

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

### **SUMMARY:**

This report describes participation of the education consultants in activities to promote communication and sharing of information with the Texas nursing programs.

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

Texas Board of Nursing (BON) 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. A new dean, director, or coordinator orientation is usually scheduled in the fall and spring.

On September 16, 2011, the Part II - "Face-to-Face Session" of the Deans/Directors/Coordinators Orientation was held in Room 102, Tower III of the William P. Hobby Building in Austin, Texas. Prior to attending the one-day meeting, participants were required to complete "Part I - Online Orientation to the Board Educational Rules and Regulation." The online learning module was designed to provide core content regarding Rule 214 and Rule 215; whereas, the in-person workshop provides an opportunity for learners to apply knowledge through interactive, participatory activities.

The Austin workshop was attended by forty-six (46) individuals. The attendees included not only deans, directors, and coordinators of professional and vocational nursing education programs throughout the state, but administrators and faculty members from some of the programs as well.

Texas BON Education Consultants presented the following topics:

- Overview of Texas Board of Nursing;
- Rule 214 & 215;
- Education Guidelines;
- The Differentiated Essential Competencies (DECs);
- The Nursing Education Program Information Survey ( NEPIS );
- The Compliance Audit for Nursing Education Programs (CANP);
- Total Program Evaluation;
- High -Fidelity Simulation;
- Clinical Teaching Assistants (CTAs); and
- Nursing Skills Lab Assistants.

Additionally, Mark Majek, Director of Operations, discussed the initial licensing application process, and Anthony Diggs, Director of Enforcement, reviewed the petition for the declaratory order process, as well as provided updated information relating to enforcement issues.

The participants were very engaged in the workshop and asked many relevant questions. Evaluations of the orientation were overwhelmingly positive, and the majority of attendees indicated that all program objectives were completely met. Teaching methods and strategies, as well as the relevance of the overall objectives, were also determined to be effective. Several participants remarked that, as a result of attending the orientation, they feel more confident in their new role, and comfortable in calling on their assigned education consultant for guidance in the future. Education Consultants are currently planning to conduct another workshop in spring 2012.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an information report. No action is recommended.