

MINUTES

NURSING ADVISORY BOARD

November 10, 2023

Bronson Health Living Campus, Culinary Allied Health Building, President's Dining Room

Members Present: Director of Nursing, Lori Orr, Theresa Shane, Faculty, Kim Turcott, Allegan County Medical Care, Yvonne Chapman, Faculty, Villo Denke-Zomer KVCC Staff, Sally Vleim, Western Michigan University, Bronson School of Nursing, Diana Multer, Faculty, Christy Zimmer-Dupont, Khristina Grim, Bronson Healthcare Group, Tina Devries, Alamo Nursing Home, Emily Hershberger, Alamo Nursing Home, Cathy Colella, Recording.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Lori Orr.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Members were welcomed and introduced to the group.

3. Minutes from March 3, 2023

Minutes were reviewed and approved as distributed.

4. Membership:

Lori let members know that she would be sending a brief survey to members to gather information about needs and on experience with recent graduates.

5. Kalamazoo Valley Updates:

- 5.1 ACEN: Lori Orr provided a brief summary about the ACEN Conference that was held in Atlanta. On-time graduation is a focus, pass rates and ultimate pass rates were emphasized. Our site visit will be in January 2023. We have started to our self-study process.
- 5.2 Practical Nursing Program: Data was provided regarding three cohorts of students. 8 graduates for fall, 11 graduates for winter, 15 have just started. Statistics regarding the programs were discussed.
- 5.3 LPN to RN was discussed. The need for more LPNs and the benefits of team nursing was discussed. Focus on LPNs with one year of experience is very positive along with taking 2 prep courses prior to starting the RN programs. Also talked about potentially

attracting paramedics to the program. It was also mentioned that the Federal government is talking about increasing the number of hours per day that an RN is needed to be present in nursing homes. Currently the requirement is 8 hours.

- 5.4 Holistic Admissions: The group talked about the benefits of information sessions. Video-chats may be helpful. Providing the perspective of current students or testimonials from graduate students. Health Career Dinners were thought to be a good way to attract students. As well as application workshops by the Advisors were very helpful.
- 5.5 NCLEX: Students did experience a dip in results when the exam was changed. Faculty did a nice job preparing students. 97% pass rate for our May graduates has been noted. Hesse exam prep include a 3-day live review. 2 day zoom review.

6. Round Table Discussion:

- 6.1 Kim Turcott from Allegan County Medical Care indicated that the new facility they are working on will include an assisted living facility. She said that they are currently awaiting final approvals to get started. Kim also emphasized that she enjoys the partnership with Kalamazoo Valley.
- 6.2 Davenport currently is preparing 15 BSN students and is currently in the processing of welcoming more students into the program. A good relationship is noted between the two institutions.
- 6.3 WMU is currently using a new dashboard and is working through the RN to BSN program. Also looking at a DNP??? And Anesthesia program.
- 6.4 Alamo reported that they are the only family owned nursing home currently running in the state of Michigan. They are currently working with three of our students and enjoy the externships. RNs supervise.
- 6.5 Ben Herbert, Career Pathway Advisor spoke about finding students who were leaders in the program to provide guidance and testimonials to students considering the program. He also indicated that BIO 210-215 is only offered in the online format. Some students are seeking the in-person option.
- 6.6 The Groves Patient Care academies are currently full.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15