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LEGISLATIVE EDUCATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
(1202 Commission)

November 30 and December 1, 1976
Room 519 - State House

Members Present

Senator Joseph C. Harder, Chairman
Representative Don Crumbaker, Vice-Chairman
Senator George Bell
Senator Billy McCray
Senator Jan Meyers
Representative John Bower
Representative Kalo Hineman
Representative Ruth Luzzati
Representative Roger Robertson
Representative Fred Weaver

Staff Present

Phillip E. Jones, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Rampey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dr. E. Gail Harkness, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Walt Smiley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Avis Badke, Revisor of Statutes' Office

Conferees Present

Elaine M. Dohmeier, R.N., Director, Wesley School of Nursing, Wichita
Mildred Warren, graduate of Wesley School of Nursing, Wichita
Sister Mary Bernadette Janning, President and Chief Executive Officer, St. Francis
Hospital, Wichita
Lucille Love, President, Kansas Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses
Cleo Garrison, Director, Licensed Practical Nurse Program, Flint Hills Area
Vocational School
Dr. Eleanor Schuster, Director of Graduate Program and Acting Co-Chairperson of the
Department of Nursing, Wichita State University
C. Jerome Jorgensen, President, Kansas Hospital Association
Mary Lou Taylor, Coordinator, Nursing Program, Johnson County Community College
Carla Lee, Project Director, Nurse Clinician Program, Wichita State University
Dr. Alice Adam, Chairperson, Department of Nursing, Washburn University
Dr. Doris A. Geitgey, Dean of the School of Nursing, University of Kansas
Roy C. House, President and Chief Executive Officer, Wesley Medical Center, Wichita
Dr. George B. Smith, Chairman, Regents' Committee on Enrollment Evaluation, Kansas
University
Dr. Kenneth B. Anderson, Kansas University

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Nursing Education Study

Dr. Harkness and Mr. Smiley described the nursing education study and pointed out major trends and conclusions revealed by the data. They include:

1. The traditional role of nursing is changing so that nurses are expected to assume more responsibilities in the health delivery system. As a result, at least two types of expanded nursing roles have evolved -- the nurse practitioner-clinician and the clinical nurse specialist.
2. Nurses who participated in the study indicated they planned to seek additional education in pursuit of another degree or increased specialization in their clinical area.
3. The number of nurses seeking a baccalaureate, Master's, or doctoral degree in nursing is expected to increase.
4. The supply of active nurses will remain fairly stable between 1976 and 1980. However, by 1980, the demand for nurses will exceed the supply by more than 60 percent.

Several conferees appeared before the Committee to urge that hospital or diploma schools of nursing be included in any recommendations the Committee might make. They included Elaine Dohmeier, Director of the Wesley School of Nursing (Wichita), Mildred Warren, a graduate of the Wesley School of Nursing, Sister Mary Bernadette Janning, President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Francis Hospital (Wichita), Jerome Jorgensen, Kansas Hospital Association, and Roy House, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Wesley Medical Center (Wichita).

They argued that all levels of preparation were necessary in order to meet the demand for trained nurses.

Lucille Love, President of the Kansas Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses and Cleo Garrison, Director of the Licensed Practical Nurse Program, Flint Hills Area Vocational School, opposed any recommendation that would cause licensed practical nurse programs to be phased out and asked that all sub-professional training be retained. They pointed out that the licensed practical nurse programs attracted persons who were unable to or uninterested in becoming registered nurses.

Mary Lou Taylor, Coordinator of the Nursing Program at the Johnson County Community College, Carla Lee, Project Director of the Nurse Clinician Program at Wichita State University, and Dr. Alice Adam, Chairperson of the Department of Nursing at Washburn University, supported the concept of two main levels of preparation -- the associate degree level and the baccalaureate degree level. They said better patient care would result from better trained nurses. They pointed out that nurses are often given responsibilities for which they are not prepared and that there is a need for upgraded educational programs to produce the type of nurse that is needed. They also noted that fewer levels of preparation would make movement between educational levels easier.

Dr. Eleanor Schuster, Director of the Graduate Program and Active Co-Chairperson of the Department of Nursing at Wichita State University, and Dr. Doris Geitgey, Dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Kansas, spoke in support of outreach and graduate-level nursing programs. Dr. Schuster told the Committee that approval for a graduate program with a major in nursing to be offered at Wichita State University is pending before the Kansas State Board of Regents.

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After concluding the hearings, the Committee deliberated and adopted the following recommendations.

It is recommended that:

1. The Kansas State Board of Regents be directed to make a study of the feasibility of establishing or accelerating on-campus and outreach programs in the state to offer baccalaureate and Master's degree programs in nursing and report back to the Legislative Educational Planning Committee (1202 Commission) by June 30, 1977.
2. Formal articulation be established on a statewide basis among all nursing education programs by 1980 so that an educational ladder concept exists.
3. The Kansas State Board of Regents be directed to explore the feasibility of developing a doctoral program in nursing to be offered within the next ten years.

4. The Kansas State Board of Nursing be directed to call regular meetings of nursing service and nursing education personnel on a regional and state-wide basis for the purpose of planning and implementing goals of nursing education.
5. All schools of nursing be encouraged to establish clinical work-study programs with health-care facilities for students to utilize during periods when not in school.
6. Local health care units and educational institutions be encouraged to continue research studies to improve nursing care, service, and education, and make such studies available to the Legislature.
7. The centralization of health-related data by the State Department of Health and Environment be encouraged and that such data be accessible to all health planners.
8. The Legislative Coordinating Council assign a 1977 interim proposal to the Legislative Educational Planning Committee to monitor the recommendations of this study.

Copies of statements submitted by nursing education conferees are on file in the Kansas Legislative Research Department. The Nursing Education Study will be published as a separate report of the Legislative Educational Planning Committee (1202 Commission) and will be available after December, 1976.

Enrollment Report and Projections

Dr. Smith presented his enrollment report to the Committee (copies are on file in the Kansas Legislative Research Department) and told the Committee he will retire from Kansas University next spring. He said it will be necessary for whoever assumes responsibility for the enrollment reports to update the definitions used to take into account changes in postsecondary education that have taken place since the reporting began.

Dr. Smith told the Committee he has been able to obtain the voluntary cooperation of postsecondary institutions to the extent that his enrollment report is considered "official" by the institutions and state agencies. It also is used as a basis of the enrollment projections prepared by Dr. Anderson.

Dr. Anderson, who is under contract to the Legislative Educational Planning Committee (1202 Commission) to make the enrollment projections, made his report to the Committee. His projections for each of four types of institutions for the year 1981 are shown below:

	<u>Actual Headcount Enrollment Fall 1976</u>	<u>Projected Headcount Enrollment Fall 1981</u>
State and Municipal Institutions	77,697	69,617
Community Colleges	27,738	31,616
Four-Year Private Institutions	11,301	7,517
Two-Year Private Institutions	1,817	1,143

A summary of Dr. Anderson's enrollment projections will be published as a separate report by the Legislative Educational Planning Committee and will be available after December, 1976.

Committee Report

The Committee reviewed a copy of a draft of the final Committee report and made several changes. The primary change was to update the report to include the nursing education recommendations.

The Committee also discussed the section of the report pertaining to student tuition at the Regents' institutions and decided no action on its part was necessary, particularly since the State Board of Regents announced last summer an increase in student tuition to be effective the fall semester of 1977.

Other Matters

The Committee minutes of the previous meeting, as revised, were approved.
The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by Carolyn Rampey

Approved by the Committee on:
