

Report on Communication Activities by the Texas Board of Nursing Consultants for Education

SUMMARY:

This report describes Texas Board of Nursing (Board or BON) nursing consultants for education participation in activities to promote communication with the Texas nursing education programs.

Informal Informational Session

On January 29, 2013, an informal informational session was held at the William P. Hobby Building in Austin, Texas in Tower III, Room 102 for individuals interested in starting a nursing program in Texas. The informal session is the first step in the process for individuals interested in starting a nursing education program.

The purpose of the Informal Information Sessions is to present and discuss the essential elements of the proposal development process. Additionally, participants are provided an opportunity to visit with the education consultants, and network with other individuals in the process of proposal design.

Twenty-four (24) individuals representing sixteen (16) potential new vocational, diploma, associate degree, and baccalaureate degree nursing programs attended the two (2)-hour workshop. Kristin Benton, BON Director of Nursing, greeted the participants. Nursing Consultants for Education, Virginia Ayars and Sandi Emerson, provided detailed information regarding the proposal process, as well as BON Education Rules 214 and 215.

A question and answer session was conducted at the conclusion of the workshop. Participant feedback was very positive, and the education consultants plan to host another Informal Information session in late fall 2013.

Texas Association of Deans and Directors Of Professional Nursing Programs (TADDPNP):

On February 1, 2013, the Nursing Consultants for Education attended the TADDPNP conference held in Austin at the Omni Hotel. The conference was attended by deans and directors of professional nursing programs from across the state. Representatives from the Board, Katherine Thomas, Executive Director, Dr. Jan Hooper, Lead Nursing Education Consultant, and Mark Majek, Director of Operations provided BON updates, including current legislative proposals, licensing issues and activities of the Board. The next TADDPNP meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2013 at the Onmi Hotel Southpark in Austin.

Audience response to the presentation was highly positive. Many attendees expressed appreciation for the relevance of the topics, as well as the opportunity to dialogue with Board Staff.

Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies (TCNWS) Advisory Committee Meeting

The Nursing Consultants for Education and Kristin Benton, Director of Nursing, attended the day-long meeting of the TCNWS Advisory Committee on February 23, 2013. Presentations of the 2012 Hospital Staffing Survey, and the 2012 Professional, Advanced Practice, and Vocational Nursing Education Program Information Surveys (NEPIS) were conducted by TCNWS staff. An update of the 83rd Legislative Session was given by Ellarene Sanders, Interim Director for the Texas Nursing Association, Elizaebth Sjoberg, Corporate Counsel/Legal, Texas Hospital Association, and Kristin Benton, Director of Nursing Texas Board of Nursing.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

These are information reports. No action is recommended.