

**BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING  
EDUCATION/LICENSING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**DATE:** August 11, 2016

**TIME:** 0900 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Four Points by Sheraton, Los Angeles International Airport  
9750 Airport Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90045

**PRESENT:** Michael Jackson, MSN, RN, Chairperson  
Raymond Mallel  
Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes, MSN, RN  
Donna Gerber

**STAFF PRESENT:** Joseph Morris, EO; Stacy Berumen, AEO; Miyo Minato, SNEC; Janette Wackerly, SNEC; Carol Velas, NEC; Katie Daugherty, NEC; Laura Shainian, NEC; Badrieh Caraway, NEC; Carol Mackay, NEC; Leslie A. Moody, NEC.

**7.0 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Michael Jackson called the meeting to order at 09:15 a.m. and a quorum was established with all committee members present.

**7.1 VOTE ON WHETHER TO APPROVE MINUTES**

7.1.1 May 12, 2016

**ACTION:** The minutes of the May 12, 2016 meeting were approved with correction to name of Public Comments speaker Jessica Miller.

<b>Motion: Donna Gerber</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input:** None.

**7.2 VOTE ON WHETHER TO RECOMMEND RATIFICATION OF MINOR CURRICULUM REVISION**

- 7.2.1 California State University, San Bernardino Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.2 Chamberlain College of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.3 Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.4 National University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.5 San Diego State University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.6 Western University of Health Sciences Entry Level Master's Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.7 Carrington College LVN to RN Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.8 College of the Sequoias Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.9 Copper Mountain College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.10 Modesto Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.11 Ohlone College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.12 Santa Barbara City College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.13 Weimar Institute Associate Degree Nursing Program

- 7.2.14 West Hills College Lemoore Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.15 California State University, Los Angeles Nurse Practitioner Program
- 7.2.16 University of California, Los Angeles Nurse Practitioner Program

**Acknowledge Receipt of Program Progress Report**

- 7.2.17 Holy Names University LVN to BSN Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.18 California State University, Dominguez Hills Entry Level Master’s Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.19 Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing Entry Level Master’s Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.20 American Career College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.21 East Los Angeles College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.22 Napa Valley College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 7.2.23 San Joaquin Valley College Associate Degree Nursing Program

**ACTION: Ratify Minor Curriculum Revision and Acknowledge Receipt of Program Progress Report as presented.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Raymond Mallel</b>		
<b>PDLCR: Aye with recusal regarding National University.</b>		<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.3 VOTE ON WHETHER TO RECOMMEND CONTINUATION OF APPROVAL OF PRELICENSURE NURSING PROGRAM**

**7.3.1 National University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program.**

**Dr. Richard Guertin, Program Director and Dr. Gloria McNeil, Dean – School of Health and Human Services represented the program.**

Leslie A. Moody, NEC presented this report. Program history and enrollment pattern was reviewed. In late 2014 a regularly scheduled continuing approval visit was conducted and reported to ELC on March 5, 2015 and the Board on April 2, 2015. The Board took action to continue approval of National University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program with direction that the NEC was to conduct an Interim Visit with Self-Study required in Spring 2016. The repeat visit was deemed necessary because many of the 2014 visit findings were recurrent issues noted during previous visits in 2008 and 2010 for which the program had implemented corrective actions that were not sustained to ensure ongoing compliance with BRN regulations. Findings of the May-June 2016 visit were detailed in an attached report. Areas of recurring noncompliance and recommendations were presented. Areas of improvement noted during the visit included total program evaluation plan and execution, data gathering/ analysis/application, simulation lab facilities, classroom space, student support services including availability of nursing content tutors, faculty organization and committee processes, student clinical performance evaluation process and tools, and communication systems and processes. At the time of this report, actions taken during and immediately following the visit had brought the program into compliance with regulatory requirements. Ongoing program compliance will depend upon the ability to sustain implemented corrective processes and systems. The next regularly scheduled continuing approval visit is slated to occur in Fall 2019.

**Ms. De La Cruz-Reyes asked about the allotment of time for administration, which is currently 90%, and why it was not 100%. Dr. Guertin explained that his contract includes a teaching requirement. Mr. Mallel asked for more information regarding clinical facility issues. Dr. Guertin informed that the clinical sites for the college are working well, however the paperwork is not always completed in a timely manner. Dr. McNeil explained that an assigned staff has been assigned responsibility for the clinical affiliate work including to ensure adequate clinical sites and maintain current contracts. Ms. De La Cruz-Reyes noted the lengthy process for faculty approvals, and Dr.**

**Guertin explained that Assistant Directors at each campus are responsible for completion of the request and then send the completed BRN form to him for his review and signature. The committee also asked about the possibility of the Fresno campus closure. Dr. McNeil stated it is just one potential strategy under consideration. Ms. Gerber asked about program cost and Dr. Guertin reported it is \$364/credit, approximately \$53,000 total.**

**ACTION: Continue approval of National University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Donna Gerber</b>	
<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>PDLCR: Recused</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.3.2 Sonoma State University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program.**

**Dr. Wilkosz, Program Director and Ms. Rockett, Assistant Director represented the program.**

Katie Daugherty, NEC presented this report. Background information regarding the program was presented. The continuing approval visit was conducted April 20-22, 2016 by Katie Daugherty, NEC and Janette Wackerly, SNEC, with one area of non-compliance related to CCR 1424 (d) and (h) Sufficiency of faculty resources and one recommendation related CCR 1426 (d) Curriculum identified. Detail was provided in attachments. The program had a strong core of 5 FT faculty in 2009 to staff the two pre-licensure degree options but only 2 FT faculty besides the program director were funded at the time of the 2016 visit. Well in advance of the visit, because of known retirements and partial retirements of full time tenure track faculty, the program director informed institutional administration of the need to fund a total of 4 FT faculty positions, however this need had not been funded. Visit discussion with institutional leadership in collaboration with the program director resulted in the institution taking prompt action to replace/fund two additional full time tenure track faculty positions so the core of full time faculty for the generic BSN degree option will total 4 FT faculty plus the PD as originally requested by the PD/ DON Chair for the Fall 2016 semester and moving forward. SSU’s prompt action corrects the area of non-compliance. Effective 6/18/16, SSU reports interviews and selection of two new FT faculty have been completed; one of the two new faculty has accepted the position and a response from the selected second potential faculty member is expected shortly. This provides evidence of compliance with all the board regulations and appropriate actions to address the recommendation.

**The committee asked about the adequacy of clinical sites. Dr. Wilkosz explained there were a variety of clinical sites available and in use across a large geographic area.**

**ACTION: Continue approval of Sonoma State University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.3.3 Cerritos College Associate Degree Nursing Program.**

**Ms. AnnVoorhies, Program Director represented the program.**

Laura Shainian presented this report. A regularly scheduled continuing approval visit was conducted on April 6-7, 2016, by NECs Laura Shainian and Dr. Linda Sperling. The program was found to be in compliance with all BRN rules and regulations. Four recommendations were given: CCR 1424(d) Resources; CCR 1424(a) Curriculum; CCR 1427(c) Clinical Facilities; and CCR 1426(f) Clinical Facilities. The program had expanded its retention and remediation activities in support of student success. The activities are funded by a number of grants and other external sources, and include NCLEX review workshops, a simulation specialist, success retention specialist, peer mentors, faculty advisors, clinical assistants, didactic & clinical tutors, and faculty guided workshops. Program evaluation data reflected positive outcomes as a result of the measures. However, a 3-year reduction in grant funding

which supports the activities prompted concern, for which the program plans to include “grant-funded student support services” in its college costs required for sustainability. The Instructional Dean of Health Occupations will include these services in the Annual Division Plan which is submitted to the college for future funding. Program NCLEX pass rates continue to surpass the minimum standard of 75%. Eighty percent of graduates are employed within 12 months despite a reduction in hiring and a preference for BSN-prepared nurses, although more are deferring employment to seek a BSN.

**Mr. Mallel asked how retention activities will be continued if grant funding terminates and Ms. Voorhies explained that the college has committed to funding services when grant funds are no longer available. Ms. Gerber asked about cost of the program and Ms. Voorhies explained that the community college tuition is \$46/unit with additional expenses for textbooks, lab fees and other expenses resulting in \$5,500 approximate total cost for the program.**

**ACTION: Continue approval of Cerritos College Associate Degree Nursing Program.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.3.4 College of Marin Associate Degree Nursing Program.**

**Dr. Marshall Alameida, Program Director represented the program.**

Carol Velas, NEC presented this report. A continuing approval visit to College of Marin (COM) was conducted on April 18-20, 2016 by Carol Velas and Loretta Chouinard, Nursing Education Consultants. The program was found to have four areas of noncompliance: CCR 1424(d) Sufficiency of resources, CCR 1424(g) Faculty responsibility of the programs, CCR 1425.1(a) Faculty responsibility related to clinical hours with related noncompliance CCR 1426.1 Curriculum, and CCR 1424(i), Use of Non-faculty in clinical facilities. Two recommendations were given for CCR 1424 sufficiency of time for director/assistant director and CCR 1424(b)(1) total program evaluation (TPE). COM had a systematic approach to TPE until 2015-2016 year when faculty individually reviewed student surveys and addressed issues with students as they occurred. In reviewing minutes there was no indication that the TPE was being completed by faculty and there was inconsistency in record keeping, attendance, and lack of student participation. There is limited skills lab availability for all students due to the priority of students enrolled in NE 101, 102, and 103 skills lab course with enrollment caps of 24 students. In the ambulatory settings students are supervised and, in some cases, evaluated by non-faculty registered nurses. There was no documentation or evidence that demonstrated the communication of role responsibility for these nurses and faculty of these courses were unaware of the need to have a formal process. There was inconsistency in clinical hours among students in the same clinicals and in different clinical settings according to the approved curriculum. There is inconsistent implementation of polices by faculty who teach the precepted course for senior students. COM has developed and begun to implement a comprehensive action plan addressing all areas of noncompliance and recommendation. The Administrative team, including Dr. Wain Coon, College President has fully supported Dr. Alameida’s efforts to bring this program into and to sustain compliance.

**Ms. De La Cruz-Reyes asked for further clarification regarding measures taken to correct areas of noncompliance. Dr. Alameida reported that previous restrictions on open skills lab access had been lifted, regular faculty meetings are being held and documented, faculty are taking an active role in curriculum development, and the advisory committee has been re-formed and expanded to include more external stakeholders. NEC recommended defer action for approval with a follow up visit to be conducted Spring 2017 to validate all corrective measures have been implemented and sustained.**

**ACTION: Defer action to continue approval of College of Marin with NEC to conduct an interim visit in Spring 2017 and report to ELC.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.3.5 Long Beach City College Associate Degree Nursing Program.**

**Ms. Maricela Arnaud, Assistant Program Director represented the program.**

Laura Shainian, NEC presented this report. On May 16 and 17, 2016 a board approval visit was conducted at Long Beach City College for the review of their ADN Program. This visit was performed by Loretta Chouinard and Laura Shainian NECs. There were no findings of noncompliance; two recommendations were written for sections 1424(e) Program Director Assistant Director and 1424 (d) Sufficiency of Resources. Currently faculty are performing all of the administrative work related to clinical placement and covering other duties that take away from time dedicated to instruction.

**Ms. De La Cruz-Reyes asked about management of clinical placements. Ms. Sexton replied that she is seeking a clinical placement coordinator.**

**ACTION: Continue approval of Long Beach City College Associate Degree Nursing Program.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.3.6 Mount Saint Mary’s University, Los Angeles Associate Degree Nursing Program.**

**Dr. Carol DeLilly, Program Director and Ms. Lisa Crowder, Assistant Program Director represented the program.**

Miyo Minato, SNEC presented this report and provided the Committee with an updated Agenda Item Summary. A description of the school’s nursing programs and history was provided. On June 12-14, 2016 a continuing approval visit was conducted at Mount Saint Mary’s University (MSMU), Los Angeles, Doheny campus for the review of the ADN Program by Loretta Chouinard and Carol Mackay NECs. This continuing approval visit was conducted earlier than the regularly scheduled continuing approval visit for Fall of 2016 to combine it with the required site visit related to NCLEX first-time pass rate below 75% for two consecutive years (2013-2014 and 2014-2015). There were three findings of noncompliance 1424 (b)(1) Total Program Evaluation, 1424 (d) Sufficiency of Resources, and 1431 Licensing Examination Pass Rate Standard, and there were four recommendations with one related section given. Findings and recommendations were detailed in attached reports. The program submitted a progress report, dated July 8, 2016, addressing areas of non-compliance and recommendation.

The program has a written plan of evaluation, and works with the school’s Office of Institutional Research/Advancement to collect and analyze data. However, the previous review of the program had a recommendation to review the evaluation processes used by the program for analysis and use of the data to make programmatic changes. At this visit the review of multiple documents and submitted reports showed inconsistent and different admission, retention, and graduation data, and the resulting non-compliance citation. The progress report submitted showed how the program will track data for admission, attrition, graduation and other information for program improvements. The program has strong administrative support and a designated staff has been assigned to help with data collection. For the noncompliance related to having contemporary technology and need of equipment update, such as hardwired computers and better functioning Wi-Fi, the progress report included specific plans for classroom renovations and upgrading of computers, including capacity for 80 testing stations, to support student learning. Meetings with students and faculty validated the program’s efforts to improve the NCLEX pass rate. The program implemented the Kaplan Test Prep and integration of this strategy in all

courses and developed a policy on the use of this testing strategy. Both groups reported that the use and administration of the Kaplan Test Prep were not being done per policy and grading rubrics. Another area of strong student interest was in the integration of simulation in all courses. Although there was some integration being done, additional simulation experience would benefit the student population in this evening and weekend program that provides ongoing support through open lab, tutoring and other campus service. NCLEX scores for the past five years were reviewed, and show below 75% between 2013-2014 and 2014-15. The last academic year 2015-2016 has annual pass rate of 78.65%.

**Ms. Minato updated that the only corrective action not completed at this time is renovation of classrooms. Mr. Mallel asked about the long-term pattern of NCLEX performance for graduates and the program director reported that the required pass rate has been met for all years except 2013-14 and 2014-15. Committee asked for clarification of the “nontraditional” program. Dr. DeLilly explained that this program is geared toward the working adults and provides courses in the evening and clinicals on the weekends. Ms. De La Cruz-Reyes asked about the amount of simulation integrated into the curriculum and Dr. DeLilly explained that 15% is currently integrated. Ms. Gerber asked about cost of the program and Dr. DeLilly stated the cost was \$75,000. Ms. Gerber asked how the program will continue to be monitored and whether another visit is needed, and Ms. Minato informed that the assigned NEC will continue to monitor and would conduct a visit if indicated.**

**ACTION: Continue approval of Mount Saint Mary’s University, Los Angeles Associate Degree Nursing Program.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.3.7 Palomar College Associate Degree Nursing Program.**

**Ms. Karen Donovan, Assistant Program Director represented the program.**

Leslie A. Moody, NEC presented this report. On April 26-27, 2016 a board approval visit was conducted at Palomar College ADN Program by Linda Sperling and Leslie Moody, NECs. There were no findings of noncompliance or recommendations. The program is operating in compliance with BRN regulations.

**Ms. De La Cruz-Reyes asked about new graduate employment. Ms. Donovan stated that 70-80% of new graduates are able to secure employment.**

**ACTION: Continue approval of Palomar College Associate Degree Nursing Program.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.3.8 Pasadena City College (PCC) Associate Degree Nursing Program.**

**Dr. Barbara Freund, Dean of Health Sciences represented the program.**

Badrieh Caraway, NEC presented this report. A regularly scheduled continuing approval visit was conducted on April 13-14, 2016 by NEC’s Wayne Boyer and Badrieh Caraway. The program was found to be in non-compliance in one area, CCR Section 1424(d) Resource Sufficiency, and one recommendation was given in CCR SECTION 1424(b) (1) Total Program Evaluation Plan. The program submitted a progress report addressing the one area of non-compliance and the one recommendation. The program is now in compliance in these areas. In June 2015, the ACCJC took action to impose probation on the Pasadena City College and require the College to submit a follow-up report in October 2016 relative to such issues as inconsistencies in HR and administrative positions and deficient shared governance practices. The PCC ADN Program has not been affected by PCC’s probation status. Dr. Kim

Baily is the Simulation and Skills Lab Coordinator, which covers all simulation and skills lab activities, including student remediation plan as needed. Simulation is fully integrated throughout the curriculum. Dr. Baily will be retiring June 2016, and a request for her replacement has been submitted; hiring process/progress is pending. The college administration strongly supports the nursing program and is well aware of the department’s need to hire a full- time simulation coordinator for the simulation /skills labs , as well as the need for additional support staff to assist with the day-to-day operation of the nursing program to achieve program goals.

**Ms. De La Cruz-Reyes asked about simulation training for faculty and the program representative informed that all faculty have received formal simulation training with additional training scheduled. Ms. De La Cruz-Reyes asked about the future of grant-funded positions and the program representative informed that the college president has guaranteed ongoing funding for the simulation and retention counsellor positons.**

**ACTION: Continue approval of Pasadena City College Associate Degree Nursing Program.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.3.9 Santa Rosa Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Program**

**Dr. Anna Valdez, Program Director represented the program.**

Janette Wackerly, SNEC presented this report. A continuing approval visit to Santa Rosa College Associate Degree Nursing Program, Santa Rosa, CA was conducted on April 18, 19, and 20th 2016 by Janette Wackerly SNEC and Katie Daugherty NEC. The program was found to be in compliance with Board rules and regulations.

**ACTION: Continue approval of Santa Rosa Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Program.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.4 VOTE ON WHETHER TO RECOMMEND CONTINUATION OF APPROVAL OF ADVANCE PRACTICE NURSING PROGRAM**

**7.4.1 Sonoma State University Nurse Practitioner Program**

**Dr. Mary Ellen Wilkosz, Program Director represented the program.**

Katie Daugherty, NEC presented this report. This item was heard immediately following agenda item 7.3.2 for the convenience of the program representatives. This FNP program is taught on three campuses; Sonoma, Stanislaus, and Chico, and has provided FNPs for local communities, with a significant percentage of the graduates living and working in rural, frontier and medically underserved communities in California after program completion. A continuing approval visit was conducted by Katie Daugherty, NEC and Janette Wackerly, SNEC from April 25-28, 2016. The program was found to be in compliance with Board regulations and policies. One recommendation was made related to CCR 1484 (b) (5) Administration pertaining to retrieval of curriculum records and preceptor documentation.

**ACTION: Continue approval of Sonoma State University Nurse Practitioner Program.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.5 VOTE ON WHETHER TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF MAJOR CURRICULUM REVISION**

**7.5.1 American University of Health Sciences Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program (increase enrollment).**

**Dr. Mercy Popoola, Program Director and Dr. Dianna Scherlin, Provost and Professor represented the program.**

Leslie A. Moody, NEC presented the report. AUHS is requesting approval to increase enrollment which will create spaces for additional admissions as well as accommodate re-entry students as needed. The current approved pattern of enrollment has been admission of 40 students twice annually. The requested increase would allow admission of 60 students twice annually. The program's most recent reported attrition rate (2014-15) is 29% with retention of 51% for the same period. The program provides extensive student support and remediation services to ensure all students have the opportunity to successfully complete the program and pass the NCLEX-RN examination. NCLEX pass rates for the past five year period are: 2010-11 70.59%; 2011-12 73.08%; 2012-13 50%; 2013-14 80%; 2014-15 84.62%; and to date for the first 3 quarters of the 2015-16 measurement year 50 have taken the exam with 46 passed = 92%. The steady improvement of pass rate for the current and past 2 years reflects implementation of extensive program improvements including strengthened student support services following the 2012-13 substandard outcome. Program resources including faculty, physical space (classrooms, labs, etc.), clinical facilities and support resources, were evaluated during a visit in March 2016 and the program provided updated information as part of their enrollment increase proposal. The availability of all resources required to support the expanded enrollment has been demonstrated. With BRN approval, the program intends to begin September 2016 admitting 60 students twice annually.

**Mr. Jackson asked about the impact of increased enrollment on other programs' clinical placements. Ms. Moody informed there will not be an impact because the school has previously been accommodating an increased enrollment due to readmission of students who stop-out for various reasons. Another committee member commented that in the past when a program has increased enrollment there has been a correlation with decreased NCLEX pass rates. Ms. Moody clarified that a large number of the students will be re-entry students who will benefit from the program's extensive student support and remediation services. Dr. Popoola informed that the support occurs prior to re-entry, during the program, and after graduation in preparation for NCLEX, and includes peer mentoring and community support. Ms. De La Cruz-Reyes asked about diversity of the faculty and Dr. Popoola informed that the faculty is ethnically diverse with 50% or more ethnic minority and also includes male faculty. The cost of the program was reported as \$83,000. A committee member asked where the program is located and Ms. Moody informed it is located in Long Beach.**

**ACTION: Approve enrollment increase to sixty students twice annually for American University of Health Sciences Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program.**

<b>Motion: Raymond Mallel</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: Dr. Maricela Arnaud of Long Beach City College expressed concern regarding the potential impact on clinical facilities affecting other area nursing programs. After review of clinical facilities information provided by the AUHS program representatives, Dr. Arnaud reported that she did not feel there would be a negative impact.**

**7.5.2 California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB) Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program (curriculum revision).**

**Dr. Deborah Boschini, Program Director/Department Chair and Dr. Phyllis Heintz represented the program.**

Carol Velas, NEC presented this report. A major curriculum revision proposal was submitted with implementation planned for Fall 2016. CSUB is converting from the quarter to semester system. The curriculum will change from a 10 week quarter to a 16 week semester compressed into 15 weeks. Other elements of the revision include: revised units for Nursing (Theory 30units; Clinical 21units), Communication 6 units, and Science 27 units for a total of 84 units required for licensure. Other degree requirements vary from 0-36 units for a total of 120 units for graduation; courses renumbered and renamed; program objectives have editorial and formatting changes to better align with the AACN Baccalaureate Essentials; prerequisite courses re-sequenced; revisions to General Education units required for graduation; clinical evaluation tools; Nursing Fundamentals and Concepts course separated into two courses; Gerontology (previously integrated) was made a separate course for theory and clinical; Pharmacology will be taught each semester and aligned with the five content areas resulting in an increase of 2 units.

**The committee asked if this was primarily a quarter to semester conversation and Dr. Velas confirmed. Ms. Gerber asked about the cost of the program and Dr. Boschini informed it is approximately \$20,500.**

**ACTION: Approve major curriculum revision for California State University, Bakersfield Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.5.3 California State University, Los Angeles Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program (curriculum revision).**

**Dr. Lori Judson, Program Director and Dr. Gail Washington, Assistant Director represented the program.**

Leslie A. Moody, NEC presented this report. The program is requesting approval of a major curriculum revision affecting both generic and ABSN options, driven by the University's decision to change from a quarter system to a 16-week semester system (15 weeks of instruction + 1 week final exams) and mandate to limit total units required for graduation to 120. Achievement of these goals while maintaining effective progression of concepts across the curriculum and inclusion of all required content required redistribution of some course content and combining of some courses. All courses have been renamed and renumbered.

**ACTION: Approve major curriculum revision for California State University, Los Angeles Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.5.4 University of California, Irvine Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program (curriculum revision, add ELM program).**

**Ms. Kathleen Saunders, Program Director and Ms. Julie Rousseau represented the program.**

Carol Velas, NEC presented this report. UCI is requesting approval for addition of an Entry Level Master's Degree Nursing Program with a concentration in Community and Population Health Nursing option with implementation planned for Summer 2017 and an annual enrollment of 40 students. The

proposed curriculum utilizes the AACN Essentials of Master’s Education in Nursing and the Tier 1, Eight Domains of Quad Council Public Health Nursing Competencies. In addition to the prelicensure required content, there are five concentration specific courses including Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Compassionate Care with Underserved Populations, Professional Issues in Nursing, Directed Study in Vulnerable Populations, and Community-based Health Care. The program will be delivered in eight quarters over two years. A variety of inpatient and ambulatory care settings will be used for clinical practicums. UCI has existing contracts with most clinical sites they plan to use and the increase in students will not impact current students in those locations. Student will apply to take the NCLEX-RN exam upon graduation at which time they also meet the requirements for the Public Health Certificate.

**Mr. Jackson asked about cost of the program. Ms. Saunders replied that tuition is set by the State of California and is approximately \$42,000 with tuition for summer courses still under review.**

**ACTION: Approve addition of the ELM program with an annual enrollment of 40 students.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.5.5 California State University, Bakersfield Nurse Practitioner Program (curriculum revision). Dr. Deborah Boschini, Program Director/Department Chair and Dr. Phyllis Heintz represented the program.**

Carol Velas, NEC presented this report. This item was heard immediately following item 7.5.2 for the convenience of school representatives. A proposal for a Major Curriculum Revisions for the MSN-Family Nurse Practitioner Program was submitted with implementation planned for Fall Semester, 2016. CSU-Bakersfield is converting from the quarter to semester system. The conversion will include a change from six quarters to five semesters, with a summer session between the first and second semesters. The summer session was requested by students who felt there was a loss of momentum with a summer off between the first and second year of the program. Other elements of the revision include: revised units include 22units of MSN Core Courses and 22units of FNP Option for a total of 44 units; renumber and rename courses; N636 Assessment/management of Acute Family Health Care (theory) was integrated into N6320 APN Care for Individual and Families across the Lifespan I (theory) and N6330 APN Care for Individual and Families across the Lifespan II (theory); N637 Assessment/ management of Acute Family Health Care (clinical) was integrated into N6321 APN Care for Individual and Families across the Lifespan I (clinical) and N6331 APN Care for Individual and Families across the Lifespan II (clinical); total theory hours decreased by ten with clinical hours remaining the same. The MSN/FNP program has been approved by the Chancellor’s office and is accredited by WASC. CSU-Bakersfield is currently seeking CCNE accreditation. This proposal meets BRN rules and regulations.

**ACTION: Approve major curriculum revision for California State University, Bakersfield Nurse Practitioner Program.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.5.6 California State University, Los Angeles Nurse Practitioner Program (curriculum revision) Dr. Lorie Judson, Program Director and Dr. Gail Washington, Assistant Director represented the program.**

Leslie A. Moody, NEC presented this report. This item was heard immediately following item 7.5.3 for convenience of the program representatives. The program is requesting approval for a major curriculum revision that will allow compliance with CCNE and AACN accreditation requirements and alignment

with the university practices while continuing to ensure a comprehensive curriculum that includes all required and appropriate content. The curriculum revision will increase consistency, and eliminate overlap and redundancy of courses and course content. The transition from quarters (10 weeks) to semesters (15 weeks) will facilitate more efficient use of resources and clinical facilities, and benefit students by allowing longer periods of time for mastery learning. The semester will be 15 weeks in length with summer term courses presented in a compressed 10-week format. The revised curriculum meets BRN requirements.

**ACTION: Approve major curriculum revision for California State University, Los Angeles Nurse Practitioner Program.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.6 Vote on Whether to Recommend Granting Initial Approval of Prelicensure Nursing Program for California Career College Associate Degree Nursing Program.**

**Ms. Susan Naimi Owner/Director represented the program.**

Miyo Minato, SNEC presented this report. An initial program approval visit for California Career College (CCC) Associate Degree Nursing Program, in Canoga Park, CA was conducted on June 1, 2016, by Linda Sperling, NEC and Miyo Minato, SNEC. The program was found to be in compliance with all BRN rules and regulations. CCC is a post-secondary institution established in 2001. The college operates as a private corporation owned by a sole shareholder. CCC is located at 7003 Owensmouth Avenue, Canoga Park, CA 91303 in the San Fernando Valley region 25 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles. CCC currently offers a Vocational Nursing program that awards an Associate of Applied Science Degree Vocational Nursing upon successful completion. The college has provided notification to both the ABHES and BPPE regarding establishment of the ADN program. ABHES approval is expected upon approval of the BRN. Approval by the BPPE is by means of the ABHES accreditation. CCC plans to award an Associate of Science degree. The program plans on admitting the first cohort of students in Fall 2016. The program plans on phasing in the time allocation for the director position to include both administrative and faculty teaching responsibilities with a release time of 75%, and has an applicant pool of faculty who qualify to teach in the ADN program. The majority of the clinical sites have been visited and placement has been verified to cover all five content areas. The college currently has signed Affiliation Agreements with thirteen (13) clinical sites covering beginning and intermediate Medical Surgical, Maternal Health, Pediatrics, and Community Psych courses and an additional five (5) clinical sites pending contract to cover Advanced and Complex client care. The majority of clinical sites are currently utilized by the LVN program and based on the information provided and NEC visits, the clinical sites have agreed to include the RN students in their clinical rotation schedule. All clinical sites are within 10-20 miles from the school with the average distance under 10 miles.

**Ms. Gerber asked whether all clinical sites were approved and adequate to support learning experiences. Ms. Minato explained that most sites are currently being used by the LVN program and RN students will be in those locations on days not scheduled for the LVN program students. Ms. De La Cruz-Reyes asked about average daily census for the Peds acute care setting and Ms. Naimi informed they will use five different units at Kaiser-Sunset. Ms. Gerber asked about LVN program performance on the NCLEX-PN and the program advised that the BVNPT standard is being met. The committee inquired about the clinical experiences, especially those available at Ventura County Medical Center and Ms. Minato offered to visit to the facility prior to the September BRN Board meeting and provide an updated report at that meeting. Ms. De La Cruz-Reyes asked about program director release time and faculty resources, with Ms. Naimi informing**

that director release time is 100% and there are eight faculty approved with five more in process. Mr. Mallel asked about clinical facilities to support critical care/advanced med/surg and Ms. Naimi informed facilities included three ambulatory settings that care for HIV and acute care patients, and Kaiser-Sunset are planned to be utilized. The committee asked about cost of the program and Ms. Naimi informed it will be approximately \$58,000. Ms. Naimi provided information regarding the program's Advisory Council which will include the Medical Director of Kaiser, several nursing directors and others. Ms. Naimi reported the program goal is to focus on community health and prevention.

**ACTION: Defer consideration of granting initial approval of California Career College Associate Degree Nursing Program to September Board Meeting.**

<b>Motion: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>		<b>Second: Michael Jackson</b>	
<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.7 Vote on Whether to Recommend Changing Warning Status for East Los Angeles College Associate Degree Nursing Program.**

**Ms. Lurelean Gaines, Program Director/Chairperson and Dr. Laura Ramirez, Vice-President Academic Affairs represented the program.**

Laura Shainian, NEC presented this report. The program is being presented subsequent to the Board decision to issue Warning Status with Intent to Close ELAC Nursing Program, at the September 3, 2015 meeting, as a result of continued non-compliance for substandard NCLEX pass rate. The non-compliance for substandard NCLEX pass rate originates from the program's October 7-8, 2013 regularly scheduled continuing approval visit. Findings for the visit identified 5 areas of non-compliance for which the program has corrected 4 areas. The substandard NCLEX pass rate (<75%) remains. Program improvement measures were reviewed. Quarterly progress reports submitted by the program to the NEC for January – June 2016 referenced the substandard NCLEX pass rates, and contributed it to graduates who are delaying testing beyond three months. Information about program graduate NCLEX test-taking patterns were reviewed. Evaluation of the new curriculum and review of the program's revised Systematic Plan for Program Evaluation (SPPE) was discussed during an NEC visit on June 22, 2016. The review focused on areas of the SPPE that lacked evaluative data needed to demonstrate Expected Levels of Achievement in the program, and was therefore inconclusive. Areas without any evaluative data – Attrition/Retention, Program Completion Rates, Program Satisfaction, and Evaluation of new curriculum – were of concern given the current status of the program. Each of these areas are to be evaluated using Key Performance Indicators as previously planned by the program in its August 2015 progress report. Follow-up with the SPPE was stressed to determine effectiveness of the total educational program. NEC discussed with the director and administration the need for consultant support for the program to assist with problem identification, the development of individualized remediation plans for high risk students, and faculty development with targeted teaching strategies, in order to make substantive improvement toward bringing the program's pass rate into the compliance standard of 75%.

**Ms. Gerber noted that there were only two years of the past ten years that the program met NCLEX pass rate performance threshold. Ms. Minato informed that students of the community served by the program have many challenges. Ms. Gerber stated it is important the program ensure student success despite the challenges and the program has not been addressing the issues with an attitude of urgency. Ms. Gerber asked whether there are barriers to providing additional program resources and Ms. Ramirez reported that no program requests have been denied. Ms. De La Cruz-Reyes asked about faculty:student ration to which Ms. Gaines replied that it is variable. The committee asked about incentives for students to take the NCLEX timely, Kaplan tests/remediation**

related to their benchmarks and effectiveness of the mentor/mentee program. Ms. Gaines reported that utilization of support services by students is low. Ms. Gerber asked for clarification regarding usual Board practice to suspend program enrollments when NCLEX pass rates are substandard. Ms. Moody explained that entirely suspending enrollment doesn't allow the program to demonstrate improvement. Ms. Minato clarified that program improvements take time for implementation and to manifest in outcomes such as NCLEX pass rates, and that historically the program's pass rates have improved when there is grant funding to support additional resources. Ms. Shainian informed that program outcome data is not available for a number of problem areas making the problem identification difficult.

**ACTION:** The program will continue on Warning Status, decrease admission to 20 students per year and implement corrective measures to include: retain an outside consultant to evaluate the program; continue to submit quarterly progress reports to the NEC; hire a remediation case manager for student monitoring and support; hire a grant writer/coordinator; provide incentives for students to take NCLEX-RN exam within three months of graduation; and assist students in seeking scholarships. The program is to return to Education/Licensing Committee in March 2017.

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pila De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input:** Dr. Geneviève Clavreul expressed her support of the ELC recommendations and her opinion that the right people may not be in place to conduct the program, and informed that she has discussed concerns regarding the program with a district supervisor to request funding for the program's student support measures. Dr. Lorie Judson from California State University, Los Angeles stated that the ELAC program has been one of CSULA's collaborative schools for BSN completion in the past but that the CSULA program has suspended admission of ELAC students due to the program's overall low NCLEX pass rates. Dr. Judson also noted that ELAC graduates who entered the CSULA BSN program prior to the admission suspension have largely been successful in completing the program.

**7.8 2015-16 ELC Goals and Objectives Achievement Report**

Leslie A. Moody, NEC presented this report of ELC achievements for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 relative to the 2015-17 ELC Goals and Objectives.

**ACTION:** Accept 2015-16 ELC Goals and Objectives Achievement Report.

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input:** None.

**7.9 SB466 Education Regulations Rulemaking Process Update With Vote on Whether to Recommend Continuing Rulemaking Process and Adopt Related Guideline**

Leslie A. Moody, NEC presented this report. The regulatory proposal amending Title 16, CCR sections 1418, 1423.1, 1423.2, 1424, 1426, and 1430, for implementation of SB 466 expanded requirements of registered nursing education programs, was the subject of a 45-Day Notice comment period culminating on July 11, 2016 when a public hearing was held. There was no public testimony at the hearing. During the comment period two organizations submitted comments. Following is a summary of the comments and proposed responses. In a joint letter from Ms. Walker of the Chancellor's Office California Community Colleges, and Dr. Blanchard of the California State University Office of the Chancellor objection was expressed regarding "section 1430. Previous Education Credit" relative to the requirement of "individualized instructional plans." Alternate language was suggested. In a letter from Dr. Martanegara of Western Governors University concern was expressed regarding section 1423.1(a)

regarding validation methodology to be applied to clinical competencies for the purpose of awarding credit relative to prior experience. The proposed regulatory language does not specify how programs will conduct equivalency validation relative to their curriculum requirements, including evaluation of clinical competency for awarding of credit or advanced placement. It will be the responsibility of the program to establish policy/procedure which defines the methodology and related requirements for demonstrating applicability of prior knowledge/experience.

**ACTION: Continue Rulemaking Process, reject recommendations for revision to proposed regulatory language and adopt related guideline.**

<b>Motion: Michael Jackson</b>		<b>Second: Pilar De La Cruz-Reyes</b>	
<b>PDLCR: Aye</b>	<b>RM: Aye</b>	<b>MJ: Aye</b>	<b>DG: Aye</b>

**Public Input: None.**

**7.10 DCA Office of Information Services Presentation and Discussion – Licensing Process Improvement**

This item was deferred to the September Board meeting.

**ACTION: None.**

**Public Input: None.**

**7.11 PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**Multiple speakers including Ms. Kathy Harren, Regional Chief Nursing Officer Providence Southern California; Ms. Marylyn Stevens, Owner - Pro-Cell Nurses; Ms. Sandy Hall, CHLA Pediatric Residency; Ms. Marilyn Stevens, Owner of a nursing agency; a representative of CSNA; and Dr. Lorie Judson, CSULA spoke about concerns and impact (loss of jobs and preceptorship placements, inability to fill vacant nursing positions) of 3-6 month delays in processing licensure applications for both new graduates as well as endorsement applicants from out-of-state, and offered assistance to improve processes.**

**Dr. Geneviève Clavreul asked about closure of a California State University, Northridge nursing program and Ms. Minato reported the Board received a letter stating the Accelerated BSN program would be closing.**

**Jessica Miller requested correction of her last name in the May 2016 ELC meeting minutes, expressed concern regarding inconsistent Board decisions relative to CE provider approval of complementary medicine continuing education offerings, and requested that the Board advisory statement regarding nurse provision of complementary/alternative therapies (previously available on the BRN website but removed) be restored to provide reference and clarification of practice allowed. Ms. Miller provided print materials to the committee members including copies of her speaking notes for public comments at this meeting, a July 17, 2016 BRN letter addressed to Dr. Libster at Golden Apple Healing Arts, a BRN Report article on Complementary an Alternative Therapies In Registered Nursing Practice, and a memo addressed to the California Board of Nursing from Terri Roberts, JD, RN, Executive Director, American Holistic Nurses Association dated August 10, 2016 requesting clarification.**

**Dr. Rebecca Otten from California State University, Fullerton and Hazel Torres from Kaiser gave a report and provided a print handout summary of their pilot project: Integration of Ambulatory Concepts with Appropriate Clinical Experience.**

**7.12 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1245pm.

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