

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
EDUCATION SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
Wednesday, November 3, 2021**

Department of Health Professions – Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Conference Center 201 – **Training Room 1**
Henrico, Virginia 23233

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Education Special Conference Committee was convened at 9:15 a.m. in Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Second Floor, Training Room 1, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Yvette Dorsey, DNP, RN, Chair
Brandon A. Jones, MSN, RN, CEN, NEA-BC

STAFF PRESENT: Jacquelyn Wilmoth, MSN, RN, Deputy Executive Director
Christine Smith, MSN, RN, Nurse Aide/RMA Education Program Manager
Beth Yates, Nursing and Nurse Aide Education Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

REQUEST TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT

Bryant & Stratton, Hampton Campus – Baccalaureate Program US28500300

Debi Erick, MSN, PHN, RN, CNE, Chair, Program Director and Jeff Thoroud, Campus President were present.

Mr. Jones moved that the Education Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A) (27) of the Code of Virginia at 9:42 a.m. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Bryant & Stratton College, Hampton Campus, baccalaureate degree nursing education program. Additionally, Mr. Jones moved that, Ms. Wilmoth, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Yates attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The Committee reconvened in open session at 9:58 a.m.

Mr. Jones moved that the Education Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Jones moved to recommend to deny the request from Bryant & Stratton College, Hampton Campus to increase enrollment from 20 to 40 students every 15 weeks to begin with the cohort enrolled as of January 12, 2022.

This recommendation will be presented to the full Board on Tuesday, November 16, 2021

DISCUSSION

Guidance Document 90-21

Ms. Wilmoth explained that guidance documents are not regulation, they are meant to explain the language in regulation but cannot overreach the language in regulation.

Ms. Wilmoth advised the Education Committee that they could recommend to modify the Guidance Document to align regulation, repeal the Guidance Document and incorporate requirements in regulation, repeal the Guidance Document without changes to regulation.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the contents of the document to determine which above action was warranted for Guidance Document 90-21.

ACTION:

Mr. Jones moved to recommend to repeal Guidance Document 90-21 and provided suggested regulatory changes to include pertinent information from Guidance Document 90-21. Mr. Jones stated that repeal of the Guidance Document was warranted as its contents were either duplicative of regulation or provided additional regulatory requirements for programs to meet that are not included in 18VAC90-27-10 et seq.

The motion passed unanimously.

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**EDUCATION PROGRAM
UPDATES:**

Ms. Wilmoth presented the data collected from the 2020 NCSBN Annual Report focusing on statistics of NCSBN quality indicators of nursing education programs and the impact of COVID-19 on programs. Ms. Wilmoth stated the Board could add questions to the report if additional information was desired.

ACTION:

Mr. Jones moved to recommend to participate in the 2021 NCSBN Annual Survey and for it to be distributed to the nursing education programs in January 2022. Additionally, Mr. Jones recommend that the full board have discussion to determine if additional information should be gathered as part of the 2021 NCSBN Annual Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Ms. Wilmoth presented Nursing Education Program Updates to include the NCLEX pass rates, number of faculty exception approvals since March 2021, status of program approvals, and attendance at educational seminars.

Ms. Smith presented Nurse Aide and Registered Medication Aide program updates to include the status of nurse aide education program approval, the number of programs that have closed, the nurse aide education seminar held in October this year, and the number of survey visits scheduled for 2021 for nurse aide education programs. For medication aide training programs, she presented an update on the ongoing attempt to verify the number of active medication aide training programs and testing pass rates.

Ms. Smith presented the status of the medication aide curriculum. A committee consisting of board members, program administrators and stakeholders have been revising the current board approved curriculum. The anticipated date of final review is January 2022 and presentation to the education committee in March 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Jacquelyn Wilmoth, MSN, RN
Deputy Executive Director