

**VACN Deans and Directors Meeting**

**Date 9.29.2020**

**Time 1500-1630**

**Location Virtual**

**Present:** Pam Jeffries (GWU), Shanna Akers (Liberty), Andra Hanlon (Shenandoah), Andrea Knopp, Angela Taylor, Audrey Myers, Barbara Sorbello (Bon Secours), Cheryl Oetjen (GMU, Chris-tina Perkins, Kim Little (Longwood), Cindy Rubenstein (Randolf), Cynthia Banks, Debra Barksdale (VCU), Kathryn Miller (Liberty), Drew Gogian, Iris Mullins (Radford), Jackie Daniel (Longwood), Jamie Robinson, Jean Giddens (VCU), Karen Faison, Karen Karlowicz (ODU), Kathy Johnson, Laura Vasel, Laura Yoder, (U of Lynchburg), Melody Cash, Melody Eaton (JMU), Pam Cipriano (UVA), Pamela Slaven-Lee, Patty Vari, Sharla Cooper, Pamela Giles (Averett); Elizabeth Epstein, Marueen Moriarty, Shevellanie Lott (Hampton), Yosely

**Meeting Facilitator:** Pam Jeffries

**Meeting Recorder:** Shanna Akers

| <b>Agenda Item</b>                     | <b>Report/Discussion</b>   | <b>Decisions/Actions</b>   |
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| Call to order                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting called to order at 1500</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NA</li> </ul>   |
| Welcome & Introductions (Pam Jeffries) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual introductions by each attendee</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NA</li> </ul>   |
| Review of agenda (Pam Jeffries)        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved</li> <li>Added Infrastructure discussion (Melody Eaton)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NA</li> </ul>   |
| Meeting Minutes                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NA</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NA</li> </ul>   |
| Business item (Pam Jeffries)           | <p><b>UPDATES on Fall 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Department of Education (Pam Jeffries):</b> Survey sent out to look at needs for PPE, supplies, technology, etc. as related to CoVID-19 needs.</li> <li><b>Preceptor Incentive Program (Melody Eaton):</b> As of 8.17 package is on hold for the coming FY. VNA, VACN, and other governmental relations groups are continuing to pursue for funding. Discussion on statewide preceptor database is occurring for both graduate and undergraduate needs.</li> <li><b>Clinical Placement</b><br/>PPE: some healthcare organizations are providing, and others are not. Schools are providing as needed (N95, goggles, etc.) Flexibility is key- whenever and wherever possible.</li> <li><b>Simulation Usage</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action</li> <li>No action</li> <li>No action</li> <li>No action</li> </ul> |

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|  | <p>Simulation as needed to support skills learning and clinical experiences. Standardized patients when possible.</p> <p><b>Spring 2021 Concerns</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “More of the same”</li> <li>• Concerned with graduating students with delayed workforce orientations and NCLEX testing</li> </ul> <p><b>Technology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Telehealth: Karen Karlowitz (ODU) holding a train the trainer on telehealth usage for faculty (CE availability) – will send flyer for spring session</li> </ul> <p>Uses in PMHNP, FNP, Peds, Women’s Health</p> <p><b>Faculty</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clinical – increased need without the ability to backfill in some schools due to budget constraints; adjuncts are stretched thin</li> <li>- Didactic – most have no new hire constraints</li> </ul> <p>Hiring freeze, budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Salary cuts</li> <li>- No hiring</li> </ul> <p><b>Clinical sites</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decreasing number of students</li> <li>- Collaboration and flexibility are key across the state</li> </ul> <p><b>Enrollment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decrease in RN-BSN, Personal life complications (personal withdrawal seen in RN-BSN, MSN, APRN, and upper level programs), Increased last minute deferrals and leave of absences (child care, work responsibility), DNP and PhD level decrease more than graduate at some facilities,</li> </ul> <p>Averett: Clinical site request names of students who are tested positive or exposed. Considered confidential and breach of law. GW: We cannot share with faculty any names of students who are in quarantine/isolation per legal. Several other schools agreed- no names to clinical sites</p> <p><b>Mental Health Needs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Talk Space (GW) - New UG/G – on demand 24/7 real time counseling services available on app. 9/22 launch- multiple positive feedback, free to student, waiting on data. Available across the country for distant students</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action</li> <li>• Karen to send information on Telehealth training (done)</li> <li>• No action</li> <li>• No action</li> <li>• No action</li> </ul> |
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| Treasurer's Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NA</li></ul>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NA</li></ul> |
| Adjournment        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting was adjourned at 1630</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NA</li></ul> |

Respectfully submitted,

Shanna Akers  
VACN Secretary