VACN Meeting
October 24, 2014
12:00 – 1:30 pm
JW Marriott,Washington DC

Present: Cynthia Banks, Dorrie Fontaine, Kathy Ganske, Jean Giddens, Patty Hale, Judith Johnson, Karen Karlowicz, Chris-Tenna Perkins, Tony Ramsey, Julie Sanford, Barbara Sorbello, Angela Taylor, Ken White, Christine Kennedy, Deanna Britt, Shanna Akers, Melody Eaton, Rebecca Sutter, Caroline Sutter
Meeting Recorder: Jean Giddens

Agenda Item	Report/Discussion	Decisions/Actions
Introductions	• All attendees did short self-introductions.	• None
Meeting Minutes	• Reviewed meeting minutes from April. Once change proposed: p2, 2nd item, decisions actions, 2nd bullet: add word "regionally" in between terms not and accredited. Now reads: "What about VACN schools that are not regionally accredited?"	• Change made to meeting minutes. • Minutes approved.
School Updates	• Document summarizing school updates, as reported by each school, given as a handout. No verbal reports given.	• None
Treasurer Report (Fontaine)	• Ava Porter not present; report given by Fontaine. VACN funds: $5,088.53 in checking; $9,276.80 in Investment Accounts. Dues are up to date. • Fontaine suggested a meeting without a luncheon at spring AACN meeting for cost savings.	• None
Education Programing (Sanford)	• Program committee interested in discussing ideas for planning April 2015 meeting. • Location: Is central location better for attendance or rotating locations (West, East, Central, etc.). Shenandoah offered to host 2015; Norfolk 2016? • Topics suggestions: Is there interest in April meeting for education	• Shenandoah in April after April 13, 2015; Norfolk 2016. • Planning group: will consider two topic areas:

	program for faculty? Action Coalition is working on statewide meeting –should avoid duplication of efforts. How do we develop up and coming leaders for sustainable leadership (national speaker?) Audience has been Dean's and Associate Deans; do we want broader group to come? Should we invite CNO partners to this meeting? Virginia AONE brings CNOs/Dean's, but has not met in over a year. A team-based meeting approach (Dean/Director with CNO) was suggested. Focus of meeting could be student placements or faculty to student ratio – clinical education for UG and Grad. • Concern was raised about the time for travel for this kind of meeting if you try to broaden the audience; it may be difficult to get good attendance depending on location.	○ Leadership development and succession planning ○ Issues in clinical Education (student placements, preceptors, etc.); ○ Consider inviting CNO partners.
Collaborating Across Schools (Giddens)	• Last April we discussed ways to collaborate; gain synergy of school effort if we work together as appropriate to meet workforce demands. In order to do this, we agreed we needed 1) School data and 2) Employer data. • VA school data requested from AACN by VCU reported as aggregate from AACN, but does not give specific information regarding # of applications/ admissions/ graduations/programs offered by school. Both approaches (aggregate and school level data) are desired; all agreed to complete short survey for school specific data each year – will link to AACN survey to minimize effort. Aggregate data cost from AACN (~$600) should be paid for by VACN. • Employer survey was developed in summer and sent out in fall. Did not have high response rate (~30%), most responses were from acute care hospitals. Need further analysis and need to run queries off data to better understand information. Concern that this is not accurate information for workforce projections. • Other information that would be helpful…Are graduates getting jobs?	• Giddens will re-send aggregate state data from AACN. • Giddens will send survey to each dean/director to collect specific school data. • Giddens to send results of employer survey. • VACN members should send ideas for queries; we will run additional queries based on input from group on employer

	What is application data? Economic Model? • Should this work be assumed by the Virginia Action Coalition? Was previously focus of this group; not clear about current status of this work.	data. • Suggest ask AC to take this on as a project.
Graduate Applications Angela Taylor	• Raised concern that graduates of her program are not being accepted into graduate programs within state because lacking regional accreditation, but has national accreditation. Discussed difference between nationally accredited, regional accreditation and nursing accreditations. • Requested that we look at policies. Did they come into place before national accreditation/before regional accreditation? What are the barriers. How can we work together better. • Advice from CCNE is "up to each school"; they won't say you can or can't, but advice was not to threaten regional accreditation. This may be one of the barriers. Statements from SACS was in support; look at syllabus, credentials of faculty, etc. to ensure criteria is being met as opposed to just closing door. This may be a conversation that goes beyond the nursing programs – perhaps this really is an institutional issue. • Suggested Angela develop and share with other deans/directors a fact sheet that documents what they are experiencing; this might help to increase consistency in information shared.	• Angela to prepare fact sheet and will send to other Deans/Directors to facilitate discussion within each school.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm