

Northland Pioneer College
 Nursing Advisory Board Meeting
 September 19, 2008 Video I 1:00

Participants: Debra McGinty, Dean of Nursing and Allied Health,
 Dianne Samarin, Nursing Faculty
 Michelle Hunt, Nursing Faculty
 Dan Roper, Director Summit Regional Medical Center
 Sarah Basinger, Nurse Recruiter, Summit Regional Medical Center
 Gerlinda Silversmith, Director of Nursing, Hopi Health Center
 Janet Critser, Academic Advisor and parent of former student
 Larry Lybbert, Director of Staff Development, Whiteriver Service Unit
 Kathy Griggs, Director of Nursing Whiteriver Service Unit
 Jeannie O'Haco, Director of Nursing, Little Colorado Medical Center

ITEM:	DISCUSSION:	DECISION:
Introductions	Debra welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Review of previous meeting minutes	Debra reviewed minutes from the previous meeting focusing on outcomes. The number of males in the program has declined.	
Advisory Board Announcements	<p>Summit: Dan spoke about the changing face of nursing. There is an increase in the training and specialization of nursing at Summit in oncology and infusional intervention. There are plans to open post partum November and Nursing Level II January 2009. Dan indicated they have a Level IV ER, the first in the state.</p> <p>Whiteriver: New surgical director plans to increase capacity. No change in OB anticipated. PHNs acquired case management grant. Chronic care initiative extended 4 years, i.e., outpatient appointment systems. New inpatient electronic medical records and medication records systems implemented, OB is next expected to implement EHR. TCAP program implemented with</p>	

	<p>RWJ grant to increase time at the bedside – currently <25% of time, goal: 65% of time. Other initiatives underway to decrease wait times, increase productivity, and maximize utilization of skills and ability. Security awareness training to interface with technology systems requires a 2 hour class. How this will affect the students remains to be decided. Staff will work with Dianne Samarin.</p> <p>Hopi: Passed JCAHO: Streamlining admission assessments, improving medication reconciliation, implementing HER in/out-patient. Noted an increase in outpatient appoints. 20 physicians on staff. Staff vacancy at 40-45%. Implementing discipline and conduct policies. Limited experience in current nursing staff. Interested in a Capstone Program.</p> <p>LCMC: ER is very busy with 800-900 visits/month. Surgery and OB busy. Inpatient seasonal census. New physician clinics being constructed.</p>	
<p>Systematic Evaluation Plan 2007-08</p>	<p>Deb shared the Systematic Evaluation Plan. A discussion concerning the involvement of staff with students focused on the value of communication skills in taking the time to conduct assessments and gather information prior to issuing corrections and directives.</p>	<p>Everyone agreed that role confusion is sometimes a problems with staff and students. Recommendations for open communication and discussions between faculty and staff will be followed.</p>
<p>Assessment of Student Academic Achievement</p>	<p>Deb shared the results of the spring assessment cycle. Lybbart informed the group about the knowledge factor testing method studies indicating that in 66% of practice errors, nurses were certain they were knew what they were doing on a likert scale: This is the correct action; this might be correct; not certain this is correct; have not idea. Indicates to educators the need for evidence-based practice and knowledge assessment. Griggs indicated there is a movement to “test before you invest” in staff. Lybbart indicated there is evidence to support repeating the NCLEX to be certain nurses are current and competent.</p>	

Program Review	Debra advised the group of the progress made on the Program Review, NLN and AZSBN approval process. Lybbart asked if the college participates or uses the NLN Testing system and felt more work on dosage calculation would benefit students. He wondered if the tools we are using demonstrate validity and reliability.	Debra will investigate the NLN examinations for dosage calculation and medication administration.
NPC Strategic Plan	Debra reviewed the feedback from the September faculty meeting and overview of the Strategic Plan. Recommendations to pilot clinical experiences with PHNs at Hopi Health Center and Whiteriver Service Unit to conduct community and patient assessments were made.	Debra will schedule MDA classes in WRV Spring 2009 and coordinate sequenced coursework at that site interdepartmentally.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm Next meeting: May 2009	Fredda Kermes was unable to make the meeting but offered the following feedback: 1. The importance of evidence-based practice should be integrated throughout the program. She indicated current nurses don't grasp that. 2. Critical thinking development needs to continue to be a priority in nursing education. 3. Use of technology should be supported throughout nursing education as it is the future. 4. Nurses need to function well in teams. Collaboration is critical to nursing practice.