

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Committee on Academic and Workforce Success

AGENDA ITEM V-K (7)

Consideration of adopting the staff recommendation to the Committee relating to the appointment of members to the Nursing Field of Study Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION: Appoint members:

Julie Arteaga, MSN, CNE
Erin Bailey, DNP, RN, FNP-C
Pauline Ballesteros, MSN, RN
Joan Becker, MA, BSN, RN
Linda Carpenter, PhD, RN, FAAN
Alysa Bass Cummins, MSN, RN
Evangeline De Leon, RN
Wendy Donnell, PhD, MSN, BSN, CHSE, RN
Carmen Edwards, MSN, RN
Debra Fontenot, DNP, RN, CPNP, CNE
Kerri Hines, MSN/ED., RN
Melinda Mitchell Jones, MSN, JD, RN
Rebecca C. Krepper, PhD, MBA, RN, NEA-BC

Sue Ann Lopez, MSN, RN
Mary E. Mancini, PhD, MSN
Debra Wise Matthews, PhD, RN
Christina Murphey, PhD, RN
Linda Raymond, MSN, RN
Mary T. Rivard, PhD, RNC-OB
Manuel Santa Cruz, DNP, MSN, MBA, RN,
NE-BC
Marvella Starlin, MSN, RN
Kathryn Tart, EdD, MSN, RN
Nancy Walters, MSN, RN
Teng-Yuan (Erica) Yu, PhD, RN

The nomination of Marvella Starlin, MSN, RN, replaces the nomination of Pearl Merritt, EdD, MSN, RN, who is unable to serve because of a family illness.

Background Information:

Coordinating Board staff requests member appointments for the Nursing Field of Study Advisory Committee.

The committee is charged with identifying the block of courses which must be substituted in transfer to a general academic teaching institution for that institution's lower-division requirements for the nursing degree program. Students completing the Nursing Field of Study will receive full academic credit toward the degree program for the block of courses transferred.

The 24-member committee will be composed of faculty and administrators from institutions across the state, with 12 members from health-related institutions (HRIs) and general academic institutions (GAIs) that offer one or more baccalaureate degree programs in

nursing and 12 members from community and technical colleges that offer associate degrees in nursing (ADNs). The individuals were consulted by their institutions about serving on this committee before they were nominated. Each university system or institution of higher education which offers an undergraduate nursing degree program was invited to nominate an individual to the committee, and the majority of the recommended members are faculty members.

Tasks assigned to the committee include advising the Board, providing Board staff with feedback about processes and procedures, and addressing any other issues related to the Nursing Field of Study Curriculum as determined by the Board. The committee members will serve staggered terms of up to three years.

Dr. Rex C. Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, is available to answer questions.

Brief summaries of the nominees' academic credentials follow:

Julie Arteaga, MSN, CNE, is Associate Professor of Nursing at Navarro College and teaches ADN courses. Previously, Ms. Arteaga taught Vocational Nursing (VN) at Navarro while working at Navarro Regional Hospital.

Erin Bailey, DNP, RN, FNP-C, is Assistant Professor at the Richard and Lucille DeWitt School of Nursing at Stephen F. Austin State University. Dr. Bailey has been chair of the university's curriculum committee for 12 years and redesigned the generic bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) curriculum and the Registered Nurse (RN)-Transition curriculum.

Pauline Ballesteros, MSN, RN, was a member of the original 2002 Nursing Field of Study Advisory committee. She was instrumental in developing the LVN program at El Paso Community College (EPCC) and currently serves as EPCC's Associate Degree Nursing Program Coordinator.

Joan Becker, MA, BSN, RN, is Dean of Nursing at El Centro College and responsible for Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), LVN to RN, and ADN programs. She is in charge of curriculum changes and serves on the Advisory Council for Education for the Texas Board of Nursing.

Linda Carpenter, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been at The University of Texas at Austin since 1998 and serves as Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Programs in the School of Nursing, previously serving as Division Chair for Family and Public Health Nursing and Assistant Dean of Student and Clinical Affairs. Dr. Carpenter earned her Nurse Educator Certification from the National League for Nursing.

Alysa Bass Cummins, MSN, RN, is a nursing instructor at Angelina College. She served as Second Level Nursing Team Leader from 2012 to 2014. She teaches pediatrics, adult medical surgical, and critical care nursing.

Evangeline De Leon, RN, is Department Chair of Nursing Education at Del Mar College. Involved in the Texas Concept-Based Nursing Curriculum Project, she was most recently on the Education Committee of the Texas Nurses Association in 2015 to examine undergraduate nursing programs.

Wendy Donnell, PhD, MSN, BSN, CHSE, RN, is Assistant Professor and Chair of the College Curriculum Committee at Texas A&M International University and led faculty in developing new curricula for TAMIU's undergraduate nursing programs.

Carmen Edwards, MSN, RN, is Chair of Midland College's Associate Degree Nursing Program (appointed 2012) and Dean of Health Sciences. She has more than 20 years of educational experience at both Odessa College and Midland College.

Debra Fontenot, DNP, RN, CPNP, CNE, is Director of Associate Degree Nursing at Alvin Community College (Alvin CC). Dr. Fontenot has more than 15 years of teaching experience and is a pediatric nurse practitioner. Under her guidance, Alvin CC recently received a Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grant from the Texas Comptroller's Office to introduce clinical simulation in its registered nurse program.

Kerri Hines, MSN/ED., RN, currently serves as the department chair of VN/ADN programs at San Jacinto College North Campus. She has been a member of the nursing faculty since 2005 and is responsible for program compliance with the Texas State Board of Nursing and curriculum development.

Melinda Mitchell Jones, MSN, JD, RN, is Associate Professor and Associate Dean at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) School of Nursing and supported efforts to develop a new TTUHSC web-based nursing degree for veterans with prior military medical training. Dr. Jones is responsible for TTUHSC's RN to BSN program.

Rebecca C. Krepper, PhD, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, is Professor of Nursing at Nelda C. Stark College of Nursing at Texas Woman's University. With more than 28 years of experience as a member of the nursing faculty, Dr. Krepper is an expert in curriculum development and serves as a site evaluator for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education's standards for the accreditation of baccalaureate nursing programs.

Sue Ann Lopez, MSN, RN, is Dean of Health Occupations at South Plains College and provides leadership for 10 different allied health and nursing programs in addition to providing support for the Center for Clinical Experience. Ms. Lopez served on the Nursing Common Application Taskforce in 2014 and the Nursing Field of Study Committee in 2009.

Mary E. Mancini, PhD, MSN, is Senior Associate Dean at the College of Nursing and Health Innovation at The University of Texas at Arlington. Dr. Mancini has served on many THECB, Board of Nursing, and Texas Nursing Association education committees, including the THECB's Uniform Pre-Nursing Curriculum Committee.

Debra Wise Matthews, PhD, RN, has 15 years of experience as a College of Nursing faculty educator with progressive academic administrative experience, including 10 years as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. She has also served on the THECB's Uniform Pre-Nursing Curriculum Advisory Committee.

Christina Murphey, PhD, RN, is Undergraduate Department Chair for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, College of Nursing and Health Sciences. She administers the undergraduate nursing and health sciences curriculum and serves on several college and university curriculum committees.

Linda Raymond, MSN, RN, has been a clinical instructor at The University of Texas at Tyler since 2007, most recently teaching Health Assessment, a hybrid course for first-level nursing students with online lecture and face-to-face labs. An experienced RN-staff nurse, she has worked at Hospice of East Texas.

Mary T. Rivard, PhD, RNC-OB, has 22 years of experience as a practicing RN and is credentialed in the specialty area of Labor and Delivery. With 14 years of experience as a professional nursing educator, Dr. Rivard currently serves as ADN Program Director for Vernon College.

Manuel Santa Cruz, DNP, MSN, MBA, RN, NE-BC, is Assistant Dean and Assistant Professor at the Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in El Paso. Dr. Santa Cruz has extensive content knowledge in nursing learning outcomes and was instrumental in developing the RN-BSN track.

Marvella Starlin, MSN, RN, is Director of Nursing at Cisco College. Cisco College and Texas Tech University have designed a seamless pathway for students to advance from the LVN program to a BSN.

Kathryn Tart, EdD, MSN, RN, is Dean of the School of Nursing for the University of Houston. With an in-depth understanding of nursing curricula at the undergraduate level, Dr. Tart has worked with the Texas Nurses Association to facilitate pathways for ADN graduates to seamlessly accomplish their baccalaureate degrees.

Nancy Walters, MSN, RN, is currently serving as a faculty member and Assistant Dean Health Sciences, Privacy Officer, and Committee Chair at Austin Community College. She also served as department chair of the ADN program for six years.

Teng-Yuan (Erica) Yu, PhD, RN, has been a nurse for more than 20 years and has more than 15 years of experience teaching undergraduate nursing programs. Dr. Yu is serving as the Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Programs since January 2015 and leads the curriculum committee at the School of Nursing, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. She has a long standing relationship with Houston Methodist Hospital and Memorial Hermann Health System as a faculty partner and consultant for the nursing residency program evaluation and accreditation.