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Advisory Group on Continuing Education (CE)

Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2019

Members Attending: Lauralee Krabill, Board member, Chair; Susan C. Hatfield; Lisa Hachey; Kelli Schweitzer; Jane Mahowald; Angela Thompson; Terry Pope; Lucinda Cave; Deborah Shields; Stephanie Clubbs; Deborah Hartzell (Arrived 10:09 a.m.)

Members Absent: Mary Beth Hughes; Nancy Lopiccolo

Staff Attending: Lisa Emrich; Chantelle Sunderman

Guests Attending: Barb Schroeder, Omnicare; Scott Rowley, The Ohio State University College of Nursing; Victoria Krogg, The Ohio State University College of Nursing; Connie Dagg, The Ohio State University; Heather Radcliff, University of Rio Grande; Trish Koraleski, University of Rio Grande; Jessica Collins, University of Rio Grande; Ginger Boyer, University of Rio Grande

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., welcomed members and guests, and read the Advisory Group's charge. Advisory Group members introduced themselves.

Review of the Meeting Minutes

The September 28, 2018, meeting minutes were reviewed. A typographical correction was made to the first sentence following the first paragraph on page two. The first "not" within the sentence will be deleted. The minutes as revised were approved by consensus.

CE Equivalency for Competency-based Academic Credit

Lisa Emrich stated that the Board has received questions from licensees asking whether the Board will recognize competency-based higher education credit as continuing education. Chapter 4723-14, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), gives equivalency for academic credit based on time; however, Western Governors University (WGU), accredited by CCNE and recognized by the Department of Higher Education, grants academic credit by competency units, which is not quantified by time. L. Emrich provided a description of WGU and its competency-based credit.

L. Emrich stated that in preparation of the meeting she surveyed other boards of nursing to ask if they had information regarding the conversion of competency units to contact hours, and summarized the twenty-six responses received. None of the boards responding had addressed the issue. However, the Kentucky Board in a separate email provided information that the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) was piloting competency based continuing education.

Terry Pope and Kelli Schweitzer discussed the new ANCC framework that speaks to granting CE credits for outcome-based education. Currently, the outcome-based education credits have only been utilized for its national certification renewal and that it is not eliminating contact hours.

The Advisory Group discussed various factors to consider for conversion of an activity to quantifiable time, including comparing competency units to the completion of an online course and averaging time. Terry Pope questioned how competency units transfer to another institution. Stephanie Clubbs stated that WGU may be one of the first programs to utilize a competency-based higher education model, but the education system is seeing a shift toward learner-driven education and training, especially with the increase in online learning.

L. Emrich stated the goal was to determine a conversion if available.

Jane Mahowald summarized information presented to the Advisory Group on Nursing Education regarding a competency-based education model. It is considered an innovative education model for the professional and educational advancement of nurses.

Chair Krabill stated that she and L. Emrich will be attending the NCSBN Mid-year meeting and hope to discuss this further with other boards' representatives. L. Emrich stated she would continue to research this topic.

OBN Approvers with Board Approval Expiring 2019

L. Emrich stated that Board staff is reviewing the forms for the OBN Approver reapproval process. The fee continues to be \$150 per year of approval, which totals \$750 for the maximum five year approval period. The Board will review submitted OBN Approver reapproval applications at its November meeting.

Administrative Rule Review: 5 year

➤ Chapter 4723-17, OAC

The Advisory Group reviewed Rule 4723-17-06, OAC, regarding minimum curriculum requirements within the CE course for LPN Intravenous (IV) therapy. This content has been included in pre-license PN education for a number of years, and there are decreasing numbers of LPNs who are not IV therapy certified and who require the CE course. The statute for LPN IV therapy no longer requires a minimum amount of time spent in LPN IV therapy education. After discussion, the Advisory Group agreed by consensus to recommend to the Board to remove the forty-hour minimum time for the IV therapy instruction.

➤ Chapter 4723-26, OAC

The Advisory Group reviewed Rule 4723-26-05, OAC, regarding continuing education for community health workers.

K. Schweitzer noted that community health workers (CHWs) may obtain contact hours in various subjects, and questioned if requiring CE contact hours of CHWs is necessary. L. Emrich responded that CHWs do not have a scope of practice, but a role, and individuals are not required to obtain Board certification to perform this role. However, the law and rules consistently attach a CE standard for each license or certificate the Board issues. A CHW may work in fields outside of nursing. Chair L. Krabill added that there are currently about 850 CHWs in the state of Ohio.

- Technical Revision Rule 4723-14-10, OAC
The Advisory Group discussed and recommended that Rule 4723-14-10(B)(5) be deleted as it is duplicative of the paragraph in Rule 4723-14-11(B)(4), OAC.

OBN Approver Annual Reports: Content and process

L. Emrich stated that the Board has discretion for requiring the submission of annual report information from OBN Approvers, and will not do so for 2019. Staff is currently reviewing content that may be collected in future reports.

Update from OBN Approvers and approved Providers of CE

The Advisory Group noticed increased requests for online CE courses and Category A courses are currently in high demand.

L. Emrich stated the CE Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document was recently updated and posted to the Board's website.

Future Meetings: Meetings for 2019 are scheduled for July 26 and September 20.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:47 p.m.