

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (NYSED)
STATE BOARD FOR NURSING (BON)

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 16, 2022
10:00 am- 1:00 pm

Members present: Kenya Beard, RN Chair; Edmund J.Y. Pajarillo, RN Vice Chair; Heidi Mix, RN; Wayne Chan, RN; Edonn Ball, RN; Diane Ceravolo, RN; Jamesetta Newland, RN; Sherley John, RN; Frances Iacobellis, RN; Ralph Derrico, RN; David Hedman, RN; Deborah Stamps, RN

Members excused: Maria Vezina, RN; Gwendolyn Lewis, RN

Extended Members present: Victoria Record, RN

State Education Department Staff present: Suzanne Sullivan, RN, Executive Secretary; Eileen Avery, RN, Associate in Nursing Education; Jean Marie Havener, RN, Associate in Nursing Education; Casey Schenk RN, Associate in Nursing Education; Kellie Murphy, Associate in Professional Education; and Stephanie Maes, Office of the Professions staff

Guest Observers: Jeanine Santelli, RN, ANA-NY Executive Director; Amy Kellogg HSE for ANA-NY; Kaitlyn Ward, Director, Federal Affairs, NCSBN; James Cleghorn, Director, Member Engagement and Governmental Affairs, NCSBN; Edie Brous RN Esq.; Aimee Greer, Esq; Patrick Conway, RN.

Call to Order and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 11:03 AM. The November 11, 2022 BON meeting minutes were approved with a minor change.

News and Reports/Announcements:

Ms. Sullivan briefly acknowledged the current investigations of Florida approved nursing education programs. She reminded BON Members to remain neutral and unbiased in the event they participate in disciplinary or moral character hearings involving graduates of these nursing programs. Ms. Sullivan noted that Executive Order #4 will remain in effect until February 22, 2023, and may be renewed. She described several bills in the New York State 2024 Budget that affect nurses and nursing care, including the enhanced nurse licensure compact bill.

Report by Francis Iacobellis, BON Education Committee Chairperson

Ms. Iacobellis described the BON Education Committee's discussion of the draft document entitled "Clinical and Simulation Education in Licensure Qualifying Registered Professional Nurse Education Programs," which describes a framework for improving regulation of clinical education offered by licensure qualifying Registered Professional Nurse (RN) education programs. The discussion focused on simulation education as well as the quality and number of hours of patient care education new (future) Committee Members agreed that RN programs should offer clinical education involving adult, pediatric, obstetric, and psychiatric patients in appropriate patient care settings. Some Committee Members indicated that, as a starting point for policy discussions with stakeholders, associate degree and diploma RN programs should offer approximately 500 hours patient care; bachelor's degree RN programs should offer approximately 650 hours and include critical care and community health; and master's degree RN programs should offer approximately 960 hours of patient care education.

Discussion of draft document entitled "Clinical and Simulation Education Offered by Licensure Qualifying Registered Professional Nurse Education Programs"

Ms. Sullivan stated that the purpose of the discussion is to obtain feedback from individual BON Members on the draft document entitled "Clinical and Simulation Education in Licensure Qualifying Registered Professional Nurse Education Programs." Ms. Sullivan stated that document serves as a framework for a framework for developing a policy relating to clinical education offered by RN programs. The document included three options for improving NYSED regulation of RN program clinical education:

- (1) NYSED should more clearly describe acceptable clinical education methods.
- (2) NYSED should describe the quality and quantity of clinical education that should be provided by RN programs.

(3) NYSED should describe how it will address requests to reduce clinical education hours in PNE programs.

BON Members engaged in a discussion of acceptable pedagogical methods for RN programs. BON Members agreed that clinical education should require students to practice nursing skills and nursing judgement under clinical supervision. Other recommendations included revision of the document to explicitly require that RN program faculty teach Simulation Laboratory Education in person to ensure that faculty can closely monitor and provide real time feedback on student nursing practice. Some BON Members encouraged NYSED to survey RN programs regarding the use of Simulation Laboratory Education.

During the discussion of Clinical and Simulation Laboratory Education, Ms. Sullivan emphasized that existing RN programs would not have to meet the new requirements, but that NYSED would evaluate new proposals for RN programs or changes to existing RN program curriculums taking into consideration new criteria. She emphasized that the new criteria allow for consideration of new research and alternative evidenced based approaches to clinical education. Board Members generally expressed support for the Education Committee Members' recommendations regarding the types of settings, the populations, the quality, and quantity of patient care to be offered by RN programs as a starting point for discussions with other stakeholders. Some BON Members noted that RN programs should ensure that students will provide care to geriatric patients. BON Members also acknowledged the difficulty that RN programs in securing suitable placements for students in community settings or critical care settings (for bachelor's or master's degree programs). However, they agreed that RN programs need additional flexibility to offer a variety of clinical education modalities after these thresholds are met.

Ms. Sullivan summarized the proposed criteria for NYSED review of requests to permanently reduce clinical education hours in an RN program curriculum, noting that NYSED would consider RN program outcomes, and whether the revised curriculum requires the students to demonstrate to faculty safe, effective care across the lifespan. She described the draft nursing simulation survey, which would provide data on the current use of simulation in current NY programs. BON Members were invited to provide additional feedback to her by EMAIL on the document or the draft nursing simulation survey. BON Members encouraged NYSED to obtain feedback from organizations with expertise in RN Education on the framework document and the nursing simulation survey.

National Council of State Boards for Nursing (NCSBN) Member engagement and Government Affairs Presentation by Kaitlynn Ward and James Cleghorn

Mr. Cleghorn and Ms. Ward described services that NCSBN offers their 89 worldwide Members and Member engagement resources, such as the passport website, regular meetings on education, discipline and licensure, and research services. NCSBN's Governmental Affairs office offers legislative advocacy for laws that benefit the nursing professions and patient care, and other regulatory resources and support. Questions and answers followed.

Committees and Bylaws

Ms. Sullivan described future efforts to reconvene BON standing committees. She also noted that BON Chairperson Dr. Beard's second term on the BON will soon expire. Edmund Pajarillo will then serve as BON Chairperson until an election can be held. Draft started for the Strategic plan and ideas may be forwarded to Kenya, Edmund, and Jamesetta. Discussion on ad hoc Committee to address the workforce shortage.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.