

LASSEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
VOCATIONAL NURSING
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
CREDENCE HIGH SCHOOL Rm 4
November 19, 2012, 1:00
Approved minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sue Mouck	VP Academic Services LCC
Steven Jones	CCHCS / CDCR
Shannon Martin	CCHCS / CDCR
KC Mesloh	Counseling LCC
Sandra Jonas	Admissions & Records LCC
Monna Walters	Director of Nursing LCC
Molly Boulanger	Nursing Student
Sandy Beckwith	Counselor LCC
Cherie Lujano	BLMC
Catherine Harshbarger	BLMC
Jane Low	SRN III CCC
Caryn Nobles	ISS Nursing LCC

Monna Walters called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of last meeting (April 24, 2012) were approved with one correction on page five.

Class of 2012 – numbers, clinical sites, instructors, etc.

Monna told us that the nursing class is gaining one student in the next semester and we have one student who won't be going on. The clinical sites for this semester were Banner Lassen Medical Center (BLMC), Country Villa Riverview (CVR), and Seneca Healthcare. The instructor at Seneca had to leave so the students were divided up between BLMC and CVR for the rest of the semester. Debbie Kincaid one of our part-time instructors helped to finish out this semester.

Next semester we will be going to BLMC, Seneca, CVR, Modoc Medical Center (a new clinical site for us) and Life Care Center in Reno.

We have two nurses that have applied for the full-time nursing position and I would like to hire both of them because we really need two full time instructors, and having two adjunct instructors we will have enough instructors for the program.

CNA program – numbers, clinical sites, instructors, etc.

We had a CNA program this semester with nine students in the class. Rosemary Wilkerson was the instructor for the class. The class enrollment is fifteen but we could have thirty if we had two clinical

instructors. They don't have the same requirements for CNA instructors as they do for the VN instructors. The students are doing their clinicals at CVR.

Recommendations for new equipment

The CTE grant. The Sim man is more expensive than the \$29,000 grant. We ordered some new equipment but not everything was delivered. We have \$5,000 left; we need another hoyer and another wheelchair. What else do we need to ask for, for next year?

In 2014 we would like to have all electronic health care records for the students to access. This program would cost each student approximately \$130; they would have their own patients and scenarios. They would purchase the program from Elsevier or the bookstore. The curriculum change has already been made and approved to use for next year. The students go to several clinical sites that have computer charting. The VA hospital has another system. Right now we are using paper and pencil charting!

Monna: "My dream is to have computers here with online internet access, but there isn't any WIFI here."

Steve: "How many do you need?"

Monna: "Five or six." "All the computer programs we have are outdated and don't work on any of the computers."

Monna said to those who haven't had the tour here that we have new beds (new to us) that were donated by BLMC; new mannequins; electronic vital signs machines; but we still need another hoyer and wheelchair.

Monna suggested that everyone look around at their facilities for things you might like to donate, but not needles and syringes we have plenty of those, also no casting materials. Need supplies for IV class but supplies can't be outdated for this class.

Procedure for applying for class that will begin August 2013.

Monna posed the question of when we should start new applications, should we start on January 15th or more toward end of spring semester, and give each one a number put in a pot and draw the students. Everyone has to have all their pre-requisites done, except those taking spring classes that end in June.

Shannon: "Do they have to have all their pre-reqs done?"

Jane: "Basically like a lottery system?"

Sandy: "All do the lottery system now."

Monna: "They can't apply until all pre-reqs are done." We used to do first come, first served, they lined up and camped out, but will be going to eliminate that."

Sandy: "We have done first come first served, this time we had thirty three applicants."

KC: "Everyone that had their pre-reqs done got into the program."

Sandy: "I would like to make a request, on January 15th were really busy, could we go for February 1st instead, to maybe June 15th?"

KC: "We could have the application process notifications delivered by July 1st, of the successful applicants." "When does this class end?"

Monna: "August 9th." "The next class will start the same day as the college only our semesters are fourteen weeks and the college semesters are seventeen weeks."

Possibility of IV certification class in spring semester – need?

Monna said she is planning an IV certification class in the spring for those at the prisons who might need a class.

Jane: "About 80% of the nurses at CCC and HDSP are certified but there are others the want the class."

Monna: "I told this class to wait until fall to take the IV class." "There can only be fifteen students with one instructor unless we had another instructor, Debbie Kincaid has taught it before."

Steve: "Waine Wood used to teach it didn't she?"

Monna: "Yes, she would be good." "The class is on the week-ends."

Jane: "They are talking about doing one at CCC & HDSP."

Class of 2011 – NCLEX pass rate

In 2011 we had a 93% pass rate, one student failed the first time and passed the next time, and the last student is taking the test sometime this month.

Monna mentioned that the IPR is coming up again and has to be done in May, but Sue wants it approved earlier. The equipment has to all be tied to the IPR. We need support of all to get a full time instructor and a full time director. (Monna plans to retire after graduation). We really need another full time instructor two is better than one. In Nevada instructors can only have eight students so having twenty four (24) students works the best unless we have more instructors. The college wants an RN program but it's hard to get instructors because the pay isn't that great. It's easier to go on for an RN after becoming an LVN and working for a year to get experience. It's hard to get jobs without experience.

Jane: "We interviewed only one LVN."

Monna: "Do I have a recommendation to ask for two full time instructors and a full time director?"

Everyone agreed

Monna said that she changed the Pharmacology book and is going to add a dosage and calculations book next year. She asked if Pharmacology class should be a separate class or a separate course. She would like to see Pharmacology integrated into the whole program, but we would have to revamp the whole program and rearrange curriculum that we have. She said when she was in nursing school pharmacology was integrated throughout the program.

We have a new clinical site in Alturas; Modoc Medical Center which has a long-term care facility, an ER and hospital. Danielle Mitchell will be the instructor at Modoc; she works for the registry right now.

Monna asked for any suggestions to make the program better. She said that there are still jobs for LVN's and that we serve two states; there are no vocational nursing programs in Nevada.

Jane: She said that the online application process is hard to do.

Monna suggested that in the third semester someone from CCC come and talk about the application process; also Steve could come too from HDSP.

Monna asked if there were any issues. She said that we know the prisons like the new grads to have EMT training and first responder when they apply.

Shannon: She mentioned that Pharmacology is important especially at HDSP where the nurses main job is passing medications, psyc meds mainly.

Steve: "Could possibly have a mental health class."

Monna: "Maybe in the third term have a couple hour long presentations"

Sandy said that they offer an abnormal psyc class that pre nursing students could take.

Monna said that a CRNA (certified registered nurse anesthetist) will be coming to talk to the class. Also we have a FNP who specializes in OB who might teach pediatrics in the third term.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for May 20, 2013 at 1pm.