



# NM NURSING EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

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## LPN Education Taskforce Minutes of Zoom Meeting April 26, 2017 1-2pm

Attendees:					
CCC Shawna McGill	CNM Diane Evans-Prior	LCC Maxine Hughes Susan Olson-Smith	NMJC Cammie Armstrong Misty Stine Kim Webb	NMSU Anita Reinhardt	SFCC Jenny Landen
SJC Nisa Bruce	UNM-Gallup Sabrina Ezzell	NMNEC Mary Wright, Outreach Program Manager	Clinical Partners San Juan Regional – Trish Maule		Present Absent Excused
Agenda Item	Discussion			Action	
<b>Overview of Agenda</b>	NMNEC office and leadership receive requests for NMNEC to look at incorporating LPN education into the NMNEC model. Goal of meeting is to gauge interest in working on LPN education within NMNEC.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting started at 1:05pm</li> <li>Agenda accepted as submitted</li> </ul>	
<b>Intros and background related to LPN education in NM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Clovis Community College (CCC)</b> is currently teaching NMNEC ADN curriculum and provides additional content specific to meeting LPN curricular standards so students can take LPN boards after L2 and then continue towards ADN starting in L3</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None needed. Information only.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Central New Mexico (CNM)</b> is working on partnering with the high school LPN program through the Career Enrichment Center (CEC) at Albuquerque Public Schools (APS). For LPNs interested in ADN/BSN, an entrance HESI is not required but because of retention concerns related to LPNs who are students, is considering requiring entrance exam in future. Currently gives credit for prior learning as substitute for L1 Intro to Nursing Practice course but LPNs do have to take the L1 Intro to Nursing Concepts course.</li> <li>• <b>Luna Community College (LCC)</b> has phased out LPN program because of transition to NMNEC but community is still strongly wanting LCC to continue to have a LPN program as still demand for LPNs in their community and may continue with one more cohort this fall. When admitting LPNs as students into RN program, did/do require students pass the LPN Predictor test before they can be admitted.</li> <li>• <b>New Mexico Junior College (NMJC)</b> does not have a certified nurse assistant (CNA) or a LPN program but community is requesting both. There is a preference for LPNs over RNs in the clinics in the community. College president requesting that NMJC nursing program start a LPN program.</li> <li>• <b>New Mexico State University (NMSU)</b> does not have a LPN program but Dona Ana Community College does have one.</li> <li>• <b>Santa Fe Community College (SFCC)</b> does not have a LPN program but recognizes that there is a need and that LPNs are in demand in northern New Mexico. There is interest from a couple of high schools in the area for a LPN program similar to the CEC LPN program through APS in Albuquerque. Also SFCC starting in mid-May will be providing a NM Board of Nursing (BON) approved 2-credit transition course, <i>Professional Issues for LPNs</i>, for students who have completed a major portion of a RN program and wish to become LPNs. With a supporting letter from their RN program director and a certificate of completion of this course, can then apply through the NM BON to take LPN boards through a special NM BON code.</li> <li>• <b>San Juan College (SJC)</b> does not have a LPN program but does have LPNs coming in who want their ADN/BSN.</li> <li>• <b>San Juan Regional Hospital</b> does not employ LPNs but because there are LPNs in the community, is interested in availability of RN education for LPNs so that more RNs would be available.</li> <li>• <b>UNM-Gallup</b> does not have a LPN program but does get requests from LPNs wanting to become RNs and interested in how to make that work well within NMNEC.</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>Is there interest in developing LPN education within or as an adjunct to NMNEC model?</b></p> <p><b>a. What exists currently?</b></p> <p><b>b. What is the need?</b></p>	<p>During an overlapping discussion with previous agenda item, it was agreed that there is definite interest in looking at LPN education within NMNEC schools. There may be a number of approaches to be considered and some suggestions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a NMNEC LPN program that feeds into ADN/BSN NMNEC model</li> <li>• Developing a NMNEC policy on credit for prior learning for those who are already LPNs and want to become RNs. Credit for prior learning may have broader focus than LPNs as could potentially include military paramedics or EMTs.</li> <li>• Partnering with high schools to provide LPN programs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None needed. Information only</li> </ul>
<p><b>Moving forward – next steps?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Who wants to work on this?</b></li> <li><b>2. Continue as a taskforce?</b></li> <li><b>3. Taskforce leadership?</b></li> <li><b>4. Schedule meetings?</b></li> <li><b>5. Goal for next meeting?</b></li> </ol>	<p>General interest from all participants to continue as a NMNEC LPN Education Taskforce. Participants expressed willingness to share info with group. Sabrina Ezzell volunteered to lead the taskforce.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sabrina will develop a Doodle Poll for a Zoom Meeting in mid- May after schools have finished with graduations and will set agenda for thatN meeting.</li> <li>• Mary will provide NMNEC support to taskforce as needed.</li> <li>• Mary will meet with Becky Dakin about possibility of organizing a lunch meeting during the NM Educators’ Conference in June.</li> <li>• Mary will work with Becky Dakin about setting up a web area (Google Docs) for sharing documents</li> <li>• Jenny will share info with group about the Professional Issues for LPNs course.</li> <li>• Diane will share info with group about how credit for prior learning works at CNM.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shawna expressed willingness to share info on how they have incorporated LPN education into their NMNEC ADN program at a future meeting.</li> </ul>
Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm. Respectfully submitted: Mary Wright, NMNEC Outreach Program Manager		