

Helena College Department of Nursing Education
 Meeting Minutes
Nursing Department Community Advisory Board
 November 1, 2019

Members Present: Sandy Sacry, Mary Patrick, Sandra Bauman, John Hartman, Bonnie Williams, Cindy Bultena, Sevda, Deb Charlton, Courtney Radke, Jan Campana, Greg Thompson, Kristina Kenning, Debra Rapaport, Nanette Whitman-Holmes

Recorded by: Brenda Johnson

This meeting was called to order at 12:07pm

Topic	Discussion	Action
Review of Minutes	No discussion	
Number 1 status	Sandy Sacry announced Helena College's #1 status in both the state of Montana and the Nation.	
LPN applications	Discussed the low applications for the LPN program.	Pushed to advertise more
ASRN program	Applications are taken once a year starting last Monday in April through second Monday in May. Will give extra points for taking A&P II and Microbiology prior to applying. Changes were made from prior meeting feedback.	
Workplace survey	Encouraged all board members to fill out on our prior students. Allows the Nursing department to make changes as needed. Need this for our accreditation.	
Pinning	Everyone was invited to the December 13 th pinning at St. Mary's Catholic Community church.	
NCLEX	Our pass rate is 96% after Spring 2019. 32 students. 31 passed first time. 1 student retook and passed second time. National average is 84%.	
ASRN curriculum changes	St. Peter's Women and Children floor precepting our students 1:1; our student completes the entire shift with their preceptor. This gives our students a broader view and greater opportunity to see more. Feedback from students has been positive.	

Topic Next Generation NCLEX	Discussion NCLEX will be changing their testing style in the coming years and all schools have been encouraged to change as well. More critical thinking questions. More case study questions. Our faculty will be attending trainings on this style so our curriculum can adapt.	Action Follow up on trainings.
Topic Residency / Apprenticeship programs	Discussion Working with St. Peter's on a summer apprentice program. Looking to work with Shodair as well. Montana VA is hoping to roll out a Residency program Spring 2020 as well.	Action
Topic Career Fair	Discussion Sandy Sacry invited St. Peter's and VA to come and market their residence programs at our career fair on November 12, 2019.	Action
Topic John Hartman	Discussion John spoke to the group about using Organic and Biochemistry (CHMY 123/124) in our program.	Action Sandy Sacry will review.
Topic Board of Nursing	Discussion Sandy Sacry provided a hand out and spoke about Board of Nursing. Two task forces being developed. Continuing Education and Medication Aides 1 and 2. MSU Bozeman requesting 16 more student positions for MSU Billings program. ADN changing to BSN program – Salish Kootni	Action
Topic Articulation Agreement	Discussion Sandy Sacry reported on working with Montana Tech to allow for dual credit. Students at Helena College would be allowed to take upper level courses through MT Tech will still working on their degree through Helena College.	Action
Topic Open HC Nursing Faculty position	Discussion Sandy Sacry reported on an open Nursing faculty position. Handed out a job description. Asked if anyone knew of someone please refer them.	Action
Topic Board Member feedback	Discussion St. Peter's has a reimbursement plan for nursing staff that wish to complete their BSN. Approximately 72% of the ADN's are enrolled. Helena College students have great time management skills where others do not. Asked if BSN is being pushed nationwide. Appears that ADN is still accepted but most begin working towards their BSN.	Action

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02pm