MAINE NURSING EDUCATION COLLABORATION (MENEC)

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History of MeNEC

• Handout provides a historical perspective of the formation of MeNEC and subsequent work.

• Two original co-chairs: Nancy Smith and Ann Sossong
**Original Major Goal**

- Transform nursing education in Maine to prepare graduates to meet the demands and challenges of an evolving health care system.
Other Goals:

- Design and implement models that promote academic progression and lifelong learning
- Identify minimum admission criteria for all programs.
- Expand opportunities for faculty and student collaboration
- Share best practices and promote collective faculty development (ensure programs are outcome based)
- Implement the Maine Nurse Core Competencies as a framework for nursing education and the evaluation of outcomes
- Bridge the education-practice gap.

MeNEC Goals for 2016

- GOAL STATEMENT ONE: Develop an organizational structure for MeNEC with operating bylaws.

- Progress:

- GOAL STATEMENT TWO: Design and plan for implementation of an end-of-program evaluation tool to evaluate the attainment of the Maine Core Competencies in nursing

- Progress:
• **GOAL STATEMENT THREE:** Design a plan for seamless transition for RN to BSN education.

Progress:

• **GOAL STATEMENT FOUR:** Develop and implement a survey to assess orientation program needs for adjunct faculty.

Progress:

Challenges/Barriers:

• Change of leadership in many nursing schools

• University/college concerns and focus on enrollment and retention

• Continuing fiscal challenges for state funded programs

• Nursing faculty shortage: full-time and adjunct
Challenges/Barriers continued:

• Integration of Maine Nurse Core Competencies across curricula – particularly the competency related to gerontology

• Collaboration across public and private schools; for and non-profit

• Lack of fiscal resources for continuing MeNEC

Opportunities/Progress

• Sub group working on developing a Web Site for MeNEC

• Bylaws committee are completing Draft #2 to submit to full group at next meeting for approval

• Subsection of bylaws required annual dues from each school which will support a small operating budget

• Survey going out in October for information to guide development of an adjunct faculty orientation program

• Despite challenges, MeNEC is a great group of committed nursing education administrators and faculty striving to forge onward!
Questions??