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Implementation of the APRN Consensus Model: National Update

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Goals:

- Provide an overview of the purpose, development and structure of LACE electronic network
- Identify major activities undertaken by education, certification and accreditation organizations to implement Consensus Model
- Discuss some of the issues/questions that have arisen



Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: LACE

- Consensus document
- Process initiated by NONPF & AACN thru the Alliance for APRN Credentialing
- Establishes the model for APRN Regulation, including requirements for each
 - Licensure
 - Accreditation
 - Certification
 - Education

APRN Consensus Model

- Defines APRN
- Identifies 4 APRN roles
 - CRNA, CNM, CNS, CNP
- Identifies 6 population foci for APRN education, certification, licensure
- Titling
 - APRN, Role (population optional)



Implementation of APRN Consensus Model

- Since the completion of the *Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education* (July 2008)
- 48 national nursing organizations have endorsed the *Model* including all major APRN organizations;
- APRN Work Group & Joint Dialogue groups (LACE organizations) have continued to meet approx. every 4-6 months to:
 - keep communication open,
 - Identify issues and questions that have arisen
 - Discuss activities undertaken by one entity that impact others
 - Develop a strategic plan and process for development of LACE

LACE Network

- Electronic network to support and facilitate implementation of Consensus Model
 - LACE not a formal, separate organization
 - Based on social networking principles
- Purpose:
 - Ensure transparent and ongoing communication among LACE entities
 - Provide a platform for the ongoing work

Development of LACE

- Work group selected
- RFP sent out
- Vendor (iCohere) selected after proposal review, interviews, virtual demonstrations
- Recommendations for selection, budget, administration of network approved by participating organizations.
- AACN asked and agreed to serve as contracting agent.

Development of LACE

- 28 organizations have signed the MOU and paid one-year fee to support LACE. 2 additional organizations in process
- Each organization will have 3 “seats” in platform
- Administrators group (5) that represents LACE have completed training sessions which includes designing the function, format or structure of network site.

LACE Structure

- Public site (<http://www.aprnlace.org>)
 - Posting updated information, documents
- Protected work site (3 seats/organizations)
 - 8 Work groups : LACE components and four roles
 - Posting documents to be shared and worked on
 - Ongoing dialogue on posted questions
 - Scheduling virtual meetings
 - Calendar



Projected Timeline for Implementation of *Model*

- Implementation has begun by all LACE entities
- Projected Timeline: **if the Target is 2015**
 - APRN education programs should be transitioned by 2012
 - Accreditation processes should be in place by 2012-2013
 - Certification examinations should be transitioned by 2013

Overview of LACE Implementation Activities to Date

- Primary focus has been on dissemination of information
- Clarification of intent of Consensus Model
- Identifying implications for all stakeholders
- Addressing unintended consequences
- FAQs
(http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Education/pdf/LACE_FAQ.pdf)



Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education (July 2008)

<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Education/pdf/APRNReport.pdf>

or

<http://www.aprnlace.org>