

LASSEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
VOCATIONAL NURSING
ADVISORY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CREDENCE HIGH SCHOOL Rm 4
February 11, 2013 1:00
Approved minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sue Mouck	VP Academic Services LCC
Monna Walters	Director of Nursing LCC
Alison Somerville	Counseling LCC
Gayle Triplett	Lassen County Public Health
Cherie Lujano	BLMC Education
Deanne Bustamante	Northeastern Rural Health
KC Mesloh	Counseling LCC
Deborah Loeffler	Nursing Instructor LCC
Caryn Nobles	Nursing Instructor LCC

Monna Walters called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Minutes from the last meeting (November 19, 2012) were approved with one correction on page two.

Monna explained that there was no agenda today because we are here to talk about one thing, the proposed closer of the nursing program due to lack of nursing instructors.

Monna gave an update on the program. We have a new full time nursing instructor, Debbie Loeffler. We currently have 24 students divided into two groups of twelve students each. Debbie has the students three days a week (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday) in Modoc, Monna has a group at Banner Lassen on Thursdays and Fridays, and Caryn has a group at CVR (Country Villa Riverview) on Wednesdays. The students are getting some Maternity and Pediatric experience at Banner and the students keep track of their hours because it's hard to get all those hours in, in third semester. We shouldn't be losing any more students, they are pretty stable and when they don't do well they try harder. We have Cherie with us; she is working on her doctorate and is here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and is working on some scenarios on the Sim Man for students that need to do make-up when they are absent.

Monna asked if there were any questions about how the program is going.

Monna is working on the schedule and would like to have the students going to Public Health, but their clinical days don't coincide with our clinical days. She would like for the students to make home visits with the public health nurses, and going to the outreach sites on the days we are doing clinicals. Westwood is another clinical site that will be good for the students who live in Westwood and Chester.

The main purpose of this meeting is obvious; we struggle to get instructors. There isn't anyone from CCC or HDSP today so we can't get their input but it would be detrimental to this community if this

program was to be closed down. We need instructors and there are instructors who want to teach but don't want to give up their day job and we would accommodate them; this is not a full time commitment. There is one big obstacle the teaching course that every instructor has to have to teach; required by the Board of Vocational Nursing. We offer this course at the college but it was cancelled this semester because of lack of enrollment. There is an online course that is \$800. Gayle Triplett said that she took the course at Chico State during the summer. Monna said that she found another class but it wasn't online. The class offered at the college is a night class and we need to get nurses to enroll especially if they are interested in teaching; enrollment has to be six to eight for the class to go. If we don't get any instructors this program will close; Sue Mouck has spoken to the board about continuing the program but it won't happen if we don't have more instructors.

Monna said she would like to order the Sim Mom which is about \$30,000 but hesitates to order it until we know for sure that the program will continue.

Deanna asked if you have to be an RN to teach.

Monna said, "No, you can be an LVN".

KC said that you need to have an AA degree for the board of nursing.

Sue said that the board of nursing requires an AA degree they won't take any equivalent.

Monna told us that there is a nurse at Banner that is interested in the Director position.

Sue said that the time frame is very short.

Monna asked KC if anyone has applied and KC said she wasn't sure.

Monna said that the community needs this program. Many of our students are single moms, this is a one year program and they can be working within four months of graduating and wouldn't even have to leave the community. We can't afford to let it die. Maybe we could put something in the newspaper about how important the program is. Sue said that they have done pretty much everything already.

KC, "Is the dollar amount attractive at all?"

Monna, "Nothing to sneeze at, \$37 for adjunct faculty." "It would be seven hours a day."

KC, "Maybe we should put in the dollar amount to let them see, might be more attractive with the dollar amount."

Monna said that she could put it on the flyer.

Gayle, "It doesn't include prep time."

Monna, "Preparing clinical doesn't need prep time."

Monna said that the prep time for clinical is the instructor looks at the charts and make the assignments, grading papers after work, being paid 14 hours and working 16 hours.

Cherie asked if there would be a teaching class this summer.

Monna said that if people get their applications in and enrolled in the class there could be.

Sue said that they can schedule a class and then cancel it if no one enrolls.

Monna said that she would prepare a flyer and send it to Lori Collier at the college to look at and perk it up and make it catchier with some graphics to get everyone's attention. She will also might contact the newspaper and do an article.

KC said that we need to let the students know.

Sue agreed that we need to let the students know that we are doing everything we can but there might not be a program.

Debbie, "How many instructors, 10?"

Monna, "Yes that would work."

Gayle, "Do you need nurses two days a week?"

Monna said we could use instructors even one to two days a month. All our clinical sites will work with us except the VA; it is set in stone we go there in the summer because no one else wants the summer. It's a great site but the instructor has to have a bachelor's degree or masters to work in Reno in the VN program.

KC said that the students need to know that the schedule for the clinicals might not always be the same since we will be willing to work with the instructors.

Monna suggested even contacting retired nurses to work part time for us, but they have to have practiced within the last five years

Monna concluded that it is neat watching students grow; she said that she got a text from a former student thanking us for the training they received.

The next regular meeting will be in May.