

### **Report on Communication Activities With Nursing Education Programs**

This agenda item is reserved to report the formal communication activities of the Nursing Consultants for Education with Texas pre-licensure nursing education programs and stakeholders.

#### **Deans, Directors, and Coordinators Orientation**

The Education Consultants provide an orientation workshop to new program directors, administrators, and staff of approved nursing education programs in Austin, Texas, three times each year. New program directors are provided an orientation module when they are approved to serve in their position and are required to attend the BON workshop as soon as their schedule permits. The most recent workshop was held on September 20, 2019 with 20 people in attendance. Board Staff encourage program directors to bring their school administrators and support staff to the orientation.

The one-day program included updates from the Board of Nursing (Kristin Benton), an introduction to the Board structure and function (Virginia Ayars), an overview of the education rules related to faculty, students, program of study, clinical learning experiences, and program evaluation (Jan Hooper, Virginia Ayars, Gayle Varnell, Beverly Skloss, and Ann Amaefule). In addition, Mark Majek provided information about the Criminal Background Check process and Tony Diggs presented information about the Petition for Declaratory Order. Participants received Continuing Education certificates at the close of the meeting.

#### **Informal Information Session – Update**

Workshops for individuals interested in establishing a new nursing education program in Texas are held twice yearly by the Education Consultants. On May 7, 2019, 17 participants representing nine educational institutions attended the meeting, held from 2 pm to 4 pm in Room 102 of the William P. Hobby Building. The next workshop will be presented on October 1, 2019. Attendance at an Informal Information Session and a quarterly Board meeting are required for proposal authors prior to proposal submission.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an informational report. No action is required.