

**Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Committee to Increase RN Graduates**

Summary of Request:

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on staff collaboration with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Committee to Increase RN Graduates.

Historical Perspective/Background Information:

During the October, 2006 Board meeting, staff reviewed the THECB's report entitled *Strategies to Increase the Number of Graduates from Initial RN Licensure Programs*. This report was developed in conjunction with faculty representatives from educational programs and staff from the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies, Texas Nurses Association, THECB and the BNE. Many of the strategies outlined in the report were subsequently incorporated into the *BNE Statewide Plan to Create Innovative Models for Nursing Education*.

A workshop to review the strategies in the THECB's report is being conducted in Houston, Texas on April 13 - 15 (See attachment A).

As noted on the attached workshop agenda, BNE staff will be presenting an overview of strategies to empower nursing programs in maximizing nursing faculty and student ratios.

Staff Recommendations:

None. This report is an informational item.

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HOTEL REGISTRATION

Renaissance Houston Hotel

Register by: March 30, 2007
to secure the conference rate.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, April 13, 2007	Time	Activity
Registration Opens	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	
Pre-Conference Workshop	4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	"Developing Critical Thinking Questions and Exams"
Reception	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	

Saturday, April 14, 2007	Time	Activity
Registration Desk Open	7:00 am – 12:00 pm	
Breakfast	7:00 am – 8:00 am	
Opening Ceremony	8:00 am – 9:30 am	* Opening Remarks * Presentation "Nursing Shortage in the State of Texas" * "Study to Increase RN Graduates"
Break / Posters	9:30 am – 10:00 am	Poster Presentations
Break Out Sessions	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Breakout sessions to discuss findings from the survey "Study to Increase RN Graduates" Session 1: "Teacher Certification for Faculty in Initial Licensure Programs" Session 2: "Student Survivors: Who's Responsible?" Session 3: "Rethinking the Hospital-based Nursing Program Concept: Are Academic Nursing Programs Moving in that Direction?" Session 4: "Increasing Nursing Faculty Salaries: Deal or No Deal?" Session 5: "Selectively Seeking Students"
Lunch	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lecture: M. Elaine Tagliareni EdD, RN President elect, National League of Nursing
Break	1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	
General Session	1:45 pm – 3:30 pm	Reports from Breakout Sessions discussing "Study to Increase RN Graduates"

Break	3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	
General Session	3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Board of Nurse Examiner's "Creative Strategies for Empowering Nursing Programs and Maximizing Faculty to Student Ratios"

Sunday, April 15, 2007	Time	Activity
Breakfast / Lecture	8:00 am – 9:30 am	Lecture: Dr. Claudia Peter "Learning ... Whose Responsibility is it?"
Break	9:30 am – 9:45 am	
Five Concurrent Sessions	9:45 am – 10:45 am	Abstract Presentations
Five Concurrent Sessions	10:50 am – 11:50 pm	Abstract Presentations
Lunch and Presentation	12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lecture: Dr. Lynne Wieck "Shared Wisdom: Evidence-based Education Options for Tomorrow's Nursing Student" Conference Evaluation



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