

## **Report on Communication Activities by the Texas Board of Nursing Consultants for Education**

### **SUMMARY:**

This report describes Texas Board of Nursing (Board or BON) nursing consultants for education participation in activities to promote communication with the Texas nursing education programs.

### **New Dean, Director, and Coordinator Orientation Workshop**

Board Rule 214 Vocational Nursing Education and Rule 215 Professional Nursing Education require that a newly appointed dean, director, interim dean, interim director, or coordinator of a nursing education program attend the next scheduled orientation provided by Board Staff. At the time of appointment and approval, a new dean/director/coordinator receives an electronic version of the *Nursing Education Program Director Orientation Module* Board Staff. The learning module provides basic content regarding Rules 214 and 215. Completion of the module is required before attendance at a face to face session, the second part of the orientation process for new program deans/directors/coordinators.

On August 9, 2013, a face-to-face session of the Deans/Directors/Coordinators Orientation module was held in Room 102 of the William P. Hobby Building in Austin, Texas. The face-to-face workshop complements and enhances the self-paced orientation module, providing an opportunity for participants to further their knowledge of Rules 214 and 215 through staff presentations, question and answer segments, and group discussions.

The August workshop was attended by forty-nine (49) nurse educators, including deans, directors, coordinators, and faculty members, from professional and vocational nursing education programs throughout the state. Texas BON education consultants presented a myriad of topics, including: an overview of the Texas Board of Nursing, Rules 214 & 215, Education Guidelines, total program evaluation, and clinical learning experiences. Additionally, Mark Majek, Director of Operations, discussed the initial licensing application process, and Anthony Diggs, Director of Enforcement, reviewed the declaratory order process and presented updated information relating to enforcement issues.

Evaluations of the session were extremely positive. A majority of attendees indicated that all program objectives were completely met. Many attendees expressed appreciation for the information and support from Board staff. Nursing Education Consultants plan to host three (3) workshops annually with the next workshop to be scheduled in early Spring 2014.

### **Texas Association of Deans and Directors Of Professional Nursing Programs (TADDPNP):**

On October 4, 2013, education consultants attended the TADDPNP conference held in Austin at the Omni Hotel. The conference was attended by deans and directors of professional nursing programs from across the state. Representatives from the Board, Kristin Thomas, Director of Nursing, Mark Majek, Director of Operations, provided BON updates on recent legislation affecting nursing programs and the implementation of mandatory background checks for nursing students. Dr. Janice Hooper, and Sandi Emerson, Consultants for Nursing Education, provided updates on the 2011 National Council for State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) RN Practice Analysis, as well as information on the BON guideline for Reeducating Students and Foreign Graduates Seeking to Fulfill Educational Requirements for licensure eligibility.

Audience response to the presentation was highly positive. Many attendees expressed appreciation for the relevance of the topics, as well as the opportunity to dialogue with Board Staff. The next TADDPNP meeting is scheduled for February 2014 at the Onmi Hotel Southpark in Austin.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

These are information reports. No action is recommended.