

Helena College Department of Nursing Education
 Meeting Minutes
Nursing Department Community Advisory Board
 April 5, 2019

Members Present: Sandy Sacry, Deb Rapaport, Mary Patrick, Tina Arvish, Greg Thompson, Deb Charlton, Elaine Schuchard, Natascha Robinson and Lakota Lawson.

Recorded by: Brenda Johnson

This meeting was called to order at 12:07pm

Topic	Discussion	Action
Review of Minutes		
Review of Cohorts	Sandy Sacry talked about second group of LPN students in the new LPN curriculum is currently attending Helena College, but only 7 viable applicaitons. Discussion was had on how to better market the LPN program.	Helena college will work to market the LPN certificate more.
	Discussion Sandy Sacry also announced that the Nursing ASRN program will move away from the LPN Pathway to a Bridge curriculum. New curriculum will allow LPN's into the ASRN program by attrition only. This will start Spring 2020.	
RN to BSN articulation agreements	Discussion Sandy Sacry spoke of our articulation agreement with Western Governors and Montana Tech for their RN to BSN programs.	
Pinning Ceremony	Discussion Everyone was invited to Pinning. St. Mary's Catholic Community Church on May 10 at 2pm.	
Career Fair Pinning Ceremony	Discussion Deb Rapaport invited everyone to the Nursing Career Fair that will be held April 9 from 11am – 1pm. She went on to explain whom all will attend.	
Pass rates	Discussion LPN: 100% RN: 100%	

Board of Nursing update	Sandy Sacry reported on the latest Board of Nursing meeting. Board of Nursing has a new task force for simulation. Would like more faculty educated to teach by simulation. Clara Rauch-Davis is certified to teach in simulation. Kristina Kenning's masters capstone is on simulation as well.	
	Discussion Second task force is on rule changes. This task force will meet April 10.	
Topic Changes from December ASRN program assessments	Discussion Bridge Program – Already spoken about.	Action
Topic	Discussion LPN Block format will switch to non-block format. Program will run Spring / Fall with Summers off.	Action
Topic	Discussion ASRN application now gives an extra point if students take A&P II prior to applying to the program. Helps reduce with the first semester load.	Action
Topic	Discussion 1 time application acceptance for ASRN program. Will be last Monday in April through second Monday in May each year. Encourages all students that do not have A&P II and MicroBiology to come in the Spring and take these two classes the fall term.	Action
Topic	Discussion No longer require students to have CNA License prior to applying to the LPN program.	

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06pm