

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
EDUCATION/LICENSING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: October 17, 2024

10:00 a.m. **Start Time:** 10:00 a.m.

Location: **NOTE:** Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code section 11133 a physical meeting location was not being provided.

The Board of Registered Nursing held a public meeting via a teleconference platform.

Thursday, October 17, 2024 - BRN Education/Licensing Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. **8.0** **Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum**

Jovita Dominguez, BSN, RN, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at: 10:00 a.m. All members present. Quorum was established at 10:01 a.m.

Loretta Melby provided some housekeeping information to include letting the public know the EIC meeting will follow the ELC meeting and to keep comments related to that committee until that time. She also addressed the school representatives who came to the Sacramento public meeting location to let them know they did not need to come in person and could participate remotely as all committee members do. She said there is no requirement for the EO or NEC to attend in person and they do so remotely. She spoke about Bagley-Keene forbidding public participants to speak directly with board members about any agenda items outside of the public presentation.

Board Members: Jovita Dominguez, BSN, RN-Chairperson
Dolores Trujillo, RN – President
Patricia “Tricia” Wynne, Esq.

BRN Staff: Loretta (Lori) Melby, RN, MSN – Executive Officer
Mary Ann McCarthy, EdD, MSN, RN, PHN, Supervising Nursing Education Consultant - Staff Liaison

10:08 a.m.

8.1

Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda; Items for Future Agendas

Note: The Committee may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during the Public Comment section that is not included on this agenda, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Gov. Code, §§ 11125 & 11125.7, subd. (a).)

Public Comment for Agenda Item 8.1:

Alice Montanegara, Golden West College – In their region, Orange County, at the community college level, they are losing clinical sites by the day and makes it difficult for them to sustain and maintain their resources and strong workforce funding ties to their growth pattern. She wanted the board to be aware of what’s going on in the region and any considerations that impact to this region for clinical placements to the community colleges as they are fully saturated in their area.

10:13 a.m.

8.2

Review and vote on whether to approve previous meeting minutes:

8.2.1 April 18, 2024

8.2.2 June 20, 2024

Committee Discussion: No comments or questions.

Motion: Dolores Trujillo **Motion to Accept ELC Meeting Minutes from April 18, 2024 and June 20, 2024, and allow BRN Staff to make non-substantive changes to correct name misspellings and/or typos that may be discovered in the document.**

Second: Jovita Dominguez

Public Comment for Agenda Item 8.2.1:

8.2.1:

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

10:15 a.m.

8.3 Discussion and possible action regarding whether to recommend ratification of minor curriculum revisions and acknowledge receipt of program progress reports (16 CCR § 1426), and whether to recommend ratification of clinical facility approval or other action (16 CCR § 1427) (consent) (schools under consideration are identified in the meeting materials)

Committee Discussion: No comments or questions.

Motion: **Patricia Wynne** Motion to Recommend ratification of curriculum revisions, clinical agency, or facility approvals, and acknowledge receipt of program progress reports.

Second: **Jovita Dominguez**

Public Comment for Agenda Item 8.3:

Kendra Hoepper, Dominican University – She wanted to clarify if the minor curriculum revisions can be implemented so long as they are communicated to the board. Mary Ann McCarthy said as long as the NEC approves it and gives approval to be added to the list then those are approved by the NEC, brought forward to ELC, and the board. Loretta Melby gave additional clarification by pointing to the language in the Agenda Item Summary.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

10:22 a.m.

8.4 Discussion and possible action regarding whether to recommend approval, acceptance, or other action for approved nursing programs (consent)

Continuing approval of prelicensure nursing programs (BPC § 2788; 16 CCR §§ 1423)

8.4.1 California State University Chico Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program

8.4.2 Concordia University Irvine Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program

- 8.4.3 Dominican University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.4 Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.5 Point Loma Nazarene University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.6 Career Care Institute Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.7 Chabot College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.8 DeAnza College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.9 Sacramento City College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.10 Xavier College Associate Degree Nursing Program

Prelicensure nursing program curriculum unit adjustment or other changes (16 CCR §§ 1426)

- 8.4.11 California State University Stanislaus Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.12 Concordia University Irvine Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.13 Monterey Peninsula College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.14 Grossmont College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.15 Golden West College Associate Degree Nursing Program

Continuing approval of an advanced practice (nurse practitioner) nursing program (BPC § 2788; 16 CCR § 1483.1)

- 8.4.16 California State University Dominguez Hills Family Nurse Practitioner Program

Initial Approval Advanced Practice (Nurse Practitioner) Nursing Programs BPC § 2788; 16 CCR §§ 1483.1)

- 8.4.17 Point Loma Nazarene University Family Nurse Practitioner Program
- 8.4.18 Vanguard University Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program

Discussion and possible action regarding whether to recommend approval of clinical practice experience required for nurse practitioner students enrolled in non-California based nurse practitioner education programs (16 CCR § 1486)

- 8.4.19 Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY
- 8.4.20 Hawai'i Pacific University, Honolulu, HI
- 8.4.21 Purdue Global School of Nursing, West Lafayette, IN
- 8.4.22 Simmons University, Boston, MA
- 8.4.23 University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Committee

Discussion: Patricia Wynne asked Mary Ann McCarthy what types of clinicals are being approved for the out of state NP programs. Mary Ann McCarthy said the NECs do not approve the programs or schools because they are all over the country. However, if they have students in California who are taking an online NP program in another state, they send documentation to the board showing how they're meeting the regulation for clinical training in California. Questions may be asked for clarification that they are meeting the regulations to have students doing clinicals in California, then they are approved and make the list. Loretta Melby shared her screen to show where the out of state NP programs are listed on the BRN website. Patricia Wynne asked if these students are taking clinical spaces. She said this is blurry because of the upcoming agenda items. She cannot remember how these have been handled in the past for the out of state schools. Loretta Melby said these are different yet similar. The board oversees the pre-licensure nursing programs which have a different clinical focus. These do not affect those. She spoke about a bill that was sponsored by Nightingale University out of Utah asking for out of state pre-licensure nursing programs to come into California to do their clinicals. The board doesn't have authority over NP clinicals and have no authority to monitor it even though it is impacted and a free for all. The NP program must find the clinical placements for their students and if they are unable then they cannot enroll students. The board does not approve enrollment or increases in the programs. They let the board know what they are enrolling and that is put through to the board. NP programs must be nationally accredited to get approved by our board as a California in state program and if they lose their accreditation they lose the board's approval.

Dolores Trujillo said these schools are already approved and this is just continuing approval, right? She's confused. Loretta Melby provided additional clarification. The law was passed in 2019. Out of state NP programs were already in California doing clinicals and the law requires them to apply to the board to ensure they are in compliance. Mary Ann McCarthy gave a comparison of in state NP program approval versus approving clinicals for the out of state NP programs. All committee members appreciate the explanation. Loretta Melby pointed to pages 58 talking about clinical impactation issues and faculty concerns.

Motion: Jovita Dominguez Motion to Recommend continuing approval of prelicensure nursing programs, prelicensure nursing program curriculum unit adjustment or other changes, and prelicensure nursing program unit adjustment or other changes (no

enrollment increase), continuing approval of an advanced practice (nurse practitioner) nursing programs, initial approval advanced practice (Nurse Practitioner) nursing programs, discussion and possible action regarding whether to recommend approval of clinical practice experience required for nurse practitioner students enrolled in non-California based nurse practitioner education programs.

Second: Patricia Wynne

**Public Comment
for Agenda Item
8.4:**

Libeth – She didn’t understand the motion and asked if Purdue Global University was approved for out of state school and students can do clinicals in California. Mary Ann McCarthy said yes.

Ima – She asked if the schools involved will be receiving a formal letter from either the ELC or BRN of that recommendation. Loretta Melby said not today. This must go to the board meeting in November. We are updating the website to put board action letters accessible on the website for the future and you will have access to that at that point.

Mary Ann McCarthy clarified the answer to Libeth that this is a recommendation to the board who must approve at their meeting in November. If Libeth has any questions, she can reach out to her. Loretta Melby said the meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2024.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

10:46 a.m.

8.5 Discussion and possible action regarding whether to recommend continuing approval or other action for approved nursing program currently on deferred status (BPC § 2788; 16 CCR §§ 1423 & 1423.2) (present)

West Coast University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program

**Committee
Discussion:**

There was a discussion between Dolores Trujillo, Loretta Melby, and Mary Ann McCarthy, about the motion because West Coast University must start their next cohort on October 28, 2024, to complete their non-compliance issues.

Motion: Dolores Trujillo Motion to Recommend deferral to the November Board meeting on the continuing approval status for West Coast University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program to allow for verification of the October 28, 2024 enrollment numbers to clear the area of non-compliance.

Second: Jovita Dominguez

Public Comment for Agenda Item 8.5: No Public Requests for Comments

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

10:53 a.m.

8.6 Discussion and possible action regarding acceptance of substantive changes to an approved program (16 CCR § 1432) (present)

Loretta Melby said the Agenda Item Summary is prepared by the NEC and the following page is a data sheet with the various regions, the next page is from the program with their information and data. The AIS and program data may not match.

8.6.1 American Career College Associate Degree Nursing Program (enrollment increase)

Committee Discussion:

Dolores Trujillo said it is her understanding the program is already enrolling these numbers without displacement. Loretta Melby said this has been going on for a few years. They came back to ask for more students and that was granted. This will cause no additional impact at this point.

Patricia Wynne said there is a track record with this request and is comfortable with this approach. She wants to be sensitive to what is going on with the other schools.

After Public Comment:

Patricia Wynne said it is difficult to balance other schools and is glad there are consortiums and that schools talk with one another. It's disturbing to hear a disconnect where a school was not on the radar and this program could displace other students and gives her pause. She encourages the schools to talk to one another and BRN staff can help improve communication. Because this is an ongoing program, she's prepared to support the motion, but it is upsetting to hear this at the last minute.

Jovita Dominguez said that is a great comment. She doesn't feel the members have any power over that. She asked if Loretta Melby can help them because that brings them to 8.7 which she has a hard time after reading all that. She understands the concern and is pretty sure President Trujillo might have the same comment. She said maybe this could be brought to sunset by Loretta Melby. She feels their hands are tied and may be wrong. Loretta Melby said an ask can be made during sunset for the academic partners, but she doesn't have any authority and this would not be in a BRN sunset bill at all. She is a huge proponent of consortiums, but they are only as successful as those who use them. It is up to the healthcare facilities to use the consortiums. The BRN doesn't have any authority over this. The bill this year would have helped this issue, but it did not make it through the process. She hopes another bill will be brought forward to deal with this issue.

After Vote:

Dolores Trujillo said the temporary increase was done in 2022. She knows the marketing has changed since then as far as clinical impaction for these schools. It would have been helpful if these schools spoke up two years ago and anticipation of the impaction occurring is possible. She knows it's hard to see down the line, but they appreciate any member in public comments especially the schools. They're taking the word of the NECs and public and trying to put all this together. She said she noticed this year the schools are speaking up more and they appreciate the information. Loretta Melby said the schools did speak up in 2022 which the board did take into consideration where they denied the request from ACC at that point and when ACC came back later in the year and altered the request to continue what they had already done. The board is staying consistent with this where they did not grant an increase to ACC in LA since 2022 even though they asked for it.

Motion: Dolores Trujillo

Recommend acceptance of the substantive change(s) requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for American Career College Associate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of:

- To make permanent, an additional 20 students for the LA campus and an additional 30 students for the Ontario campus with the enrollment pattern outlined below:
 - Los Angeles campus to enroll 35 students in February, 30 students in May, 40 students in July, 30 students in October and 35 students in December for a total of 170 students annually.
 - Ontario campus to enroll 30 students in February, 30 students in May, 35 students in July, 30 students in October and 30 students in December for a total of 155 students annually.
- Total program annual enrollment: 325 students

Second: Jovita Dominguez

**11:01 a.m. Public Comment
for Agenda Item
8.6.1:**

Ima – She would like to clarify what factors are being considered in approving the enrollment increase, how frequent can a school ask for an enrollment increase, she congratulates West Coast University, but her concern is the residents in the Lancaster area and schools can have a 100-mile radius approved for clinical. There are only three hospitals here and an enrollment increase of more than 100 and they are going to travel 100 miles and impact those that are there. It hasn't been one year, and it was said they are Los Angeles campus should have an improvement in the pass rate before an increase can be approved. She doesn't know if that's been met because it's been less than one year. She wants to express herself because they have 32 students and she's losing her faculty because she cannot guarantee consistency because they only have one enrollment in October. She requested an enrollment increase and she's been put on hold. She

waited five years to request an enrollment increase. Loretta Melby asked some questions of the commenter to include what program which is Career Care Institute in the Los Angeles area. She explained the previous requests as not being enrollment increases. She said the assigned NEC can work with the commenter on her request.

Alice Martanegara – She is commenting on behalf of Mary Steckler who cannot attend today. They oppose the request for the permanent enrollment increase especially for one of their hospitals listed on this request. She is the president of the Orange County/Long Beach Consortium who also opposes the enrollment increase because the Foothill Hospital is not in their CCPS system. They are making private arrangements without the knowledge of the consortium system. Santa Ana College has been limited to five students per clinical rotation and she has 60 students to place every semester for pediatrics which is having to struggle every semester to look for clinical placements to ensure students are progressing in her program. They want to make sure they enter this in public comment on behalf of their consortium and community colleges. Loretta Melby provided additional context about this request for the permanent enrollment increase, concerns about the consortium comments even though that is not part of the laws and regulations governing clinical practice considerations by the board.

LA Downtown Medical Center – Asks the board to consider and supports American Career College and West Coast University increase. They are in desperate need for a shortage of nursing. She is in support of their nursing increase. Loretta Melby clarified that these requests are not for enrollment increases. She explained that these enrollments do not take effect for a few months and the students will be in school for a minimum of two years. UCSF projects the numbers to clear the RN deficit will be in 2028. There is a projection of a surplus of 6,000 RNs at that time. Dolores Trujillo urges the commenter to look at the recent new grads to fill vacancies. Commenter said they are looking to expand their facility in 2026 and this would work perfectly. They have sister locations and are constantly hiring nurses. Loretta Melby spoke about the growth in graduates in region eight.

Ruby Griggs Gabbedon – She supports American Career College's continued enrollment pattern. She is a clinical partner with ACC at LA General. The enrollment pattern has not impacted other clinical rotations.

Nataly Toscano – She supports the American Career College application. She had the opportunity to advance from a LVN to RN at ACC. It allowed her to give back to her community in a meaningful

way. She's a geriatric case manager at an all-inclusive adult care center in LA where most patients are Hispanic. She's a proud daughter of immigrants and it's hard to find nurses that speak Spanish.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

Chair Trujillo reordered agenda to take 8.8.2

11:34 a.m.

8.8.2 Pepperdine University Baccalaureate and Entry Level Master's Degree Nursing Programs

Committee

Discussion: Dolores Trujillo asked the cost of the program. Mary Ann McCarthy said a representative could answer but it is included in the AIS. Michael Feltner said the cost is \$258,000-268,000 for the entire four years. The two-year pathway is estimated net cost is \$76,900-86,900 and the ELM is \$158,936. Dolores Trujillo asked if the program had met with other schools in the area to discuss clinical. Dr. Angela Coaston said she met with the hospital CNOs, directors of education, as well as attended both the LA and Ventura County consortiums. They met with the community colleges and universities to discuss clinical placements.

Patricia Wynne said the region is heavily affected and the members hear bringing in new students into the area that is so impacted displaces other students. Can you provide some context about how those conversations went and where you hope to do your clinical placements. Dr. Angela Coaston gave some of her background and she has extensive experience in clinical affiliations and worked with the hospitals in the inland empire and consortium on innovative ideas on how to get their students placed. They talked about why displacement is happening. She said some of the issue is the community colleges graduate ADNs and the hospitals are looking for BSNs. They talked about what they could do to support the community colleges and get their students BSN prepared. She spoke about the hospitals seeking magnet status looking for BSN or ELM nurses. They spoke about getting clinical placements through concurrent enrollment. She spoke about ways they were able to show availability in region five. Dolores Trujillo asked if there were other examples of conversations with community colleges and four-year institutions. Dr. Angela Coaston said she spoke with a community college in Orange County and let them know they would not be in Orange County. She

said they looked at a platform in Michigan and Austin, Texas where they bring groups together on that platform. It was about strategies on how they can work together with the community colleges about concurrent enrollment. They talked about pediatrics and mental health and how those areas are largely impacted. Can they go into schools, camps and other areas. Creating clinical spaces like mobile health clinics, her specialty. Loretta Melby clarified that hospitals seeking magnet status do not require a percentage of bachelor prepared bedside nurses. The percentage is focused on management in nursing, and they recommend the master's degree. There's no requirement for bedside nurses.

After Public Comment:

Patricia Wynne asked if most clinical rotations would be in Ventura or south into LA. Dr. Angela Coaston said primarily in Ventura County, Los Robles. Dignity Health, Northridge is one of their partners, Kaiser Permanente, West Hills. They have eight facilities that have agreed and they're looking at long term care facilities like Kindred. Patricia Wynne asked Loretta Melby for some guidance on this. Loretta Melby provided a variety of options for the members. Patricia Wynne likes the idea of trying to figure out how much space there is in within the region but does not feel competent to make the decision. She asked Loretta Melby and Mary Ann McCarthy if they can assist with this. Loretta Melby said an option is to defer to the board since she does not think anything will happen in one month. Patricia Wynne asked if the committee could discuss at the full board meeting. Loretta Melby said any motion is a recommendation and nothing happens until the board decides. The board could say they're deferring and not deciding, ask them to look someplace else, ask for additional information. Any decision by the board would take place at that meeting. She spoke about other new programs seeking approval being given other options such as looking at another area of the state. She is surprised there was no public comment about this request. Mary Ann McCarthy said they can only look at concrete data on the data sheets and no jurisdiction over facilities.

Jovita Dominguez began to read the motion as written on the slide. Loretta Melby asked if the enrollment numbers were being changed as that had been discussed. Jovita Dominguez asked if the other members had thoughts. Loretta Melby asked how the enrollment numbers were considered. Dr. Angela Coaston said 56 in the initial enrollment and 16 pathway and 16 ELM. Loretta Melby asked if the 56 is a generic BSN starting from GE all the way through and what is considered pathway? Dr. Angela Coaston said she wanted to defer to Dean Feltner. Michael Feltner said the BSN will have a four year and two-year pathway. The BSN program will have a four-year pathway

with 56 in the fall, two-year pathway BSN will be 16 in the fall and 16 in the spring. ELM will be 16 in the fall and 16 in the spring. The four-year program will be a traditional BSN. The two-year pathway will be for the community colleges to enter into the BSN program. Loretta Melby listed the various enrollments and degree pathways. If any pathway is the RN to BSN then that does not need to be brought to the board. Dean Feltner said the two-year from the community colleges are pre-licensure. Loretta Melby said ELM is 16 fall and 16 spring and could remain while adjusting the enrollment of the generic BSN of 56 in the fall annually, 16 advanced BSN in fall and spring.

Dolores Trujillo said she's inclined to keep the ELM and advanced BSN while reducing the generic BSN. Loretta Melby spoke about the generic education, the numbers in the clinical cohorts to define the enrollment.

Jovita Dominguez likes the numbers and would be open to that. Patricia Wynne said it feels good and thinks this is a guess.

Loretta Melby said 64 BSN, 16 ELM in fall; 16 ABSN, 16 ELM in spring.

Motion: Jovita Dominguez Motion to Recommend acceptance of the feasibility study of the new prelicensure program requested by Pepperdine University Baccalaureate and Entry Level Master's Degree Nursing Programs with an enrollment pattern of 64 BSN and 16 ELM in the fall; 16 BSN and 16 ELM in the spring.
 • *The school has requested: 88 students every fall and 32 students every spring for an annual enrollment of 120 students.*

Second: Patricia Wynne

Public Comment for Agenda Item 8.8.2: **No Public Requests for Comments**

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

Chair Trujillo reordered agenda to take 8.8.5

12:12 p.m.

8.8.5 Southern California Health Institute Associate Degree Nursing Program

Committee

Discussion: Judy Corless introduced the school representatives. She said there is no clinical displacement by their students. They were very careful to develop their program this way. They spoke with many schools, and they did not have any issue with their program starting. The school representative said they decided to open an RN program because they have facilities that serve elderly and disabled in long term care facilities and other healthcare centers where they employ a lot of nurses. It has always been a problem to find RNs in general and good RNs in particular. They had a vocational school since 1995 with allied health programs and decided to add a RN program to their portfolio.

Dolores Trujillo said the executive summary was jumbled and difficult to read. She said as a former board member she had seen these documents before, and Judy said she has. Dolores did not know where to find information and said it rambled on. She commends the NECs for being able to interpret the information. She would like the Executive Summary rewritten. Judy asked what information they are looking for and she would be happy to rewrite it. Dolores said the NEC could help refine the document. Judy said this has never happened to her before. Dolores said this would have to go before the board and this cannot be submitted as written. She appreciates the director speaking with the members. She appreciates looking at the possible impaction and working to avoid that.

Patricia Wynne agreed and felt like it ran on and on. She said there may be too much detail and read from page 186 about the skills lab with patient beds and the cohorts. She couldn't picture what that would look like and hard to know what the program would look like based on the information they have. To bring 90 students into a heavily impacted area. She said they hear this every time they meet and it's hard to imagine there isn't going to be a problem.

Judy Corless said the self-study has pictures of high-fidelity sim lab and (audio cut out from Sacramento – time was spent to get them unmuted – Sacramento asked where they cut out so they could resume.) Loretta Melby spoke about the photos in the self-study and pointed them towards the instruction for the feasibility study and organization of the executive summary for presentation to the board. She asked the school to follow the format of the EDP-I-01 for the executive summary for presentation to the board. Judy Corless said

she'll be happy to do that. Loretta Melby provided additional clarification on how to present the executive summary.

Motion: Dolores Trujillo

Defer the feasibility study of the new pre-licensure program requested by Southern California Health Institute Associate Degree Nursing Program to the November board meeting and they will discuss the requests of the annual enrollment of 90 students, and they will have their Executive Summary rewritten.

Second: Jovita Dominguez

**Public Comment
for Agenda Item
8.8.5:**

Ella Undzhyan – Owner and operator of healthcare facilities for the past 25 years. They provide a variety of healthcare services. She sees the ongoing RN shortage and the constant challenge to find higher qualified staff. She is a strong supporter of this program and will offer rotations for their clinical training. They are eagerly anticipating the launch of this program.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

Lunch Break from 12:38 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.

Committee reconvened and re-established quorum at 1:11 p.m.

Chair Trujillo reordered agenda to 8.6.2

1:12 p.m.

8.6.2 California State University Stanislaus Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program (enrollment increase)

**Committee
Discussion:**

Dolores Trujillo asked for a general overview of their school and their request. Marla Seacrist, school representative, said their clinical facilities have asked them to increase enrollment due to nursing shortage. She said they can expand by 10 and that's what they are requesting. They met with the community colleges. They didn't really work with the privates but there were no concerns from the community colleges about clinical displacement. Dolores Trujillo asked what hospitals are in the area. Marla said Memorial Medical Center in Modesto and Doctor's Medical Center in Modesto. She said there is a smaller hospital, Emmanuel, who is in desperate need of nurses.

Patricia Wynne thought this was a modest increase in an area that looks like they could use more clinical placements.

Motion: Patricia Wynne Motion to Recommend acceptance of the substantive change(s) requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for California State University Stanislaus Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of:
Turlock campus to enroll 40 students twice a year for an annual enrollment of 80 students which is an increase of 20 students with no changes to the Stockton campus enrollment for a total program annual enrollment of 120 students

Second: Dolores Trujillo

Public Comment for Agenda Item 8.6.2: No Public Requests for Comments

8.6.2:

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

1:20 p.m.

8.6.3 Imperial Valley College Associate Degree Nursing Program (enrollment increase)

Committee

Discussion: Loretta Melby said a letter was submitted and added to the website this morning from San Diego State University. They support an increase but not the entire increase because they are interested in increasing too.

Dolores Trujillo and Patricia Wynne discussed the letter and how to resolve the number of enrollments. Patricia Wynne thought this is an issue to be resolved between the programs and not the board. Dolores Trujillo said it is the place of the board to determine the outcome. Loretta Melby said San Diego State University was previously approved for an increase that is being phased in so as not to displace any other programs. Dolores Trujillo asked Patricia Wynne her thoughts on the request. Patricia Wynne is in favor of this proposal

because it's modest and in an area that can handle it. San Diego State University is approved and has chosen not to. Loretta Melby said they could go to public comment prior to making a motion.

After Public Comment:

Dolores Trujillo asked if these two hospitals are the only ones used by IVC. Dr. Daniel Ortiz, school representative, said for inpatient, yes, but they use other facilities in other content areas. They have a partnership with SDSU for current nursing students transitioning to the BSN. He and other faculty teach at SDSU due to faculty shortage issues. They will continue to work collaboratively with SDSU. They schedule their cohorts, so they don't overlap with each other. They're not at the facilities at the same time. They have been able to go inpatient med surg gerontology, obstetrics, and for peds inpatient facilities. For psychiatric mental health, they have gone out of county to San Diego when they continued to plan for an enrollment increase and expanded their content area coverage. They look at public clinics, schools, nursing facilities, extended care facilities. They started clinical rotations with CDCR. They retain more students in their program and is doing what Dr. Gates is asking them to do. They've expanded an advance placement LVN to RN cohort. They've done a lot of heavy lifting to address clinical placements to add more clinical options. They've gone from seven to 13 full time tenured faculty. They went from 12 to over 30 part time faculty. He explained where Imperial County is at the bottom of California. Students don't have financial means to travel 100 miles to San Diego or Palm Springs for their education.

Loretta Melby read an email from Erica Rodriguez with her concerns about this increase. Dr. Ortiz said Ms. Rodriguez is a part time faculty at IVC.

Motion: Patricia Wynne

Recommend acceptance of the substantive change(s) requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for Imperial Valley College Associate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of:

- An enrollment increase of 70 students annually for a total annual enrollment of 150 students. Their proposed increase is below:
 - Spring 2025: Add 20 students for a total of 50 students enrolling in the Spring.

- Fall 2025: Add 40 students for a total of 90 students enrolling every Fall.
- Spring 2026: Add 10 students for a total of 60 students enrolling every Spring.

Second: Dolores Trujillo

1:27 p.m. Public Comment for Agenda Item 8.6.3: Choose an item.

Michael Gates, ADON San Diego State University – He has two major concerns for this request. They believe this is premature because IVC isn't close to maximizing their current enrollment numbers. They accepted 80 students in the last few years but in 2022 and 2023 they graduated 28 and 26 students. They are just starting to maximize their BRN approved enrollment. Number two they're starting to accept 80 students and can impact clinical placements because they're also approved for 40 and slowly ramping up. Their first year they took 10 students, second year, 20 students, they are currently accepted 30 students this fall and moving up to 40 students since Covid. The two medical centers in Imperial Valley have faced severe financial struggles causing the medical centers to limit inpatient services in pediatrics, obstetrics, and acute care. IVCs enrollment request of adding 80 students phased in over the next few years could create some severe clinical displacement issues not only for SDSU but also for IVC. Until IVC can consistently show they are graduating students at a rate of 80 students per year he doesn't think they should be allowed to increase beyond the 80 students. Over their last seven years their NCLEX rates have been good but looking at the number of students over the past years are not at 80. They are concerned this request will affect the clinical placements in this area.

Karen McCalley – SDSU Director – She said there is a bill that was approved by the Governor for the Imperial County Health Care District but there still is a bit of unrest moving that agenda forward and there could be a major restructure of both hospitals and what they're going to provide within the next year. She's very concerned about them having 40 slots and IVC having 150 slots if approved. The impact that would have on the county. They're very collaborative with IVC as they launched their current program and wants to support the Imperial Valley College and is concerned with all the clinical placements.

Erica Rodriguez – San Diego State University, Imperial Valley ADON – unable to unmute but her colleagues shared her concerns.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

1:49 p.m.

8.6.4 University of the Pacific Entry Level Master’s Degree Nursing Program (enrollment increase)

Committee

Discussion: Loretta Melby let the members know this request is in region 1 where Marsha Fuerst was just deferred and wanted them to look at another location.

Patricia Wynne said this is an area that is impacted, and this is more than a modest increase and would like to know what the program is doing to avoid displacement.

Ann Stoltz, school representative, said the main campus is in Stockton and another campus in Sacramento. She said many placements are in Stockton and Central Valley. They have the Abbott Foundation that provides scholarships to their students if they live there, have a history there, and plan to work in Stockton and Central Valley area. They have over 20 students in that program that pays half their tuition. The students are committing to go back to these areas. Recently they received a \$4 million HRSA grant to increase the number of students that will work in post-acute, subacute, long-term care, and work in underserved areas. Those new students would be from those areas and do clinicals in those areas to do their clinicals. They will provide 15 - \$40,000 scholarships every year to incoming students with the idea they can increase diversity and increase the pipeline for underserved while they are in Sacramento and many of their clinicals are there they are also in the Central Valley. Seven of their new graduates were just hired by St. Joseph. They have a great relationship and collaboration with San Joaquin County Health Department and the Stockton School District and that’s where most of the students do their projects and public health clinicals. They have a wonderful relationship with Sutter, and they asked them to increase enrollment. They have committed to absorb without displacing all the students. She reached out to every single chair of all the private schools who were on board and some of the public schools were on board, and some were not. She has a whole plan laid out with her NEC for clinical placements.

Dolores Trujillo asked how they would guarantee students stay in the areas. Ann Stoltz said they couldn't, but the students sign a statement. The students who received the Abbott grant had half their tuition paid and did all clinicals in Stockton and they are all working in Stockton.

Patricia Wynne discussed with Dolores Trujillo that she would like to hear public comment prior to a motion.

After Public Comment:

Ann Stoltz said the increase will be split between Sacramento and Stockton because they don't have the commitment from the clinical partners in Stockton.

Dolores Trujillo asked if they would go outside of Stockton say to Manteca or Modesto. Ann Stoltz said the preceptorships go all over and they try to get out to the rural areas for that. Main clinicals are mostly Stockton and Sacramento.

Loretta Melby asked for the enrollment pattern and if it matches what is on the screen. Ann Stoltz said the 10 in spring will be in Sacramento, 10 in the fall will be in Stockton at St. Josephs, the other 5 will be absorbed to the groups of 8 cohorts. She said she had that many students at St. Josephs already. Loretta Melby asked about the 40 students. Ann Stoltz said they are on the Sacramento campus but there is one cohort in Stockton, and this will increase it to two. Loretta Melby said the students will be in Sacramento, but some will do clinicals in Stockton. Dolores Trujillo spoke about the AVID students with Ann Stoltz. Dolores Trujillo asked how many AVID students. Ann Stoltz said every semester they can add 5-7 students, but they must be in Stockton. She spoke about a HRSA grant.

Motion: Patricia Wynne

Motion to Recommend acceptance of the substantive change(s) requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for University of the Pacific Entry Level Master's Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of (insert enrollment number, pattern, frequency that is recommended here)

- The school has requested:
- Spring 2025 - add 10 more new students annually by increasing new admissions from 40 to 50 students
- Fall 2025 - add 10 more new students to increase enrollment to 60 new students twice a year for an annual enrollment of 120 students.

Second: Dolores Trujillo

**Public Comment
for Agenda Item**

8.6.4:

Marla Seacrist – Stanislaus State received a letter about this and appreciates it. She said they have not been directly displaced but said their pedagogy has senior students caring for patients two days in a row for continuity and that was taken away from them at one hospital. They don't have a consortium but do have a simple collaboration with all three of their community colleges because they have sequential enrollment programs, and they meet regularly. She said this may not be a school problem because they do reach out and make contact. She said this is a hospital problem because they will make choices to select different programs. Ann Stoltz said she would work with Marla.

Gerry Hinayon, San Joaquin Delta College DON – He is expressing concerns with the enrollment increase. The director reached out to coordinate clinical placement and provided a schedule. He said Stockton is impacted by schools coming into their area. Their resources would be further strained and no assurances the students will stay in Stockton or less privileged areas.

Kimberly Dunker – She had an enrollment increase in Sonora which is near Stockton. Med Surg clinicals are okay but PD, maternity, mental health spots were approved in 2022. They're going to have a hard time getting those and they're on nights and weekends. She said the specialties are what concern her for this request. She only has 18 students and its difficult for them. UOP didn't reach out to her but maybe she's too far away.

Lisa Lucchesi – They appreciate the partnership and development of relationships with UOP. She echoes what Dr. Hinayon said regarding clinical placements including peds, OB and psych mental health. She wants the board to consider they are impacted because of the geographical region and the bay area come to their area. She appreciates the growth in nursing that they would like to keep their incumbent workers within their region.

Loretta Melby brought up the change to 500 hours of clinical. Ann Stoltz said they did a curriculum revision and decreased all their hours in their specialty areas to align them with the way they're delivered in other programs to make it more fluid and collaborative. Dolores Trujillo asked if all hours are at bedside. Ann Stoltz said they do the minimum

at bedside and then simulation clinics, outpatient community centers. Loretta Melby said this cannot be considered by the board.

Mechelle Perea-Ryan, Stanislaus State – She has concerns with the number they want to increase and in those specialty areas. She said they’ve had some discussions with Sutter promising spaces, and they didn’t come to fruition. Entities say they’ll help them and then they don’t so it can impact them more in the area. They have a lot of applications coming to their master’s education program but don’t want to work in that area but as a way to get into nursing at the bedside. She said it’s the pre-licensure portion that’s being impacted especially in specialty sites.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

Jovita Dominguez left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Break from 2:25 – 2:30 p.m.

Quorum re-established at 2:31 p.m.

2:31 p.m.

8.7

Discussion and possible action regarding acceptance of substantive changes to an approved nurse practitioner program (16 CCR § 1483.2) (present)

University of Phoenix Family Nurse Practitioner Program (teach out and closure)

Committee

Discussion: No comments or questions.

Motion: **Patricia Wynne** Motion to Recommend acceptance of the substantive change(s) requested by an approved program and approve teach-out and closure for University of Phoenix Nurse Practitioner Program.
 • *This teach-out closes admissions to the Nurse Practitioner program with a projected end date of May 31, 2026.*

Second: **Dolores Trujillo**

Public Comment for Agenda Item: **No Public Requests for Comments**

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	AB	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

2:34 p.m.

8.8 Discussion and possible action regarding a feasibility study for new prelicensure nursing programs (16 CCR § 1421) (present)

8.8.1 Medical Career College Associate Degree Nursing Program

Committee Discussion:

Patricia Wynne said because there are three programs asking in an area that is impacted, how do they evaluate all these requests at once. Loretta Melby said this would be like the way you looked at the LA area. She said this request was here previously and the other two are new. Loretta Melby provided some additional context regarding the requests and consideration of the level of possible impact in the area. Patricia Wynne asked how they would know whether these requests would or could handle these requests. Loretta Melby said it is difficult to know because the board does not know how many clinical slots are available. She said they have a long standing LVN program and that can be considered.

Mary Ann McCarthy asked the program what their NCLEX pass rate is for the LVN program. Marilyn, school representative, said their pass rate is 78%. Mary Ann McCarthy said there is a calculation for the LVN minimum, but she cannot recall what it is.

Patricia Wynne is happy to hear public comment but is willing to hear from the institutions. She would be willing to rant the modes proposal for Medical Career College and St. Mary's is also modest but not to approve Quest at the level they have requested but rather to drop it to 50, two times per year, or 25, four times per year. She wondered if they could hear public comment for all three agenda items at once. Loretta Melby said public comment could not be done for the future agenda items and would be limited to Medical Career College.

Motion: **Patricia Wynne** Motion to Recommend acceptance of the feasibility study of the new prelicensure program requested by Medical Career College Associate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of:
• 24 students enrolling annually, then increasing to 24 students twice a year for an annual enrollment of 48 students.

Second: Dolores Trujillo

**2:52 p.m. Public Comment
for Agenda Item
8.8.1:**

Stacey Elitu – She’s confused if she was supposed to be on the panel to talk about Quest. Loretta Melby said this for comment about the first institution and region 3.

Theresa Murphy – She would like to speak on behalf of Saint Mary’s. She’s the CNO for USC Verdugo Hills in Glendale. She’s been working dr. Pamela Stanley at St. Mary’s developing an innovative plan for clinical education in a cohort model. They have capacity to support the program. It has a mutual benefit for both their programs as well as the school and they are happy to support them.

Loretta Melby let everyone know that public comment should be about Medical Career College or region 3.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	AB	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

2:58 p.m. 8.8.3 Quest College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program

**Committee
Discussion:**

Dolores Trujillo asked the school representative to tell the members about their program.

Stacey Eletu, school representative, said they are located in downtown Oakland and have been open since 2008. They have a VN program they’ve been doing since 2017 and are now excited to offer students the BSN program. She said the program is 15 months and on a trimester schedule.

Dolores Trujillo asked if this is a VN step program to BSN or entry level. Stacey Eletu said its and entry level program, but they anticipate having advance placement students within the cohort. Dolores Trujillo asked what percentage or how many they anticipate starting the LVN portion. Stacey Eletu said about 50% of the cohort. Dolores Trujillo asked if they met with the hospitals in the area. Stacey Eletu said they are contracted with Alameda Health System, and they have a variety

of hospital facilities, community centers. They have quite a bit of facilities available to them and are in recent contracts with them as well. They support the program and verify they can assist with clinical placements. Dolores Trujillo asked if she contacted the schools in the area. Stacey Eletu said she reached out to a list of them in the materials within a 50-mile radius. She received one response from Contra Costa College and met with Jacqueline Wright and discussed the program and the possible impact. She said they use different clinical sites, so it didn't apply. She doesn't have any concerns in terms of displacement with the program. Dolores Trujillo is not familiar with Oakland proper and if it has many nursing programs and there could be a need.

Patricia Wynne said she made comments earlier and may not be in favor with the high number being requested today. Stacey Eletu respects the comment and will do whatever the board decides in terms of what is fair. They looked at the curriculum and where the hours are being placed at with the recent changes with the 30 hours and the specialty areas and other hours required to give them more flexibility in terms of utilizing the acute sites but also the community and long-term care sites. They took the time to map out exactly what it would look like so they don't displace other schools that might use the same sites.

Motion: Patricia Wynne Motion to Recommend acceptance of the feasibility study of the new prelicensure program requested by Quest College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of:
 • *The school has requested: 35 students four (4) times per year for an annual enrollment of 140 students.*

Second: Dolores Trujillo

Public Comment for Agenda Item 8.8.3: No Public Requests for Comments

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	AB	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

3:09 p.m.

8.8.4 Saint Mary's College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program

Committee:

Discussion: Dolores Trujillo asked if the representative could tell the members about their program.

Pamela Stanley, school representative, said they're a non-profit private institution. They have many Hispanic populations and expect them to come into their nursing program. They've done a lot of outreach to schools in the area for collaboration. They have some clinical partnerships, and their program is going to be five semesters and use summers. Some of the schools have great clinical opportunities but they stop during the summers and allows their students and faculty to go in when they would normally stop. They've set up the program so they will not disrupt clinical placements. They will be using post-acute, sub-acute and a hospital down towards the Glendale area that has room for more students. They've sought some interesting partnerships which she's done with camps with nursing staff. They also look at weekends and nights and summers. Some of their clinical partners have no nursing programs in them. They have 20 clinical partners already.

Dolores Trujillo asked how much the program costs. She sees \$139,085. Pamela Stanley said there are two parts and the first two years cost \$50,000 and the additional cost comes from the nursing program. There will be some discounts where money is provided. There is a 50% discount, and the cost is \$50,000 and change.

Motion: Dolores Trujillo Motion to *Recommend* acceptance of the feasibility study of the new prelicensure program requested by Saint Mary's College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of:

- *The school has requested: 50 students twice per year, for an annual enrollment of 100 students.*

Second: Patricia Wynne

**Public Comment
for Agenda Item**

8.8.4:

Theresa Murphy – Offers her support for Dr. Stanley's program. They are interested in partnering and committing to that with their program.

Leah Korkis, USC Verdugo Hospital – She expresses her support for Dr. Stanley's program as they've had several conversations of their intent to focus on the professional role of nurses and philosophically, they're aligned.

Spencer Brenton, regional VP for PAC Healthcare – Oversees seven skilled nursing facilities. They are a great partner with Saint Mary’s for skilled nursing and post-acute care. He appreciates the support.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	AB	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

3:22 p.m.

8.9

Adjourn

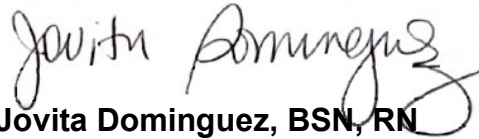
➤ Dolores Trujillo, adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Submitted by:



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