

University System of Georgia
 Nursing Education Task Force
 July 28, 2009

Members Present: Lucy Marion, Susan Kelley, Jean Bartels, Anita Hufft, Richard Sowell, Toni Barnett, Joyce Johnson, and Julia Gould. Guests Present: Ben Robinson, Dara O’Neil, Chris Albrecht and Kristi Fuller

Minutes of March 24, 2009 were approved as distributed.

AGENDA ITEM	DECISION	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Lucy Marion, Chair of the NETF discussed with the group a several issues that impact nursing education in GA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Criminal Background - status on applications to nursing schools – some students may answer “No” they have never been arrested on their applications, but the criminal background check is the final word. b) Citizenship Status – everyone must prove. c) Paying for Clinical Space - it is difficult to find space as it is, if you have to pay for it the problem will intensify. 	Marion	N/A
BON Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia Gould from the BON gave an update on developing programs in the state. There are currently 48 programs, 9 of which are in development – most are BSN. 	Gould	N/A
Subgroups			
Faculty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2009 Nursing Faculty Conference planning is underway. Registration is now available on the Center website. • The ACM, TAP, and Service Cancelable Loan proposals were discussed with the HPAC and minor changes were recommended. • The Tax Credit proposal is moving forward within the BOR for approval. 	Sowell and Center Staff	Ongoing
Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centralized Student Application was discussed by Anita Hufft, Lead of the Student Subgroup. The NETF asked if a representative could come to the AACON meeting to discuss the product in detail. • A working group has been formed to look into consolidated purchasing options for standardized testing. 	Hufft	Ongoing
Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The third module (Lab Values: Interpretation and Application) has been launched. • New Core Requirements will be looked at once the semester started to see if there 	Bartels	Ongoing

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	might be some way to standardize the curriculum.		
Clinical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subgroup Lead Joyce Johnson discussed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Possible development of a preceptorship module that would provide a tool to benefit the facility and/or students. b) Simulation efforts have been stalled due to budget, but MCG could possibly be a model. c) Alternate Clinical Experiences – What studies have been done to evaluate the effectiveness of simulation? d) Dedicated Education Floors 	Johnson	Ongoing
Other Updates			
Center for Health Workforce Planning and Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NETF Grant Report is being created for Year 2. Concern was voiced by the NETF that there have been major budget impacts that will affect the graduation numbers and how this will affect future funding. • Policy Briefs – Nursing Shortage and Nursing Faculty – Comments and edits need to be sent to Dara. • HRSA – there will be more funds this year. The group was asked to continue looking for opportunities. • WIA funds from DOL – due Oct.5, looking at health informatics, bridge programs, 2nd career, displaced RNs. 	Center Staff	Ongoing
NEEP Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HPAC had some concerns with the NEEP: faculty salaries, regional simulation, ratio of ASN to BSN, improving the environment for nursing in GA (Nurse Practice Act). NETF members suggested the following changes be made in reaction to the HPAC concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Change the language to “exploring issues” related to faculty salaries b) Change the language “exploring issues” related to regional simulation c) Change the language related to the ratio of ASN to BSN to being supportive of increasing the overall education level of RNs in Georgia d) Removal of the last goal related to the nursing practice environment in 	Center Staff	9/22

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Georgia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Center Staff will update with approved changes and will send the NEEP back to the NETF for edits and recommendations. 		
CCNA Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The need to expand the base of advocacy beyond the nurse education groups and need for an infrastructure was discussed. This will be added to the next agenda. 	NETF	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next scheduled meeting of the NETF is September 22 via WIMBA from noon until 3pm. 	Albrecht	N/A

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