

Statewide Health Coordinating Council /Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies

Summary of Request:

Information item only.

Historical Perspective:

In response to growing concern about the Texas' nursing shortage, the Texas Legislature created The Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies (TCNWS) under the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC). The TCNWS serves as a resource for data and research on nursing workforce in Texas. This includes collecting and analyzing data on nurses in Texas with regard to educational and employment trends, supply and demand trends, nursing workforce demographics, and migration of nurses.

An Advisory Committee was added to the structure of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council and serves as a steering committee for the TCNWS. This is a 21-member committee with representation from nursing and healthcare organizations, employers of nurses, state agencies, nurse researchers, nurse educators as well as a consumer member. The Texas Board of Nursing is represented by the Executive Director. The Advisory Committee is charged with assuring the accuracy of reporting nursing workforce data and research results; developing priorities and an operations plan for the TCNWS; providing policy recommendations to assure an adequate nursing workforce for Texas; and identifying other issues concerning nursing in Texas that need further study.

New Reports:

The following new reports regarding RN education and nursing workforce trends were reviewed and approved at the April 6, 2011 meeting.

All 2010 RN/VN/APRN NEPIS reports were approved at the meeting with recommended changes. The final reports will be posted on the TCNWS website once all revisions have been made and can be found in May at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/cnws/Npublica.shtm>

- Student Admission, Enrollment, and Graduation Trends in Advanced Practice Nursing Education Programs
- Student Demographics in Advanced Practice Nursing Education Programs
- Faculty Demographics in Advanced Practice Nursing Education Programs
- Advanced Practice Nursing Education Program Characteristics
- Student Admission, Enrollment , and Graduation Trends in Professional Nursing Programs
- Update on Professional Nursing Faculty

- Update on Professional Nursing Program Characteristics
- Faculty Demographics In Vocational Nursing Programs
- Student Demographics In Vocational Nursing Programs

Staff Recommendation:

None. This report is for information only. The Executive Director was unable to attend this meeting due to a legislative hearing. Richard Beard, co-chair of the Advisory Committee, will be at the Board meeting to report on the meeting.