AGENDA/MEETING MINUTES  
Nursing Program Advisory Council  
October 30, 2015  
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1. **Introductions**  
Discussion: Welcome and Introductions.

ITEM 2. **Role of the Program Advisory Committee**  
Discussion: Members of the Program Advisory Committee were informed of the role of the Nursing Program Advisory Council. An explanation of the requirements of the national accrediting body ACEN was discussed.  
Action: No action required.

ITEM 3. **State of the Nursing Programs**  
Discussion: Dr. Adina DiFederico-Yates and Dr. Mary Biderman discussed their role as co-interim directors of the RN-BSN program. Director Buddy Herrington discussed the current curriculum revisions of the ADN nursing program. Explained the new concept based curriculum and how it is being implemented throughout the program. Subject matter will be taught across the lifespan. Participants were updated on the status of the ACEN Self-Study for reaccreditation with the site visit being in the Spring 2017 Semester. Dr. Raywattie Sooklall discussed the status of the restructuring of the LPN program. The Nursing Assistant Program is now the foundation for the Practical Nursing Program.  
Action: No action required.

ITEM 4. **Discussion about ongoing grants in the nursing programs**  
Director Herrington discussed the current Quantum Grant. Students are being exposed to QSEN and HCAPS throughout the entire nursing curriculum in order for new graduates to have the knowledge of this and how they impact patient care. The goal is to see the acute care facilities have an increase in their HCAPS scores. Florida Blue Grant – Evaluate the performance of new graduated in the acute care facilities by completing a survey. Director Herrington will inquire at Deans and Directors meeting as to whether any such survey is being utilized.  
Vesna Poirier led a discussion regarding the utilization of CNAs in preventing rehospitalization. The RN-BSN students are involved in this project as part of their practicum.  
Action: No action required.

ITEM 5. **Announcements/Reminders**  
Announced PBSC has a new president: Ava L. Parker, JD  
RN Nursing Pinning Ceremony: December 17, 2015 @ 1000  
Several LPN positions are available at Morse Life and Alzheimer’s Community Care locations.

ITEM 6. **Spring 2016 Meeting Date**  
Discussion: TBA in April 2016

Attendance:

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