

## Indiana State Board of Nursing

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### **EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY APRIL 30, 2008**

Attendees:

Marcia Laux  
Mindy Yoder  
Marcia Miller  
Esther Acree  
Spencer Grover  
Connie McIntosh  
Yvonne Culpepper  
Dawn Welch  
Ernie Klein  
Phyllis Lewis  
Judy Halstead  
Michelle Hines  
Sean Gorman  
Gordon White

The focus of this meeting was to identify specific proposals or areas in the existing education rules for the subcommittee to evaluate and develop a recommendation from the group to the Board. 4 specific areas were identified for follow up:

- 1. Faculty to Student ratios:** Do the current rules permit the use of innovative education models? How do other states proscribe faculty to student ratio requirements, and should Indiana's rules be amended to allow for more flexibility? If so, how do you permit more flexibility while continuing to ensure adequate faculty availability for students? Marcia Laux has agreed to investigate further and will report at the next education subcommittee meeting.
- 2. Preceptor requirements:** Currently, clinical preceptors are only required to maintain current licensure as a registered nurse and have at least 3 years experience as a registered nurse. Are these requirements adequate to ensure an appropriate clinical experience for students? Are the requirements too restrictive? How do other states address preceptor qualifications? Are there other ways Indiana might consider to ensure preceptor competence? Yvonne Culpepper and Connie McIntosh have volunteered to investigate further and will report at the next education subcommittee meeting.
- 3. Faculty qualifications:** For registered nursing programs, the current rules require that the "majority of faculty shall hold master's degrees with majors in nursing. The remainder of the faculty shall hold master's degrees in a field

appropriate to their teaching or clinical responsibilities." For those faculty without a master's degree *in nursing*, they must be making progress towards a master's degree in nursing. The majority of faculty must also be full time employees. The question here is how these requirements might be modified to address the faculty shortage and if such modifications might impact student education. There is also concern how the requirement of a master's degree might conflict with potential faculty that complete higher degrees in programs that do not award a master's. Judy Halstead is looking into this and will report at the next education subcommittee meeting.

**4. Simulation clinical hours as a substitute for clinical hours:** Can it be done? How are other states addressing simulation? The group discussed the lack of evidence suggesting how much might be substituted effectively. Mindy Yoder and Sean Gorman will be collecting information and will report at the next education subcommittee meeting.

**Next meeting:** June 18, 2008 in the Indiana Government Center South Conference Center Room 18, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. If there are any preferences, let me know and I will try to accommodate in scheduling. I hope the format of having a call in option worked for everyone. Spencer has offered to assist in setting that up again for the next meeting.

One thing that might be helpful in going forward is the Board Member profiles assembled by NCSBN at <https://www.ncsbn.org/983.htm>.

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