Cabinet on Education
May 1, 2014

Present: Beverly Epeneter, Patricia Bellamy, Kay Carnegie, Jan Killen (telephone)
Unable to attend: Tracy Fawns
ONA staff: Tara Gregory

I. Introduction

Minutes of February 13, 2014 were reviewed and corrected.

II. Networking and reports

Patricia participated in a meeting where Governor Kitzhaber spoke out against coal trains. She is also working on health outreach group that is involved with Sierra Club. Patricia also testified about oil train initiative. She has consulted with the ONA Cabinet on Health Policy and continues to remain active in the campaign against coal trains. The Cabinet considers this important business to track as this issue has the potential for a major impact on health. The Cabinet suggests that this issue should be brought to the attention of nursing students in our state.

Kay announced that she is retiring from the Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) at the end of her term this December, 2014. She verbalized that she would, however, like to continue her participation in and membership on this Cabinet. Kay reports that there is a site where you can submit an application if you want to serve on the OSBN. Governor is focusing on more diverse board.

Bev reports that she has had some difficulty with clinical placements especially in the last semester. This, of course, is difficult for faculty as well as students. There is a proposal for a new tracking system where the students will pay $35. (Kay)-this is in the Salem/Santiam Hospital/Silverton area.
III. Priorities for 2014-2015 year

OSBN Updates:

Kay: Education advisory group is starting soon at the OSBN.

Suggested changes to undergraduate nursing curriculum and inclusion of Staffing Law updates:

There is discussion about how to inform students about the staffing law. Kay suggests that ONA could send out the two page Staffing Law Information sheet to the schools. Also send legislative update. Anecdotal reports that demonstrate success.

Priorities for 2015:

Recruitment – Providence has a dedicated education unit. Bev suggested that we could have a student member on the Cabinet. ONA staff will invite Kathy Gannett to next meeting to address question of having a student member on the Cabinet – will ask Kathy to consult the Bylaws. Patricia also may know someone who may be interested in joining the Cabinet. Bev went to National Student Nurse Conference with four students.

Cabinet goal to identify methods for better connection with the students so that they see the benefit of affiliation with a professional organization.

How to prepare nurses to practice nursing out in the community. How to integrate with other types of workers that may serve worker in the community. Emphasis on health and wellness rather than medical model. There is general group discussion on this point. The Cabinet is suggesting the design of a new model of care delivery with nursing at the center as a leader.

OSBN meeting report given by Kay. Legislative concept: using the term nurse. OSBN is not making a decision until June on OCN licensing fees. Kay addresses decisions about pre-licensure programs and how nurses will come to rural schools for education and then leave the area for work. Unfortunately, this appears to be a trend. Also, the approval process for new pre-licensure programs is discussed. Tara acknowledges that Joy's presentation from a recent meeting with the Cabinet and associated suggestions from Cabinet members have been integrated and the process seems to have improved.

IV. Ideas and thoughts for guest attendance

Cabinet will be inviting more SNs to Cabinet meeting. Kay suggests that perhaps the Cabinet meetings could be hosted at Linfield or Chemeketa in the future.

Bev traveling to Hong Kong to present on supporting colleague with an addiction.

Next meeting is set for July 10, 2014. Subsequent meeting dates will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
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