Texas.

Sincerely,  
Jackolyn Morgan, MSN, RN  
President