

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES

May 9, 2011

A Special Board meeting was held at the office of the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses at 101 Dee Drive, Charleston, WV 25311-1620.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT BY CONFERENCE CALL

ROBIN WALTON, MSN, RN, Ed D., FNP-BC, PRESIDENT

JUDY NYSTROM, SECRETARY

JOYCE EGNOR, MSN, RN

MARY FRIEL FANNING, MSN, RN

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

MARY ELIZABETH FARMER, PhD, PUBLIC MEMBER

TERESA RITCHIE, MSN, RN, FNP-BC

BOARD MEMBER RECUSED SELF FROM MEETING

ANN BOSTIC, MSN, CRNA

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

LAURA S. RHODES, MSN, RN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ALICE R. FAUCETT, JD, GENERAL COUNSEL & DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLINE

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Robin Walton, Board President at 10:03 a.m.

2. QUORUM

With the required number of members being present a quorum was established.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

3. A motion was made by Judy Nystrom to approve the agenda. The second was offered by Joyce Egnor. The motion carried.

4. MOUNTAIN STATE UNIVERSITY

4. Mountain State University's approval by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC) was withdrawn in June 2010. This decision was appealed by Mountain State University (MSU). In a letter dated November 12, 2010, the Board placed MSU on a provisional approval status and provided several mandates to fulfill. Two of the mandates include the following statements:

“Deny proposed curriculum changes and not entertain any other curriculum change request from MSU-SON until MSU-SON receives a letter from the Board stating otherwise”; and,

“Obtain and/or maintain full accreditation by a national nursing accrediting agency approved by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit schools of nursing and also approved by the Board.”

NLNAC denied the appeal and upheld the June 2010 decision to withdraw approval of the program in a letter dated March 30, 2011. MSU applied for approval by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), a national accrediting agency for schools of nursing at the baccalaureate level and higher. The initial site visit was completed in early March 2011. The Visitor's Report was submitted to the program and was reviewed by the Board. MSU has an opportunity to respond by May 11, 2011. The Visitor's Report provides several references to the new curriculum and its inclusion of the CCNE BSN Essentials. This proposed curriculum did not receive Board approval. This information was known by MSU and provided to the CCNE prior to the site visit. The Board discussed considering a curriculum change request from MSU that addresses the inclusion of the CCNE BSN Essentials in the **current** curriculum.

Mary Fanning made a motion that the Board consider curriculum changes submitted by MSU to the **current** curriculum that will address the inclusion of the CCNE BSN Essentials at its June 2011 meeting or a following meeting when MSU is prepared to present such changes. The second was made by Joyce Egnor. The motion carried.

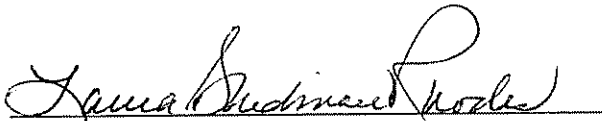
5. ALDERSON-BROADDUS COLLEGE REQUEST FOR INCREASED ENROLLMENT

5. Alderson-Broaddus (AB) LPN-RN Program was approved in 2002 with a beginning date of May 2003. The capacity for this program is 20. AB admitted 38 students to the program to begin May 14, 2011 with the intent of admitting 40 students. Program Chair Dr. Dawn Scheick

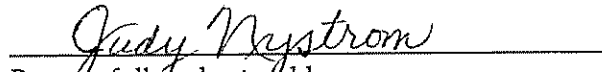
contacted the Board's Executive Director to talk about the increase in enrollment and was reminded that prior Board approval is required. WV19CSR1 provides that programs can increase enrollment by 10% without prior Board approval. Discussion ensued regarding availability of clinical facilities, availability of faculty, difficulty recruiting qualified faculty in the past, hiring qualified faculty before the students reach the junior level and differences between the approved curriculum and current curriculum. Dr. Sheick was present during the meeting and answered the Board's questions and reinforced the commitment of College administration to provide the support needed to assure qualified faculty are hired so a quality program is provided. Joyce Egnor made a motion that the Board approve the increase in enrollment to 40 students for the 2011 Spring semester only, which begins May 14, 2011, and that the program submit reports about the faculty workload and availability and student numbers every six months. The second was offered by Mary Fanning. The motion carried.

6. ADJOURN

6. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Judy Nystrom. The second was offered by Joyce Egnor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.



Minutes taken and prepared by
Laura Skidmore Rhodes, MSN, RN
Executive Director



Respectfully submitted by
Judy Nystrom, Secretary

Guests Present:

Dr. Sheila Garland, EdD, RN, Dean Mountain State University School of Nursing
Dr. Cynthia A. Persily, PhD, RN, WV RN Board BSN Consultant
Dr. Dawn Scheick, EdD, RN, Director Alderson-Broadus College School of Nursing