

VACN Special Called Meeting to discuss COVID-19 Impact
Date 4.29.2020
Time 1100
Location Virtual

Present: Pam Jeffries (GWU), Shanna Akers (Liberty), Amy Feurer, Andra Hanlon (Shenandoah), Andrea Knopp, Angela Taylor, Audrey Myers, Barbara Sorbello (Bon Secours), Catherine Mikelaite, Cheryl Oetjen (GMU), Christine Kennedy, Chris-tina Perkins, Cindy Crews (Longwood), Cindy Rubenstein (Randolf), Cynthia Banks, Debra Barksdale (VCU), Diane Bridge (Liberty), Elizabeth Whorley (Liberty), Kathryn Miller (Liberty), Drew Gogian, Iris Mullins (Radford), Jackie Daniel (Longwood), Jamie Robinson, Jean Giddens (VCU), Judith, Judith Hlett, Janice Smith, Karen Faison, Karen Karlowic (ODU), Kathy Johnson, Laura Vasel, Laura Yoder, Mark Tanner (U of Lynchburg), Melody Cash, Melody Eaton (JMU), Mike, Pam Cipriano (UVA), Pamela Slaven-Lee, Patty Vari, Sharla Cooper, Tracey Turner (Liberty)

Recording

link: <https://gwu.webex.com/gwu/ldr.php?RCID=3c6592d33dc5153d062d9f5d5b6a2f8a>

Meeting Facilitator: Pam Jeffries

Meeting Recorder: Shanna Akers

Agenda Item	Report/Discussion	Decisions/Actions
Call to order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 1100 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA
Welcome & Introductions (Pam Jeffries)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA
Review of agenda (Pam Jeffries)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA
Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA
Business item (Pam Jeffries)	<p>UPDATES on summer/fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jean Giddens VCU- face to face for whole university for fall semester; making plans to find a way to do summer term online related to clinical education after EO 55 lifted Pam Cipriano UVA- no final decision, but looking to start in fall with larger classes on line- Decision made in June. Looking at what to do for sick students, trying not to overwhelm Karen Karloqicz – ODU, will plan to immerse the clinical if lifted this summer, some classes will remain online into the fall to spread out classes; small group seminars, Students into clinical to November; all APRN students are getting clinical placements this summer. AR, OK, NJ taking students at the APRN level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive meeting with VACN/VONL/VNA (Pam Jeffries) to be set up as available with each executive group

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andra Hanlon- Shenandoah- summer online, looking for fall on July 1. One size does not fit all. Clinical hour have transferred to fall • Cheryl Oetjen GMU– online this summer, clinicals are moved to telehealth. Some medication training with the community. Spoke to CHEV, all (UG and APRN) are ok to continue if able to do so. 90% telehealth; 10% community. Partnered with homeless individuals in Prince William Co. Telehealth. Covering with faculty support. Is willing to partner with other schools. Decision for fall has not been made. Up to 20 hours for (tele) for accelerated students. • Patty Vari Radford- where are they doing telehealth from? – Cheryl Oetjen: Done from home with HIPAA compliant tech. Faculty with each one, interprofessional with counseling, etc. • Iris Mullins Radford – all online for summer moving all clinical courses into the fall semester. Students could not complete their clinical hours in the FNP and UG; DNP program moved all online for summer; Clinical/Preceptor moved to fall. DNP project starts in the summer vs waiting to fall; using some virtual simulation across all programs to keep learning and some clinical hours. NOTICE- plan to start back in fall with face to face meetings- Alternative schedules • Melody Eaton JMU- summer virtual classes, some virtual simulation and into clinical as late as August; Graduate NP students- front load their hours in August as well. Biggest concern- how do we keep connection with our clinical partners? • Karen Karlowicz ODU – limited availability for clinical – hours will be backed up, cannot increase simulation which may create an inability to graduate, which may mean that we cannot take in a new class. Clinical partners may be at risk of no graduates to hire • Barbara Sorbello (Bon Secours) - no clear decision for fall, will be looking at a hybrid format or flipped classroom meeting times. Combination of approaches to provide for fall. Space concerns for social distancing and use of masks- only a max of 25 people per classroom. Hoping that we will be back on campus in fall, but no decision made. Preparing for both options. Sim will be recording remainder 50% of sims to use virtually if needed. Looking at Lab limitations for space and PPE for students/faculty. Hope decision is made at the end of May. 	
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	<p>ENROLLMENT/BUDGET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl Oetjen GMU- how has this impacted enrollment? A decrease? Budget impact? • Barbara Sorbello Bon Secours – decrease in apps from RN-BSN program- cancelled summer cohort • Pam Cipriano UVA – admissions have not ended, There may be some move to next term. Anticipate hold study. Fall – will look at wait list if accepted positions denied • Shanna Akers LU- course fees related to simulation and clinical have merged to cover costs for virtual simulation <p>Risk Mitigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam Slaven-Lee – some students are hesitant to enter into the clinical site. Trying to help students feel comfortable. • Iris Mullins – Radford – Concerns related to Telehealth liability. Currently, no face to face clinicals, but telehealth can be done virtual only. <p>DNP Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melody Cash (EMU) – student projects are being altered • Iris Mullins – Radford – Multiple students in various phases who are now halted. Redo significantly, re-apply to IRB is creating a slowing of the processes. • Shanna Akers – Liberty – DNP looking at Integrative Literature reviews in place of full EBP project change <p>VBON statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melody Eaton JMU – VBON statement related to how the use of clinical experience can be used to count hours • Cheryl Oetjen GMU– Children’s Hospital changing externship to be more academic in nature to count clinical hours. Preceptorship type model for the fall clinicals. • Jean Giddens – VCU – in April documented from AACN, NCSBON statement listed that work could be used as clinical hours. But the concern is the ability to document and confirm meeting of course objectives. Clinical partners would need to work towards stated objectives. Providing link to the white paper: https://www.aacnnursing.org/Portals/42/Policy/Policy-Brief-US-Nursing-Workforce-COVID-19.pdf 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cindy Crews – Longwood – spoke to junior students who had externships (only a few) and discussed with externship placement clinical sites. Only one was able to create this opportunity at present. <p>Credit no Credit options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melody Eaton – JMU – how does this affect students later related to graduate programs, etc.? • Pam Jeffries – GMU – decided to not offer pass/fail based on NCLEX requirements. Are some offering • Debra Barksdale – VCU – students have the option for Pass (A, B, C)/Fail (D, F) based by student choice. North Carolina H, P, L grading and no issues with graduate school. In 1972 same issues were seen with conversion to P/F and did fine. Grad Schools will remember this and look into it. Link to Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZWeRUBrSfg • Jackie Daniel – Longwood – not allowing students to P/F option for NURSING courses. But allowing for non-nursing courses • Andra Hanlon – Shenandoah – pass /no pass option. Students have the option to take the grade • Melody Eaton – Similar to Shenandoah • Pam Cipriano – UVA – Credit /No Credit for all spring. Letter grading for summer. New option for “general credit” • Barbara Sorbello – Bon Secours - We did not change our letter grading practices, but did pass a temporary policy that any failures this spring will not count toward number of failures that would result in program dismissal. • Janice Smith – Many sites are making special units for Covid19. If we can send students to the non-covid units if that is the preference of the institutions. <p>STRATEGIES with partners VACN/VONL/VNA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Workgroups started in fall 2019. • VNA in February 2020 started • Small groups began working late fall/early spring. • All on hold due to COVID-19 impact in VA • Many clinical partners are unable to participate and academics struggled with virtual changes. • Pam Cipriano – UVA – 2 major issues: What is the case load (how many staff are consumed and unable to take students)? Reality- only a few areas are high volume now. Likely to do well in summer and fall with increase in late fall into winter and spring. Next 	
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	<p>question- What are the limits related to use of PPE and limit of persons in a patient room? This could continue to be a long term issue. We may lose some clinical sites, but we should be able to continue flexibility and working with them as we seek to continue educating the next generation of nurses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam Jeffries – GWU – remembered the issues of H1N1 at John Hopkins. At that time, all students were fitted with an N95 mask. There will be peak times and vaccines available later. • Melody Eaton – JMU – when is a good time to meet with them? Or is it too soon? • Shanna Akers – Liberty – Sub- Committees are unable to meet due to the acute care clinical partners schedules • Melody Eaton and Pam Jeffries – suggested to have exec groups meet first. • Cheryl Oetjen – Hospital system has meetings on a daily basis. Would it be good to add in an educator at hospital meeting table? • Pam Jeffries – recommended that we all reach out to CNOs to offer support and knowledge at this time. • Jackie Daniels – Longwood – fall time line is better planned as respectful for their needs now. August time frame seems more reasonable. • Pam Jeffries – the struggles of clinical partners are real. • Iris Hanlon – facilities still do not have adequate PPE. Things like they get 2 masks per week or 1 per day. In reality, there is not enough PPE for the nurses there, and it would compound the problem bringing in novice students. <p>New Essentials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Faison – On the last meeting we talked about "The Essentials." Is there an anticipated date for implementation? • Debra Barksdale – appears to be on hold at some level, but there is a plan to start up on this soon. • Pam Jeffries – some projects are suspended until crisis is abated. 	
Treasurer’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 1220 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Akers
VACN Secretary