

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION (ACE) REPORT

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The committee report is for information only, providing Board members an update regarding the status of ACE activities.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

- At the April 2006 Board meeting, the Board issued a charge to ACE regarding Board approval of nursing education programs outside of Texas' jurisdiction including, but not limited to:
 - Studying the issues involved in the Board approving nursing education programs outside Texas' jurisdiction currently operating in Texas or desiring to operate in Texas.
 - Recommending new rules and regulations addressing Board approval of nursing education programs outside Texas' jurisdiction currently operating in Texas or desiring to operate in Texas.
 - Reviewing rule language for clarity and consistency between Rule 214 and Rule 215 and making recommendations regarding Rule 219.
- ACE addressed the first two charges issued at the April 2006 Board meeting, but because of Sunset requirements, ACE is still addressing the third area, reviewing rule language for clarity and consistency between Rule 214 and Rule 215 and making recommendations regarding Rule 219.
- At the July 2006 Board meeting, the Board issued three (3) new charges to ACE including, but not be limited to:
 - Recommending possible rule revision to clarify Board expectations in distance education for nursing education programs.
 - Recommending possible rule revision to clarify the role of simulation in clinical learning experiences.
 - Recommending possible limitations or a revised process for resubmitting a proposal for a new nursing education program after the original proposal is denied by the Board.
- ACE has addressed all of the three (3) new charges issued to ACE at the July, 2006 Board meeting.
- As a result of the Sunset Commission's report to the Texas Legislature, HB 2426 was passed into law and became effective on September 1, 2007.
- At the July 2007 Board meeting, the Board issued an additional charge related to the agency's Sunset Implementation Plan including statutory changes and management actions.
 - Reviewing and revising the education rules, policies, and procedures to ensure that the rules, policies, and procedures do not exceed the Board's responsibility to certify minimum competence to enter the profession of nursing;
 - Recommending to the Board a process to allow for Board approval of hospital-based diploma nursing programs; and
 - Recommending to the Board allowing Board approval of nursing education programs for a period longer than one year.

One additional charge added was: Evaluating the number of program hours for vocational nursing education programs outlined in Rule 214.

- Three ACE meetings were conducted since the July 2007 Board meeting:
 - August 8, 2007, conference call meeting (*See attachment 1*)
 - August 28, 2007, face to face meeting (*See attachment 2*)
 - September 25, 2007, conference call meeting (*See attachment 3*)

ACE ACTIONS TO DATE:

- Studied the issues involved in the Board approving nursing education programs outside Texas' jurisdiction currently operating in Texas or desiring to operate in Texas.
- Recommended a process addressing Board approval of nursing education programs outside Texas' jurisdiction currently operating in Texas or desiring to operate in Texas.
- Recommended rule revision to clarify Board expectations in distance education for nursing education programs.
- Reviewed the role of simulation in clinical learning experiences.
- Recommended rule revision for resubmitting a proposal for a new nursing education program after the original proposal is denied by the Board.
- Reviewed revisions to the education rules, policies, and procedures to ensure that the rules, policies, and procedures do not exceed the Board's responsibility to certify minimum competence to enter the profession of nursing.
- Recommended a process for Board approval of hospital-based diploma nursing programs.
- Recommended a process allowing Board approval of nursing education programs for a period longer than one year.

REMAINING CHARGES TO BE ADDRESSED BY ACE:

The committee will begin addressing the following remaining charges after appointment of new committee members and the election of a chair person in January 2008.

- Reviewing rule language for clarity and consistency between Rule 214 and Rule 215 and making recommendations regarding Rule 219.
- Evaluating the number of program hours for vocational nursing education programs outlined in Rule 214.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Information item only. No Board action is required.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE MEETING**

August 8, 2007
11:00 am to 12 noon

Members Present:

Annette Hallman, PhD, MSN, RN
Bonnie Higgins, EdD, MS, RN
Linda Klotz, PhD, RN
Nancy Maebius, PhD, MSN, RN
Janet Noles, PhD, RN, FNP-C
Helen Reid, EdD, MSN, RN
Beverly Skloss, MSN, RN
Kendra Slatton, MSN, RN, CDE
Susan Sportsman, PhD, RN

Members Absent:

Frances Chatman, LVN
Brenda Jackson, PhD, RN
Kay Shaw, MSN, RN

Guest:

Dianna Miller, MSN, RN

Staff:

Mary Beth Thomas, PhD, RN
Janice Hooper, PhD, RN
Robbin Wilson, MSN, RN
Dorothy Joy, MSN, RN
Virginia Ayars, MSN, RN

Recorded by Virginia Ayars

Approval Date: August 28, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Robbin Wilson called the telephonic meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. and conducted roll call. R. Wilson stated that the purpose of the conference call is to determine the committee's strategy for the face-to-face meeting to be held in Austin on August 28, 2007. Board staff will send committee members a detailed agenda, including actions to date, future actions and a timeline, prior to the upcoming meeting.

OVERVIEW OF ACTIONS TO DATE IN RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS BOARD CHARGES AND SUNSET REVIEW

R. Wilson offered the following update of BNE actions directly related to ACE:

- New rules were implemented that empower the deans/directors of nursing education programs with the option of granting faculty waivers for prospective nursing faculty not meeting current required nursing faculty qualifications.
- New rules were adopted that allow all qualified registered nurses to function as Clinical Teaching Assistants, resulting in a larger pool of faculty extenders available for employment by nursing education programs.

- New rules were adopted that eliminate faculty-to-student ratios in all clinical learning experiences except those involving direct patient care.
- A new process was developed that will allow a career school/college to obtain BNE approval while awaiting approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).
- A new process was developed in order to facilitate approval of nursing programs outside of Texas= jurisdiction to conduct clinical learning experiences in Texas.
- Meetings were conducted with the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) regarding collaborations designed to reduce duplicative processes in the approval of new nursing education programs.
- With the input of stakeholders (THECB, Texas Nurses Association, and deans/directors of nursing education programs), a statewide plan was developed to address the nursing shortage. The BNE will be sending a survey to deans and directors to elicit information about innovative partnerships.
- Board staff has conducted conference calls with both NLNAC and CCNE and is in the process of developing a crosswalk specific to Rules 214 and 215. Commonalities and deficiencies will be examined and Board staff will seek clarification from the Sunset Commission regarding intent of directives.
- Mary Beth Thomas noted that due to timelines directed by the Sunset Commission, all rules must be readied for approval at the October Board meeting. M. B. Thomas explained that the topic of national accrediting bodies will not be part of the committee=s agenda at the August 28th meeting. Crosswalk comparisons of Board rules have been submitted to both NLNAC and CCNE; however, responses have not yet been received.

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF BOARD CHARGES FROM JULY 2007 BOARD MEETING

There were three (3) priority charges and one (1) additional charge adopted by the Board at the July 2007 meeting subsequent to HB 2426 and the recommendations set forth by the Sunset Commission:

- Review and revise the education rules, policies and procedures to ensure that the rules, policies and procedures do not exceed the Board=s responsibility to certify minimum competence to enter the profession of nursing. Board staff will provide an overview in table format so that committee members may discuss and approve.
- Recommend to the Board a process to allow for Board approval of hospital-based diploma nursing programs. Board staff has developed a process for committee consideration that is based upon a review of rules from other state boards of nursing.
- Recommend to the Board to allow for Board approval of nursing education programs for a period longer than one (1) year. Board staff will recommend a change to a two (2) year approval process to be approved by consent agenda. Annual reports would continue to be completed yearly in order to collect demographic data, to be used by the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies. Compliance data would be collected every other year.
- Review and evaluate the current number of required vocational nursing educational program hours.

R. Wilson offered that she will be sending an agenda to committee members, which will also be posted on the Texas Register and the BNE website. Once ACE addresses the three (3) priority charges as mandated by HB 2426 and the Sunset Commission, the committee will focus on the remaining charge, including a review of vocational nursing education program hours. Nancy Spector, Education Director, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, will be invited to address the committee in order provide current information relevant to this topic. Committee members expressed approval of these plans.

FUTURE MEETINGS

There was a brief discussion regarding requirements for a quorum and R. Wilson informed the committee members that a member may send a proxy to meetings; however, only one vote per organization/education program may be accepted. The new rule regarding Board committees, Rule 211.7, will be reviewed at the upcoming meeting after Board staff consult with Joy Sparks, assistant general counsel. Comments regarding committee composition were exchanged by the group.

Committee discussion determined that Thursdays and Fridays are the most convenient meeting days for members; whereas, Mondays and Tuesdays are the least convenient days.

M. B. Thomas verified that the chair will be elected at the end of the August meeting. B. Higgins offered that the current voting structure should be maintained through the upcoming meeting and also referenced guidelines developed by the Licensure, Eligibility and Disciplinary Rules and Policies Task Force.

Members verbalized approval of the telephone conference call format, stating that they felt it was highly productive. M. B. Thomas informed the group that Karen Neighbors will be joining Board staff as an education consultant on September 4, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

MINUTES

August 28, 2007
10:00 am - 1:30 pm
333 Guadalupe, Room 100
Austin, Texas

Members Present

Brenda S. Jackson, PhD, RN, Chair
Thelma Davis, LVN (for Frances Chatman, LVN)
Annette Hallman, PhD, MSN, RN
Bonnie Higgins, EdD, MS, RN
Linda Klotz, PhD, RN
Nancy Maebius, PhD, MSN, RN
Dianna Miller, MSN, RN (for Bonnie Higgins, EdD, RN)
Janet Noles, PhD, RN, FNP-C
Helen Reid, EdD, MSN, RN
Betty Sims, MSN, RN
Beverly Skloss, MSN, RN
Susan Sportsman, PhD, RN

Absent

Frances Chatman, LVN
Bonnie Higgins, EdD, MS, RN
Kendra Slatton, RN, MSN, CDE

Staff

Mary Beth Thomas, PhD, RN
Virginia Ayars, MSN, RN
Denise Benbow, MSN, RN
Janice Hooper, PhD, RN
Dorothy Joy, MSN, RN
Robbin Wilson, MSN, RN

Guests

Clair Jordan, MSN, RN

Texas Nurses Association

Recorded by Janice Hooper
Approval Date: September 25, 2007

AGENDA ITEM AND DISCUSSION

ACTION

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairperson B. Jackson. Members and other attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

N. Maebius moved approval of the minutes of February 2, 2007. The motion was seconded by S. Sportsman. The minutes were approved.

Revisions suggested to minutes of August 8, 2007 conference call: On page 2, in seventh item under updates of BNE actions: add "professional" to second sentence to read "deans/directors of professional nursing education programs..." L. Klotz moved to accept the minutes as amended. S. Sportsman seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

II. DISCUSS ACTIONS TO DATE IN RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS BOARD CHARGES AND SUNSET COMMISSION

K. Thomas thanked ACE members for their service to the committee. She discussed Sunset issues and actions taken in response to the issues and recommendations.

K. Thomas referred to handout presenting Actions to Date and Future Actions Resulting from the Sunset Commission Recommendations, HB 2426, and new charges for ACE. Recommendations will be presented at the October Board meeting and new rules need to be published by January 1, 2008. All rules may not be complete when published but work will continue.

The Sunset Bill also outlines that:

- Chairs of advisory committees be elected with Board members serving as liaison to committees.
- changes are made to TPAPN rules.
- a jurisprudence exam is created for new graduates and endorsees into Texas
- the Board name is changed to the Texas Board of Nursing (BON)

III. ADDRESS PRIORITY ACE COMMITTEE CHARGES

1. Review and revise the education rules, policies, and procedures to ensure that the rules, policies, and procedures do not exceed the Board's responsibility to certify minimum competence to enter the profession of nursing.

M. B. Thomas reviewed and discussed items listed as actions to date as well as future actions resulting from the Sunset Commission

AGENDA ITEM AND DISCUSSION

ACTION

Recommendations, HB 2426, and ACE charges
(See attached handout).

Actions to Date:

- implemented new rules empowering deans/directors to grant faculty waivers (1/07)
- adopted new rules that clearly delineate clinical faculty ratios (2/07)
- adopted new rules allowing all qualified RNs to function as CTAs (2/07)
- adopted new rules eliminating faculty-to-student ratios in clinical learning experiences except those involving direct patient care (2/07)
- adopted a new process allowing career schools/colleges to submit a proposal for a new program while awaiting regional accreditation (4/07)
- adopted a new process that will allow for approval of nursing programs outside Texas jurisdiction to conduct clinical learning experiences in Texas (4/07)
- conducted meetings with TWC and THECB regarding collaboration to reduce duplication in new program approvals (12/06-6/07)
- presented a statewide plan to the Sunset Commission developed with stakeholder input which was designed to address the nursing shortage in Texas through initiatives for enrollment and graduation of more students (3/07)
- conducted conference calls with NLNAC and CCNE to initiate the process to compare accreditation standards with board rules with the ultimate goal of developing a process for the review and approval of national nursing accrediting agencies (6/07)
- developed and distributed a survey to all pre-licensure professional nursing educational programs designed to collect data on partnerships between programs and community entities (8/07)

Nursing Education - Processes in Progress:

- to streamline the approval process to avoid duplication of proposal information between agencies
- to monitor innovative measures in nursing programs to increase enrollments
- to recognize accreditation of national nursing accreditation organizations after initial approval of new programs
- to recognize programs approved by other state boards of nursing
- to provide rules related to diploma program graduates receiving a degree after 12-31-14.
- to recognize agency approved by THECB as accrediting body

M. B. Thomas asked the committee members if actions fulfilled the Sunset Commission Recommendations as outlined in ACE Committee Charge #1.

L. Klotz made a motion to not only agree that the actions fulfilled ACE Charge #1 but also to commend Board staff for the work done so far in meeting legislative mandates. J. Noles seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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2. Recommend to the Board a process to allow for Board approval of hospital-based diploma nursing programs.

BON would like to see graduates receive an ADN at a minimum. Baptist is planning to become a degree-granting institution. Covenant will be the only diploma program left in the state. BON is seeking to provide a review process that would be as equitable as other professional programs in the state. Staff is comparing SACS accreditation criteria with BON approval criteria and considering JCAHO standards (since some states require JCAHO accreditation for diploma programs). Staff led review of available standards.

3. Recommend to the Board to allow for Board approval of nursing education programs for a period longer than one year.

R. Wilson suggested consideration of extending the time frame for program approval to longer than one year - possibly biennial approval to be staggered for programs not nationally accredited.

M. B. Thomas commented that there may be rules not covered by the accreditation agencies which may apply to all programs. All programs would still be required to submit data but the annual report in its current format will no longer be used.

It was clarified that approval for non-accredited programs would probably be based upon a self-audit, NCLEX pass rates and six-year survey visit. Approval for accredited programs would rely upon verification of accreditation status, NCLEX pass rates, and any compliance requirements for those areas not covered through accreditation.

The question about calculation of NCLEX pass rates was discussed - whether second time test takers could be included in the calculation.

IV. REVIEW NEW BOARD COMMITTEE POLICY

Draft of new Texas Board of Nursing Policy on advisory Committees and Task Forces provided for information only. This policy will be presented at the October Board meeting.

V. ELECT CHAIRPERSON

Since the majority of the committee members' terms expire in January 2008, it was suggested that the election of the new chair be postponed until January 2008 when the membership will be established.

J. Noles moved that "Board staff continue to develop the crosswalk of regulating agencies (TWC, JCAHO, SACS) and current BON evaluation processes for new hospital-based diploma programs, distribute the information, and schedule a conference call for discussion at a future date." B. Sims seconded the motion and it passed.

H. Reid moved that "the BON move forward with developing a plan to move to biennial BON approvals for all programs not accredited by a BON approved national accrediting agency including an annual data report from all programs and a biennial compliance report from schools needing BON approval and survey visits every 6 years." S. Sportsman seconded the motion and it passed.

Item for future consideration.

N. Maebius moved that "we postpone the election of the chair until January 2008." B. Skloss seconded the motion and it passed. In early September, R. Wilson will send nomination forms to representative bodies for nomination of members where terms have expired or will expire. The nomination slate will be presented to the Board in October.

AGENDA ITEM AND DISCUSSION

ACTION

VI. FINALIZE PLANS FOR NEXT MEETING

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Handouts:

- Motion Slips
- Agenda for ACE meeting, August 28, 2007
- Minutes of ACE meeting, February 2, 2006
- Minutes of ACE conference call, August 8, 2007
- Actions to Date and Future Actions Resulting from the Sunset Commission Recommendations, House Bill (HB) 2426, and Addressing New Charges to the ACE Committee Regarding Nursing Education Programs
- Excerpts from the Joint Commission Standards
- Education Guideline 3.1.1.d. Proposal to Establish a New Diploma Nursing Educational Program
- Texas BON Policy on Advisory Committees and Task Forces
- Robert's Rules of Order Made Simple
- Quorum Questions
- Excerpt from Rule 211 regard ACE Membership

A conference call will be held on September 25th in order to discuss finalizing the crosswalk of regulating agencies (TWC, JCAHO, SACS) in order to complete the draft process for approving hospital-based diploma nursing programs.

T. Davis moved adjournment. The motion was seconded by A. Hallman.

BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

**Actions to Date and Future Actions Resulting from the Sunset Commission Recommendations, House Bill (HB) 2426, and
Addressing New Charges to the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Regarding Nursing Educational Programs
AUGUST 27, 2007**

Actions to Date:

- January 2007, implemented new rules empowering the deans/directors of nursing educational programs with the option of granting faculty waivers for prospective nursing faculty not meeting current required nursing faculty qualifications. **(Board staff developed.)**
- February 2007, adopted new rules that more clearly delineate the flexibility of clinical faculty ratios which allow 1 faculty up to 24 students. **(Board staff developed.)**
- February 2007, adopted new rules allowing all qualified registered nurses to function as Clinical Teaching Assistants, resulting in a larger pool of faculty extenders available for employment by nursing educational programs. **(ACE charge-recommendation.)**
- February 2007, adopted new rules eliminating faculty-to-student ratios in all clinical learning experiences except those involving direct patient care. **(ACE charge-recommendation.)**
- April 2007, adopted a new process that will allow a career school/college to submit a proposal for a new professional nursing educational program and gain approval while awaiting regional accreditation. **(ACE charge-recommendation.)**
- April 2007, adopted a new process that will allow for approval of nursing programs outside of Texas' jurisdiction to conduct clinical learning experiences in Texas. **(ACE charge-recommendation.)**
- December 2006 - June 2007, conducted meetings with the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) regarding collaborations to reduce duplicative processes in the approval of new nursing educational programs with the ultimate goal of memorandums of understanding with each agency, delineating specific responsibilities in the approval process for each agency. Additional meetings will continue the process of delineating specific responsibilities for each agency. **(Board staff coordinated/coordinating.)**
- March 2007, presented a statewide plan to the Sunset Commission that was developed with the input of stakeholders (THECB, Texas Nurses Association, and deans/directors of nursing educational programs) designed to address the nursing shortage in Texas through initiatives that nursing programs can utilize to recruit, enroll, retain, and graduate more nursing students. **(Board staff developed.)**
- June 2007, conducted conference calls with the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and Board staff are in the process of developing a comparison crosswalk specific to Rule 214 and Rule 215 with the ultimate goal of developing a process for the review and approval of national nursing accrediting agencies. **(Board staff coordinating.)**
- August 2007, developed and distributed a survey to all pre-licensure professional nursing educational programs designed to collect data on partnerships between the nursing education programs, community entities and other nursing education programs. **(Board staff developed and distributed.)**

BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

Actions to Date and Future Actions Resulting from the Sunset Commission Recommendations, House Bill (HB) 2426, and Addressing New Charges to the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Regarding Nursing Educational Programs

AUGUST 27, 2007

Future Actions:

- By October 2007, initiate a review of national nursing accrediting agencies by the Board to determine if these agencies have acceptable standards. **(Board staff will develop.)**
- By October 2007, develop and the implement process to discontinue Board approval of nursing educational programs that do not lead to initial RN licensure. **(Board staff will develop.)**
- By October 2007, begin a process to streamline the Board's initial approval process for nursing educational programs by eliminating duplication between the Board, the TWC and the THECB processes. **(Board staff will develop.)**
- By October 2007, develop policy which sets forth criteria for Board staff recommendations for approval of nursing educational programs and placement on the Consent Agenda. **(Board staff will develop.)**
- By October 2007, recommend to the Board a process to allow for Board approval of hospital-based diploma nursing programs. **(ACE charge - recommendation forthcoming.)**
- By October 2007, recommend to the Board to allow for Board approval of nursing educational programs for a period longer than one (1) year. **(ACE charge - recommendation forthcoming.)**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

MINUTES

September 25, 2007

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Telephone Conference Call

Members Present

Brenda S. Jackson, PhD, RN, Chair

Frances Chatman, LVN

Bonnie Higgins, EdD, MS, RN

Linda Klotz, PhD, RN

Nancy Maebius, PhD, MSN, RN

Janet Noles, PhD, RN, FNP-C

Helen Reid, EdD, MSN, RN

Betty Sims, MSN, RN

Beverly Skloss, MSN, RN

Kendra Slatton, RN, MSN, CDE

Susan Sportsman, PhD, RN

Members Absent

Annette Hallman, PhD, MSN, RN

Guests

Thelma Davis, LVN

Staff

Virginia Ayars, MS, RN

Janice Hooper, PhD, RN

Karen Neighbors, BSN, RN

Robbin Wilson, MSN, RN

Recorded by: Janice Hooper

Approval Date:

AGENDA ITEM AND DISCUSSION

ACTION

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by Chairperson B. Jackson. Members and other attendees introduced themselves. A quorum was established.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correction to minutes of August 28, 2007: B. Higgins name should be removed from list of Members Present.

B. Sims moved to accept the minutes as corrected. L. Klotz seconded the motion and the **minutes were approved.**

II. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT LANGUAGE ADDRESSING APPROVAL/ACCREDITATION OF DIPLOMA PROGRAMS (See attached Handout.)

Explanation: The language would go in guidelines, not in rule. These criteria should open the possibilities to all hospitals.

After a brief discussion, J. Noles moved to accept staff recommendation of language for approval of hospitals seeking to develop diploma nursing programs.

S. Sportsman seconded the motion. The **motion passed with one abstention.**

Note: Submission of a written plan for a degree plan for graduates from diploma programs by 2015 will be included in the guidelines.

III. DISCUSSION OF SACS COMPARISON TABLE

Note: A table was prepared to consider whether to include requirements similar to SACS in the approval process and to determine whether Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) included these standards or some form of these standards in their current approval process.

Discussion centered on determining essential areas of concern to the BON in school approval and those standards that TWC indicated on the table are included in some form as part of the current TWC approval process for new programs. Members felt that the remaining standards were already part of the current BON approval process for professional nursing education programs or will be covered in the new proposal guidelines related to curriculum and program evaluation..

B. Sims made a motion that new diploma programs be required to have TWC approval and at a minimum provide to the BON:

- mission statement
- organizational charts
- financial support for program (budgets)

The motion was seconded by B. Higgins and **passed unanimously.**

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IV. OTHER ISSUES

Advisory Committees:

Question: In the changes in membership in the Advisory Committee, will the Chair have a vote or only vote when there is a tie vote? If the chair has no vote, the organization may want to appoint an additional member who holds a vote.

Clarification of origin of charges to Advisory Committee: (1) Concerns may be presented to the Board in the Open Forum at regular meetings. The Board may elect to address a charge to the Advisory Committee related to the concern. (2) Board members and the Board may be contacted regarding concerns. (3) Concerns can be sent to the Board office.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Handouts:

- Minutes for ACE meeting, August 28, 2007
- Draft Language Addressing Licensure by the Texas Department of State Health Services for Hospitals and Approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMMS) Approval or Accreditation by a CMMS-Approved Organization
- Comparison Table - SACS Accreditation Statements

The question will be posed to the Board.

S. Sportsman moved to adjourn the meeting. J. Noles seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM.

Handout

Draft Language Addressing:

Licensure by the Texas Department of State Health Services for Hospitals and Approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Approval or Accreditation by a CMS-Approved Organization

“The proposal for a new hospital based diploma nursing education program shall include documentation that the hospital or consortium of hospitals is/are:

1. Licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services and
2. Either -
 - A. approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or
 - B. accredited by a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-approved organization.”