

Summary of Request:

For information purposes only regarding the 2009 Tour of Texas - Examination Seminar.

Historical Perspective:

Earlier this year we identified a need to provide information about examination and licensing issues to the educators and clinical facilities in the Valley because we were getting so many questions from this area about our procedures. Staff made contact with the interested parties and arranged a seminar which provided information and an opportunity to ask questions of BON staff. The event was so successful that we repeated the seminar in the Waco area. We have regularly met with the Army program at their request for several years so they were included. The reception has been so positive that we have set up additional sites throughout the state. Board members in the area that have participated include Rachel Gomez (the Valley) and Rosie Garcia (Corpus Christi), Linda Rounds (Houston Medical Center) and Josefina Lujan (El Paso).

Content for the seminars includes:

1. Criminal Background Check Process
 - A. New and Accepted Students
 - B. Nursing Student Graduates
 - C. Licensees
2. The Examination Process
3. GVN/GN Permits
4. Nursing Jurisprudence Examination
5. Six Month Accustomation Permit
6. New Pearson Vue ID System
7. Recent Legislative Update
8. National Council of State Boards of Nursing Research
9. Question and Answer Session

This seminar is targeted to Deans, Directors, Faculty, Administrative Staff and clinical partners. We highly encourage each school to send those administrative staff who deal directly with examination issues. This is an excellent opportunity to ask questions in an informal setting.

The cost has been minimal (staff travel) due to the generous provision of meeting facilities by local schools or facilities. Staff generally fly there and back the same day. Board members in the area will continue to be invited to participate.

Following are the dates and locations of future examination seminars:

October 8, 2009 - San Antonio - Baptist Health System

October 16, 2009 - Abilene - Cisco College (Deborah Bell)

October 26, 2009 - DFW - The University of Texas at Arlington (Patti Clapp, Sheri Crosby, Richard Gibbs, Kathy Leader-Horn)

November 2, 2009 - Houston (North) Lone Star College - North Harris (Marilyn Davis and Kristin Benton)

November 10, 2009 - Austin - BON Office (Kristin Benton and Beverly Nutall)

November 16, 2009 - Beaumont - Lamar University

November 19, 2009 - Lubbock - Texas Tech University

November 23, 2009 - Tyler - The University of Texas at Tyler

Pros and Cons:

Pros - Faculty, Staff and school clinical partners have an opportunity to ask questions regarding the criminal background checks for new students. Texas BON staff have the opportunity to explain examination procedures to school staff.

Cons - None

Staff Recommendation:

Board Action: No action is necessary. This is for information only.