



Advisory Group on Continuing Education (CE)

Meeting Minutes July 26, 2019

Members Attending: Lauralee Krabill, Board member, Chair; Lisa Hachey; Kelli Schweitzer; Jane Mahowald; Angela Thompson; Terry Pope; Lucinda Cave; Deborah Shields; Stephanie Clubbs; Nancy Lopiccolo

Members Absent: Deborah Hartzell; Susan Hatfield; Tahnee Andrew; Mary Beth Hughes

Staff Attending: Lisa Emrich; Lisa Hashemian; Chantelle Sunderman

Guests Attending: Karen Hill, Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association; Deb Maloy, Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association; S. Diane Moore, Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association; Kathleen Knittel, Ohio Nurses Association; Amy B. Rossio, Ohio Nurses Association

Call to Order

Lauralee Krabill, Chair, called the meeting of the Board's Advisory Group on Continuing Education to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed members and guests. Advisory Group members and guests introduced themselves.

Review of the Meeting Minutes

The March 15, 2019, meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

Follow-up Route for CE Equivalency for Competency-based Academic Credit

Lisa Emrich provided the Group with an update from Western Governors University (WGU) regarding the recognition of competency-based higher education credit as continuing education. A representative from WGU informed the Board that transcripts from WGU have an equivalency statement that recognizes one competency unit as equal to one semester hour as required by the Ohio Department of Higher Education. The Board has not received questions regarding conversion of competency units since early spring and those individuals were later notified of the information provided by WGU.

Re-Approval Application, Process for OBN Approvers with Board Approval Expiring 2019

The *OBN Approver Re-Approval Application* is almost finalized and will soon be distributed to the following Approvers: Ohio Nurses Association, Ohio Department of Mental Health, UC Health-University Hospital and Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Approval is \$150 per year in accordance with 4723.08(A)(13), ORC, or \$750 for each five-year reapproval.

CE Certificates and Required Information

The Advisory Group reviewed Rule 4723-14-06(C), OAC. CE certificates issued by the Provider must include the authorized OBN approver number. The Board has received certificates without

an Approver number and only the Provider number. It was discussed that the Provider address may be its web address.

Administrative Rule Review: Update

The Advisory Group previously discussed and recommended that Rule 4723-14-10(B)(5), OAC, be deleted as it is duplicative of paragraph in Rule 4723-14-11(B)(4), OAC. After further review it was determined that this Rule will be placed on the schedule for change next year.

RN and APRN Renewal Update

L. Emrich stated the Board anticipates about 220,000 licenses would be renewed in 2019. Almost 80,000 licenses have been renewed since the renewal period began July 1. The CE Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) documents were updated and are available on the Board's website.

APRNs issued an initial APRN license on or after July 1, 2019, will need to submit a renewal application by October 31, 2019, and will not be charged a fee.

Kelli Schweitzer said she was able to complete renewal from her phone.

Update from OBN Approvers and Approved Providers of CE

The Advisory Group continued to notice an increased demand for Category A courses. Lucinda Cave has received many requests that Ohio consider requiring CE courses related to specific topics including addiction and human trafficking. The Group agreed that Ohio should not mandate specific courses for all nurses. CE should be determined based on the educational needs of the individual nurse.

Nancy Loppiccolo stated October 1, 2019, the new Patient-Driven Payment Model will be implemented, increasing the demand for Intravenous Therapy Courses. Jane Mahowald said she continues to receive many requests for Intravenous Therapy Courses for Licensed Practical Nurses.

Other

The Advisory Group discussed Rule 4723-14-05, OAC. L. Hachey asked if an individual could receive contact hours for teaching a course at an accredited educational institution for which academic credit is awarded to the licensee or certificate holder. L. Emrich stated she would get clarification and notify the Group.

Discussion ensued regarding out-of-state licensed nurses coming to Ohio to practice nursing care for volunteer work. L. Emrich summarized Section 4723.32(G)(9), and 4723.26, ORC. Additional information is published on the Board's website.

L. Emrich stated that her plan is to have the annual report content ready for discussion at the next meeting.

Future Meetings: Final meeting for 2019 is scheduled for September 20.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.