

No Quorum – Site Visit Record

Date of Visit	Site	Site Staff present Title Contact (List all)	Amarillo College faculty and staff
4/12/2023	BSAHS -	Katrina Tokar – CNO Glenda Harris -Assistant CNO Lisa Touma- Clinical Educator Mona Tucker – Human Resources	Kim Crowley – Dean of nursing Teresa Herrera – Associate Director of Nursing Aaron Gann Director of LVN Program
Summary (include summary of discussion and visit to labs, etc., trends in field, updates on tools and technologies, and status of AC grads employed at site.	<p>Introductions and updates were provided and discussion of updates on AC initiatives and changes including moving to Concept Based Curriculum, Incorporation of VR Evolving Case Studies, progress toward four semester program and the evening cohort. Updates on Accreditation ACEN and BON and results of SACSCOC visit in the fall. BSA staff shared the challenges that occurred with cyberattack and back up paper documentation which was challenging for the entire facility and their interactions with students. Better communication between facilities and difficulties with firewall and email communication related to AC being blacklisted with regard to email presented the perfect storm to side rail many processes. – request for alternative email addresses to better facilitate communication (gmail addresses were exchanged) Limitation on clinical space and number of students were discussed and the change from using Panhandle AHEC for clinical scheduling was addressed. Questions regarding number of students we enroll each semester and plans for increasing enrollment were addressed BSA identified the nursing shortage and number of nursing openings as concerning at this time. Beginning of nurse internship program and some discussion regarding use of clinical time and internship time overlapping as well as the expense of using traveling nurses for the institution were brought up. Suggestions for implementation of evolving case studies and increasing the amount of simulation time as a substitution for clinical time on the unit were addressed. Limitations of available space in the AC sim labs at the NRC and of the competition for space at SimCentral were discussed and potential use of the new WTAMU nursing lab downtown were noted. Potential needs identified were more up-front training with regard to medication safety and use of the automated medication dispensing cabinets -with focus on safety double checks and how to appropriately return medications. Request for students to practice with the specific type of safety tubing BSA uses including the luer adaptors and needlestick safety. Suggestions for potential purchases included manikins that have the ability to change pupils or skin color to allow students to pick up on jaundice signs in patients, safety simulations for the newborn area with regard to identifying appropriate visitors and potential threats for infant abduction. Dramatic need for surgical techs and surgical nurses was discussed including the need for some way for students to practice in an OR type environment prior to being at the hospital and the need for students to have been able to practice a surgical scrub. (The facility does not have capacity for an entire group of student nurses to take up multiple scrub sinks getting checked off.) Potential need for cultural awareness and possibly simulation that was not focused on adult patients. Soft skills remain an issue and need for helping students with patient focused communication skills were the final topics. The meeting was very productive.</p>		

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04/26/2023	NWTHS	Patti Thompson CNO - 806-354-1159 Patricia Diaz - Clinical Education manager Polly Lovato - Senior HR Business Partner Sandy Ethridge - COO	Kim Crowley - Dean of Nursing Kim Boyd Dean of Health Science Teresa Herrera Associate Director of Nursing
Summary (include summary of discussion and visit to labs, etc., trends in field, updates on tools and technologies, and status of AC grads employed at site.	<p>Introductions and updates were provided and discussion of upcoming changes within NWTHS. Updates on AC initiatives and changes including moving to Concept Based Curriculum, Incorporation of VR Evolving Case Studies, progress toward four semester program and the evening cohort. Updates on Accreditation ACEN and BON and results of SACSCOC visit in the fall. Challenges identified including difficulty with students and documentation within the Cerner system and the need for students to have better initial preparation for utilizing the system. Needs identified include: need for exploring a more useable ERH system so students do not spend so much time in facility focused on the computer and not the patient - Better communication between facilities and difficulties with firewall and email communication - request for more focus on communication and human interaction for students to be better prepared to engage with patients and therapeutic communication. Suggestions included- standardized patients and group activities such as mock de-escalation scenarios. Some concerns for the low number of students and graduates coming to the facility were voiced. Suggestion for updated equipment at the college Patti stated students were overheard complaining about the poor state of simulation equipment - specifically birthing manikin and SimMan- at the college and discussion regarding the use of SimCentral as an alternative with newer and more advanced equipment. Overall the meeting was positive and provided valuable insight.</p>		
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4/5/2023	Amarillo VA Medical Center	Tabitha Mathias - Clinical Educator Dr. Maurine Isenberg- Chief of Education Ivy Llonoso - Administrative Coordinator Education Services	Kim Crowley - Dean of Nursing Teresa Herrera Associate Director of Nursing Aaron Gann Director of LVN
Summary (include summary of discussion and visit to labs, etc., trends in field, updates on tools and technologies, and status of AC grads employed at site.	<p>Introductions and updates on evolving roles with VA education. Toured the new Educational classroom and lab within the VA and discussions regarding the use of their new simulation manikin and how our students could interact with it while attending clinicals at the VA. We have not used the VA for clinicals since COVID in 2020 and are developing the relationship again with a goal of having LVN students in the facility in August. We will schedule a time for the VA representatives to the West Campus and tour our VR Simulation area. Recommendations for the purchase of a simulation manikin like they use - that would help students with assessment of pupillary response and recognition of signs of strokes which is a diagnosis that is part of the major patient load within the VA. Tabitha has found that new nurses and AC graduates struggle with identification of pupillary and conjunctiva assessment on patients with potential brain injury and Liver Disfunction such as advanced cirrhosis or NASH - the VA has found this manikin valuable in helping students identify these signs and symptoms. Recommendation were made to work with students</p>		

	on the communication particularly in reporting of patient changes and communication with the physicians as the new grads are hesitant to make the call even when indications are clearly presented – this is not a new issue but is common and we need to seek ways to build the students confidence in their knowledge and abilities. VA reports they are glad to see our students come back to the facility and particularly the LVN students as they have a huge need for LVNS and have a great educational scholarship path for employees. Dates were set to meet at the West campus in August.		
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04/21/2023	Ochiltree Gen. Hosp. / and FPC Perryton and Borger –Golden plains Hospital and FPC	Kathy Frantz RN Rachel O'Beirne – Physician Kelly Judice CEO – Ochiltree County Hospi. Bethany Calloway – FPC Joanne Genn –RN Dr. Shannon Carrol -- FPC- VP Don Bates – CEO- Golden plains Melody Henderson - CNO – Golden Plains	Kim Crowley Dean of Nursing
Summary (include summary of discussion and visit to labs, etc., trends in field, updates on tools and technologies, and status of AC grads employed at site.	Spring meeting with the Perryton Hospital, Golden Plains Hospital and FPC staff to discuss needs, challenges and areas for improvement Concerns were voiced about potential inability to do clinicals in the hospitals with census running low. The morning was spent in Perryton and the afternoon in Borger. Potential avenues for supplementing clinical experience with simulation experience either with standardized patients in the facility or with simulation equipment on the FPC campus. Inadequate simulation equipment and lack of simulated patient monitors was discussed as well as the need for somehow bringing nursing professional development to the Perryton and Borger facilities for nursing CEUs that could include use of SimCentral's Mobile Sim-Unit. Needs were voiced for updated simulation manikins, arrhythmia generators, Central line manikins and possibly a new birthing manikin so that local students could remain in Perryton and still receive the needed specialty skills training. Discussions included switching from Zoom platform to Teams Meet to better facilitate online activities as the FPC students use teams and it is difficult to switch between the two platforms. Decisions were made to pilot using teams in the fall. Decisions were also made to apply for a SLENTS foundation grant to assist with the purchase of much needed simulation equipment for both Borger and Perryton.		
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4/27/2023	Moore County Medical Center and Hereford Regional Medical Center	Kathy Fouston – Human Resources MCHD Jeff Turner – CEO – MCHD AnnaWyn Drury RN- MCHD and Dumas RNEC Candice Smith Interim CEO- Hereford Medical Center	Kim Crowley Dean of Nursing Kerrie Young RN – Attended Hereford only.

		Katie Ally – RN- Hereford Medical Center Kelly Mathesmier RN	
Summary (include summary of discussion and visit to labs, etc., trends in field, updates on tools and technologies, and status of AC grads employed at site.	<p>Spring meeting to discuss the needs of the Hereford and Moore County Hospital facilities and the FPC and AC students in each location. Tours of each facility were done – Dumas and MCHD in the morning and Herford in the afternoon. Discussions regarding inability to utilize the Medication dispensing units in both locations du to firewall issues between the FPC IT systems and the AC IT systems presented an ongoing challenge for the nursing students in both locations and was listed as an imparitive need to find a solution so that students could adequately prepare for clinicals. Discussions regarding the ongoing need for patient monitors for student simulations and for Glucometers for student use were conducted and potential temporary solutions were settled on until these items can be purchased. The need for a medication cart for the students in Hereford were brought up and Kerrie Young will deliver one from the West Campus next week. MCHD sited the need for a new IV training arm and it was decided Kerrie could deliver two from West campus for the Dumas students to use for the next year. Concerns over upcoming schedule changes and content delivery methods updates were voiced and slated to be brought forward at the RNEC Oversight committee. Herford Medical Center volunteered to supply needed disposables- including PPE and Srub kits for students to use in the fall and concerns about the need for more intensive mentoring for new faculty was raised and noted. Discussion regarding the next cohort of RNEC students and the application cycle were discussed in detail as well as the need for updated application information for the Hereford and Dumas Communities. Information will be sent out to both communities in the coming weeks and an RNEC faculty meeting wil be held the firt week in May to continue to address the concerns raised during this visit.</p>		

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Next Meeting:

Kimberly Crowley

Dean of Nursing

02/21/2024