Meeting Minutes  
Advisory Group on Continuing Education (CE)  
March 23, 2018

Members Present: Tahnee Andrew, Susan Copeland, Lisa Hachey, Susan Hatfield, Jane Mahowald, Deborah Mulquin-Peterson and Terry Pope

Members Absent: Deborah Hartzell, Mary Beth Hughes, Nancy McManus, Yolanda Munguia, Deborah Shields and Angela Thompson

Guests: Jenny Eramo (Capital University) and Patricia Brown (CSCC)

Board Staff Present: Toni Notturniano and Lesleigh Robinson

Presiding: Lauralee Krabill

Call to Order
L. Krabill called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

Review of the Meeting Minutes
The June 23, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

Human Trafficking Presentation
L. Hachey and Andrea Ellis provided a presentation on Human Trafficking, and requested that the Board of Nursing (Board) consider mandating one contact hour of CE on this topic as part of licensure maintenance. They reviewed the status of various state and federal legislative bills and noted that the literature demonstrates that human trafficking education results in positive outcomes.

Cultural Competency
Handouts were distributed for review and discussion regarding cultural competency CE and a report to the General Assembly regarding cultural competency as included in SB 332. Advisory Group members were asked to respond to the following questions and L. Robinson stated that the questions would be forwarded to the Advisory Group members to allow for additional time to review and respond.

Q: Does anyone know of CE in Nursing or another health professional field that would count for CE for nursing licensees that is specific to cultural competency in nursing?
   A: There is a large group out of Central Ohio led by Cora Munoz, Professor Emeritus at Capital University that is an advocate for cultural competency. She works with an organization that does 3 levels of cultural competency awareness training and development and makes the training available to nurses free of charge.

Q: Is there any social media, website being used by anyone that identifies cultural competency CE?
   A: ONA’s CE4Nurses has a number of online education courses related to cultural competency and opioids.

Q: Is there specific CE coursework related to cultural competency that you routinely provide?
A: ONA has a large library of resources. S. Copeland stated that all of their coursework is for internal staff (Nationwide Children’s Hospital).

Q: When you’re reviewing CE for approval, is there any way to identify CE offerings that devote whole or in part to cultural competency?
A: ONA’s CE4Nurses has a large library of resources.

Q: In California, the law requires all approved nursing CE to have some part of the course (non-defined by content or time) refer to cultural competency course work or subject matter. What does the Advisory Group think of this idea, and how feasible would this be to track?
A: Advisory Group will discuss this at future meetings.

Q: Does anyone have any ideas about how to identify better ways to promote and/or identify CE offerings related to cultural competency in nursing?
A: Legislative panels, law enforcement panels and health care panels may be a standing opportunity for nursing education related to human trafficking.

CE Broker
Handouts provided by CE Broker were distributed for review. CE Broker is scheduled to present at the September 28th meeting. They are currently working with some boards in Ohio. L. Robinson will discuss the use of CE Broker with the boards and provide the information about how it’s used at the next meeting.

FDA In Brief: Opioid Medications
A handout entitled “FDA In Brief: FDA Takes New Steps to Help Mitigate Overprescribing of Opioid Medications as Effort to Reduce Rates of New Addiction” was distributed for review.

Mandatory CE
Questions were raised about the Board requiring CE related to human trafficking, cultural competency and opioids as part of license renewal. L. Robinson will conduct a survey of the other state boards of nursing to identify if CE and specific topics are required. The results of the survey will be discussed at the September meeting.

J. Mahowald stated that the Advisory Group has received numerous requests over the years to mandate CE on topics such as domestic violence, pain, and cultural competency. The Advisory Group has chosen not to recommend CE in specific topics, but to encourage CE providers and those who approve programs to encourage the development of such programs and for nurse employers to require specific CE. Although the topics have been noteworthy, the concern has been that if a specific topic is required (other than the one hour of Ohio law and rules that is currently required), it will lead to specific topics for all contact hours.

CE Inquiries/Evaluation Tools
There were no CE inquiries or tools to review.

Approver and Provider Updates
The Licensed Practical Nurse Association of Ohio (LPNAO) has terminated their Approver status. J. Mahowald reported that an organization from West Virginia who had an IV therapy course approved by the LPNAO has asked the Ohio League for Nursing to approve their course. T. Pope reported that there are no ANCC criteria changes for 2018 and that there has been a change in CE personnel at ONA.

Next Meeting
September 28, 2018

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.