

Nurse Practitioners of Oregon  
 NPO Professional Standards Committee  
 NPO Education Programs Meeting Minutes  
 18765 SW Boones Ferry Road, Suite 200  
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Meeting Date: August 21, 2012

Meeting Location: ONA Headquarters Conference Room

Attending: Lois Eaton, Jane Harrison-Hohner, Lynn Hayden, JC Provost, LuAnn Cook

ONA Staff: Susan King, Sue Davidson

Guests: Gail Houck (OHSU), Chris Tanner (OHSU), Gary Laustsen (OHSU), Tracy Klein (OSBN), Marie Napolitano (U of P), Diana Lithgow (Western Health Sciences California), Mary Rita Hurley (OCN), Cindy Fitzgerald (Washington State), Lin Murphy (Gonzaga)

1. Meeting called to order by Lois Eaton, Chairperson at 0735

2. Discussion

Topic and Discussion	Follow-up Action	Responsible Person(s)	Date Responsible
<b>Purpose of Meeting</b> Lois discussed current health care environment and the desire by NPO to work more closely with schools of nursing as well as the desire for new NPs to join with NPO. Lois asked questions to start discussion.			
<b>Numbers</b> OHSU – 38 FNP students in 2 years, 12-16 PMHNP, 12-16 Midwifery. U of P – 5 7-9 DNP/FNP this year, then will have 7, 9, 11 in coming years. Gonzaga – Fall 2012, 40 FNP and 10 PMHNP. Western – 10-15 usually, 3 Oregon numbers this year (60 total students). Wash. State – 10-12 Oregon FNP students usually at Vancouver FNP and PMHNP programs.			
<b>Do we have good data about projection for need?</b> OCN could do deeper dive, the health occupations report is on the website. OSBN data could be mined for		OCN/OSBN?	

<p>additional analysis.</p> <p><b>What is the experience in finding positions?</b></p> <p>U of P: 4 found employment. Hear from delivery system that they aren't sure how NPs will be used. Western: Oregon students all finding positions, usually where they are precepted, 50% rural, 50% urban. Gonzaga: most students have offers before graduation, some return to rural areas to work. WSU: usually offered positions before graduation. The surveys from graduates typically get a low response rate. Need to get information on retirements.</p> <p><b>Health care reform</b></p> <p>We have been successful at state policy tables but at the health system level there are many biases and policies that may not be supportive to a broad scope.</p>			
<p><b>Need for acute care training</b></p> <p>OHSU plans ACNP, initially a Post Master's certificate. Gonzaga has had discussion with Idaho CNO about the need for acute care prep but there is no current avenue for specialty training post certification. When will the Board begin to tighten FNP scope or others (PNP acute care NP of strong interest)? No answer yet as there are insufficient acute care programs available.</p>			
<p><b>Issue</b></p> <p>FNP students who do not intend to work in primary care. Students may intend to but positions opening up are in acute care. Western, Gonzaga and WSU did not feel that was a problem. Their students want primary care.</p>			
<p><b>Faculty capacity</b></p> <p>Salaries make it difficult to expand programs. Public institutions pay higher than private (Western hybrid program).</p>			
<p><b>Finding preceptors</b></p> <p>OSBN preceptor requirements have delayed obtaining</p>	<p>Bring idea of NPO website being a</p>	<p>Lois Eaton</p>	

clinical sites for some programs. Western has no problem finding preceptors for Oregon students. U of P currently has no difficulty but increased pressure from out of state students and increased time to arrange. The need for a cooperative effort with schools to arrange for preceptors was identified. DNP programs will extend need for preceptors. Current practice for recruiting preceptors by schools generally hit or miss, no formal process for the schools. Word of mouth usually prevails, standardization prep needed for preceptors, database needed to match preceptors and the range of experience they can offer.	vehicle for helping with preceptor issues: mentor system, matching willing preceptors with programs to executive committee.  Discuss at future meeting with SON mechanics of how schools may share preceptor resources.		
<b>NPO Membership</b> Lois invited group to encourage membership among faculty and students. Participants requested that the NPO email newsletter be sent to students via faculty in the various schools.	Email addresses for attendees from the nursing schools to this meeting should be included on the mailing list for the NPO email newsletter.	Pisith Kong	
JC stated need for a future discussion about NP faculty shortage and preparation for their role in teaching.			
<b>Next steps/agendas</b> 1. Data and analysis and funding 2. Meet again in three months (November); ONA will sent out meeting wizard for several dates 3. Role of ONLC, invite a rep 4. Send minutes, and NPO conference brochure to participants	1, 3) Susan will investigate how this data analysis can be funded, possibly by ONLC (Mary Rita?) 2. Meeting wizard for November to be sent to invitees to this meeting, Topic: issues around data on need for NPs and funding resources 4. Send meeting minutes to attendees	1, 3) Susan King  2. Pisith Kong  4. Pisith Kong	1, 3) End of September?  2. Meeting wizard will be sent at end of September  4. When completed

Adjournment: 9:10am  
Next Meeting Date: TBD

Submitted by Susan King, Acting Recorder