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THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING COUNCIL
MEETING - MAY 5, 1989
THE QUALITY INN

9:15 - 9:30 a.m.  Coffee
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. 1. Welcome, Introductions
          2. Minutes, Fall Meeting
          3. Treasurer's Report
          4. President's Report
          5. Report Co-Committees
          A. A.D. and B.S.N. Councils

10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Report State Education Department
Dr. Milene Megel

11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Waneta Hunter, President, N.Y.S.N.A.

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon Old Business

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. New Business

2:00 - 2:20 p.m. Date and Location of Fall Meeting

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NYS Associate Degree Nursing Council
Friday, October 21, 1988
Albany Marriott
9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

TOPIC

1. Welcome & Introductions
   Jacqueline Perley welcomed all Council members as well as Dr. Megel and Ms. Rosetti of the State Board of Nursing. The 53 Council members present introduced themselves.

   Ms. Perley further stated that Dr. Sylvia Edge, NLN, was not sure as to whether she would be able to attend. Dr. Edge is leaving NLN for a position with Miami - Dade Community College.

   Contact NLN for name of NLN replacement for Sylvia.

2. Minutes of April 15, 1988
   No discussion

   Accepted as read motion by Dr. Ann Christian. Seconded by Joan Gilbert. Passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report
   Distributed by Marie Cahill
   75% of Council members have paid '88-'89 dues.

   Passed unanimously.

4. Ballot Results
   Dr. Ann Christian announced the results of written mail-in ballot.

   VP - Joan Gilbert
   Treasurer - Marie Cahill
   Bd Members - Esther McEvoy - Janet Wright

   Nomination Committee
   Cathy Carr
   Cathy Pequet
   Audrie Spatz

   Dr. Ann Christian stated that there is still a need for an additional member. Jackie Perley requested additional nominations from the floor. Audrie Spatz was nominated, accepted and elected.

   Vote for Dr. Ann Christian to destroy the ballots.

   Ballots destroyed.
**TOPIC**

5. Chairperson's Activities

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**NYSNA Convention - October**

Jackie Perley explained the activities during the NYSNA voting sessions. She distributed her oral presentation given at the NYSNA Convention to the Council membership. She conveyed her concern about the strategies of NYSNA.

NYSNA is only supporting the Professional Model Structure for ANA. NYSNA delayed the vote of NYS to secede from ANA for one more year, awaiting ANA's structured meeting and decisions. NYSNA is resubmitting the Entry Into Practice Bill at the Spring '84 legislative session. The title: Associate Nurse is back with the educational requirements of Associate Degree Nursing.

Apparently this caused problems for some members in the NYSNA audience who wanted to know why ADN and not LPN for the Associate Nurse.

Discussion at convention revealed that LPN, Inc. had already endorsed ANA - Registered Care Technician Program. Scary to think that nursing could inherit RCT if LPN, Inc. has its way.

Jackie announced that NYSNA dues have been increased from $175-$250, annually. Also, NYSNA has a hired lobbyist.

Jackie, also shared the letter from the Baccalaureate and Higher Ed. Council to NYSNA which supported:

1. Bacc. degree as essential to entry into practice as professional nurse.
2. Opposition of secession of NYSNA from ANA.

**DECISION**

Concern for increased monies used against best interest of nurses in NYS by NYSNA.

Concern for NYSNA strategy to withdraw from ANA.
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<td>Jackie suggested the Council think about:</td>
<td>1. Starting new nursing organization.</td>
<td>Dr. Lenora McClean to meet with ADN Council the WM. Further discussion on the topic at that time.</td>
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<td>2. Electing people within NYSNA.</td>
<td>3. Join AD - CME.</td>
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<td>4. Resurrect liaison Committee between ADN and Baccalaureate Councils and work to present new bill on nurse education in NYS.</td>
<td>Jackie reviewed the past experience with the ADN-Bacc. liaison Committee. One of the problems was that the baccalaureate Council did not give their liaison committee the power to commit to the proposed concept of Test A the entry exam to nursing be taken by all nurses, (RN) and that an additional exam, Test B, be given to test for the baccalaureate contact.</td>
<td>Motion that the ADN Council Liaison Committee be reinstated and charged with moving forward on developing the &quot;former liaison Committee Entry into practice proposal with the baccalaureate council. &quot;former position: 2 levels - level A - all nurses exam - level B - tests Bacc.</td>
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<td>Jackie stated she was a member on the Tarkey Lombardy Committee re: Excellence in nurse award. Most nurses not enthralled with idea and whether it improves the image of the nurse. But positively it does give nursing recess to the NY legislature for 2 days in May.</td>
<td>Various ADN Liaison Committee members spoke.</td>
<td>Members of the ADN Liaison Committee one: Anita Ogden Janet Wright Jackie Perley Marianne Lester Ann Christian.</td>
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<td>Report from ADN Liaison Committee</td>
<td>Suggested to keep former Committee intact. To fill vacancies with the 2 alternates: Marianne Lester and Ann Christian.</td>
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Motion to add additional persons to liaison committee as alternates. Passed unanimously.

Motion: ADN liaison committee to discuss with Bacc. Council liaison committee reintro-
duction of concept of educational basis for licensure.

This suggestion to be discussed with both groups and to move forward to develop a bill to be presented to the legislature.

Motion: Four persons who volunteered be appointed to the liaison committee as alternates: Judy Cordia, Marilyn Hurlbutt, Teresa Myers, Leah Mae Carlisle.

1. Dr. Megel reviewed and updated the events after the compromised RN-N Clerx exam. February 1988. (See April 1988 ADN Council minutes)

   Four alternatives offered to states:
   1. Give alternative exam - Calif. had to.
   2. Give compromised exam - do "anomaly" analysis - not license fails.
   3. Give exam - license and flag license.
   4. Give exam - license.

2. July '88 RN-N Clerx


   Result: Increase in failure rates nationally of 1st time candidates educated in United States. The national average was 16.4% failure rate. 9% was lowest. Washington, D.C. - 40%; NYS - 25%. (6375 students took July '88 exam).
### TOPIC

Dr. Megel said that evidence points to the fact that the overall quality of the nursing student is decreasing. This was ascertained by NCSBN by the ability estimate based upon distractions chosen by failing candidates. July '87 - 14% failure rate (NYS); February 22% and July '88 - 25% failure rate.

Dr. Megel stated that the only difference between the February '88 and July '88 examination was that the candidate had to answer, correctly, those more questions.

The level of difficulty of the exam was .69 and .86 reliability for the July '88 NCLEX. (The level of difficulty has been consistently between .65 - .75).

Much discussion ensued about:

1. Concern with scope of power of NCSBN.
2. Test plans for the curriculum. Why must the schools of nursing purchase them? Why are they not sent to the schools of nursing without fee.
3. Discussion of state board results and the concern with not receiving information about the individual graduates. Chairpersons cannot respond to SED questions about results, etc.

Again, chairs questioned why individuals could call 800 number and receive results of candidates, i.e. Were they licensed?

Dr. Megel stated that this is public knowledge. Anyone can call Customer Service, Professional Licensing Services and ask status of individual. Phoning is not in violation of Freedom of Information Act because the information is accessible information to others but it is not universal knowledge.

### DECISION

Noted NCSBN is comprised of members of the state board of nursing.

(Was this answered?)

Dr. Megel has article from NCSBN in how to evaluate failure rates in lieu of not receiving names.

Suggested by members.

1. If Joe Public can call and receive answers about 5 persons as to RN licensing then - call Customer Service for result of your class. OR
Topic: Institutional Licensure

Question of whether the increasing failure rate on the RN-N Clex supports claims of those supportive of Institutional Licensure such as the NYS Dept. of Health?

Are we as nurses organized to respond to the institutional licensure movement?

Dr. Megel responded that her office is always responding to this issue. She stated that there are continued meetings with the Task Force between the Health Dept. and SED (State Bd. of Nrg).

1. LPN-IV therapy - status of litigation. NYSCNA lost last round of being able to represent the NYS nurses. NYSCNA has introduced suit against NYS in NYSCNA Board.

2. Send list of graduates to customer service. Ask were they licensed or not.

Motion: Jackie Perley directed by an AHN Council to send a letter to Governor Cuomo re: question that schools of nursing receive information on status of graduate in RN-N Clex.

Jackie to include rationale for request.
1. Need for research ability.
2. Evaluation of teaching strategies.
3. Track failures of N-Clex for assistance.
4. Determine accuracy of results.
TOPIC

DISCUSSION

DECISION

In interim: SED (Bd. of Nsg) and IOM met.
In hospital: Special LPN's could participate in IV's. Given - supervision, special course, etc.
In home care: Still being discussed.
SED concern - no supervision, many no phone available, etc.

NYG - State Bd. of reg. - White Paper
Dr. Megel alerted member of Council to an upcoming white paper on LPN Education in NYC. Set high school LPN programs.

Status nurse practitioners rules and regulations
Public distribution for review. Until 1992 - NP must be a graduate of a program certified as NP.
- certified by ANA exam for specialty area of care.

1992 - Must be graduate of Masters in Nsg program and ANA certification.

Two further certifications: As of April 1, 1989
1. NP with prescriptive privileges must apply for 3 hour course in drug therapeutics in their area.
   a. Pharmacy law - how to write prescription.
   b. Narcotics law - controlled substance.

Registered Care Technician - RCT
NCSBN opposes RCT proposal.
NYS Bd of Nursing supports NCSBN. If passed - would require new licensing body.

Question about how many of the LPN licenses are dually held by RN? Not known.
1. However, if individual guilty of malpractice both licenses are involved, should the individual keep both.
2. When license fee increased, it was noted that the number of LPN re-registrations decreased.

Draft to be sent to ADN Council members by Dr. Megel's office.
### Afternoon Session:

**Dr. McClean responded to Jackie Perley's invitation to meet with the ADN Council.**

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<td>5. NYS Bd of Nursing '89 Survey - Re-registration info will reveal more information about this subject.</td>
<td>Currently Activity Registered in NYS: 771,000 RNs 64,920 LPNs 10 diploma programs 12 using ADN 55 ADN programs 12 BSN generic 14 BNS upper division 6 Accelerated RN-MS 27 Masters Degree 5 Doctorate 59 EN-38 b.a. programs 27 adult programs</td>
<td>NYS will not put limitation on the individual. If one meets the minimal competency - one should be licensed.</td>
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<td>CAT - Computer Assisted Testing NCSBN has received grant for simulation testing for RN-N Clex exam.</td>
<td>Currently pilot tested (60 RN + 40 LPN) Individual of pilot testing were already licensed. So decreased anxiety of test - Free to test effect of computer testing. Exams varied in length. 2-3 hours of testing. No need to have knowledge of computer keyboard. Very simple - a demonstration.</td>
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<td>Question asked about the number of times that one may enter the licensing exam.</td>
<td>Discussion re: eye fatigue and those who have English as 2nd language. Have difficulty acclimating to computer.</td>
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**Afternoon Session:**

Jackie Perley thanked Helen Fausner. Helen Fausner is retiring of Philips, Beth Jorall, School of Nursing for her service to the ADN Council.
She discussed the meeting of Bacc. meeting with NYSCNA regarding Entry Into Practice 8/22-23/88. She had attended the Arden House Conference and was the impression this meeting was to further explore and work to resolve conflict.

Instead - NYSCNA was manipulative. Some strategy as they (NYSCNA) used at the October NYSCNA convention.

Dr. McClean stated:
We need to work for unity!
1. Need to protect resources for nursing education in these times of budget austerity. (NYS budget has caused decrease in budgeted faculty position in SUNY.)
2. Nursing Shortage - Dr. McClean also on Turkey Lodge Committee. Positive note. This could be. We need positive action.

Dr. McClean to meet with the liaison committee and the Bacc. board to reinstate committee meetings with ADN Council.

4. As a powerful group - should influence industry about nurses. As nurses we belong to Empire Plan, Unions, SUNY, employee relations. We should influence these agencies to include nurses and needs of nurses in their organizations.

We should preserve on where we want to go. Not on entry into practice.

Let's improve environment for nurses. Other issues to be concerned with: provision of nursing core in NYS and RCT issue.
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<td>Bill Development</td>
<td>Esther McEvoy stated that for a bill we need: Sponsors in Assembly and Senate, the writing of bill is done by the sponsors staff. Filing date. Esther to check on this.</td>
<td>Motion: Need for consensus of ADN Council - what will we not support (NYSNA).</td>
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<td>Inclusion of Diploma and LPN Councils is discussion</td>
<td>Discussion: To include diploma schools and LPN Council in discussion absent nursing in NYS.</td>
<td>Consensus - ADN Council will not support NYSNA legislative program for '90. - ADN Council will not support NYSNA withdrawing from ANA.</td>
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<td>Other: Letter to Juanita Hunter to apprise her of joint effort of ADN and Bacc. Councils.</td>
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<td>Agreed: Institutional licensure is a real problem.</td>
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<td>Spring date</td>
<td>Discussion re: need for more socializing and sharing external to meeting. Suggest evening before ADN meeting for coffee, dessert and sharing time.</td>
<td>Agreed: Annual joint meeting between ADN and Bacc. Council - Jan. 20, NYC.</td>
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<td>Decided: Not at this time.</td>
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<td>Jackie Perley to draft and send letter.</td>
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<td>Past vote - No! AD-OONE addressed issue. Problem of dues structure and single vote.</td>
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<td>Also - single focus agency. Too limiting!</td>
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<td>Sent to Jackie Perley.</td>
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<td>Adjourned 2:30 p.m.</td>
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MEETING-AD Council

NURS
11/88
TO: All Associate Degree Council Members
FROM: Jacqueline E. Perley
DATE: March 9, 1989
RE: Interim Events and Meeting May 4-5, 1989

No, I haven't forgotten about you. As each one of us knows so well - we live from crisis-to-crisis. Many things have happened in the interim that I need to update you on.

I believe that the January meetings in New York City, of the liaison committees of the Baccalaureate and Associate Degree Councils, as well as the joint meeting of the two councils were very successful. I wish that more of you could have attended.

The following decisions were made:

1. A letter was written and cosigned by Lenora McClean and myself to N.Y.S.N.A., saying that we did not want to focus any attention on the Entry Into Practice Issue this year.

2. Three committees were formed with members from each council and co-chairpersons to explore the following issues:

   A. Curricular Issues:

      This committee will be examining associate degree and baccalaureate curriculums with the goal of exploring the concept of the generalist and specialist education.

   B. Public Relations and Health Issues:

      This committee will seek out and promote nurses who have special projects which benefit clients and support them.

   C. Legislative Projects and Related Issues:

      This committee will keep abreast and render opinions on any legislative projects which support nursing in NYS. They also will keep both councils apprised of any policies which will have an impact on nursing from any significant bureaucracy such as State Education, Health Department, State University of New York, etc.
All Associate Degree Council Members
March 9, 1989
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I am including in this packet the committee's structure. Basically, we focused membership on those present. This doesn't mean that there isn't room for negotiation if members can't attend, etc. It was a wonderful feeling to be proactive instead of reactive.

Waneta Hunter wrote me a letter and invited me to come to Albany as President of the Council to discuss N.Y.S.N.A.'s legislative package. I decided that it would be appropriate if she came to our meeting. Her secretary said that she is trying to clear her schedule to come. Dr. Megel will be at our meeting also.

When I called in January to get reservations in Albany for the May meeting, Donald Trump had the town booked. I succeeded in getting reservations for May 4 (7-10 p.m.) and May 5 (9:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) at the Quality Inn. They have remodeled and are quite reasonable.

In order to facilitate having lunch and a room reservation please, do the following:

1. Send luncheon and room reservation to Marie Cahill.
   A. Quality wants the information to come in a block.
   B. Please return to Marie before April 18, 1989. She must call before April 20 or we lose our block of rooms. Rooms cost $49 single, $54 double. Luncheon buffet is $7.95.

I am including with this memo a plethora of information to keep you abreast of things:

1. Position Paper sent to the Labor Health Industry Task Force.
2. Update Associate Degree Council membership list.
3. Baccalaureate Council membership list.
4. Response to my letter sent on behalf of the Council to receive more information about Boards - Dr. Hernandez.
5. Response to letter sent by chairs of the A.D. and B.S.N. Councils to the State Education Department requesting more information.
6. Committees formed by A.D. and B.S.N. Councils.
7. Luncheon menu and room reservation.

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WPC/e.b/454
Council of Deans of Nursing  
Senior Colleges and Universities in New York State

TO: Joint Committee on Curriculum
FROM: Lenora J. McClean and Barbara Grutter, Co-Chairs
SUBJECT: Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 1989  
9:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Cultural and Education Center - Room 5801  
Albany, New York
DATE: February 22, 1989

Thanks to Marianne Lettus we have our first joint committee meeting scheduled. Please let me know if you can attend. Call my secretary, Joyce Lichter at 516 444-3262 and let her know.

Best regards,
LMJ:jl
MEETING-AD Council

Council of Deans of Nursing, Senior Colleges and
in collaboration with the New York State and the
Council of Associate Degree Nursing Chairs

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RESULTS OF: ABN*Curriculum Survey

POPULATION: Associate Degree Nursing Programs in New York State

NUMBER OF RESPONSES: 53

1. Each Nursing Course taught each semester: 10
2. Each Nursing Course taught once per academic year: 37*
3. ** Students can repeat each Nursing Course: 27
4. Student can repeat 1 Nursing Course: 16
5. Students can repeat 2 Nursing Courses: 5
6. Passing grade for each Nursing Course:
   - C = 70%: 32
   - C = 75%: 19
   - C = 73%: 1
   - Mastery = 80%: 1

*Other factors affecting scheduling: quarter system/summer offerings/number of courses/year for first time enrollees and those repeating the course.

**Individual consideration appeal process effects number of courses repeated at 6 programs.
NEW YORK CITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE
SURVEY OF ADN CURRICULUM IN NEW YORK STATE

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5. What is the passing grade for each Nursing Course?
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6. What is the passing grade when repeating a Nursing Course?
   (Letter)
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Name of Institution:______________________________

Name of Respondent:______________________________

Date:______________________________

Comment:

Thank you.

J. Mihich
October 1988
Position Paper
In Response to LABOR-HEALTH Industry Task Force
Report on Health Personnel

This position paper was prepared by a joint committee of the
New York State Council of Deans and Directors, Senior Colleges and
Universities and the New York State Council of Associate Degree
Nursing Programs in response to The New York State Labor-Health
Industry Task Force on Health Personnel 1988. We believe that it
is appropriate for the Health Department to be concerned about
health care issues that affect the citizens of New York. We found
this report to be thoughtful, comprehensive, and to address a wide
range of problems in health care. These comments focus on the
recommendations that are particular to nursing and its vital role
in the health care delivery system.

I. THE HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY, WITH THE SUPPORT OF NEW YORK STATE,
MUST IMPROVE WORKING CONDITIONS AND COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN
WORKERS TO ENCOURAGE RETENTION OF THE EXISTING WORK FORCE AND
to FACILITATE RECRUITMENT.

- We support this recommendation and urge the Health Depart-
ment to encourage hospitals and other health care agencies
to provide career ladders and to introduce other organiza-
tional changes which foster accountability in nursing
services and which employ nurses in a way that reflect
their academic preparation.

- The provision of salaries and other benefits for nurses
and other health care workers not only recognizes the
value of the individual but also makes health care a more attractive occupation.

II. NEW YORK STATE AND THE HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY MUST ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT CAREER LADDERS AND CAREER MOBILITY.

- We support the concept of career mobility for nurses and many of our educational programs have provided options for career mobility for nurses. We support the use of competency based testing for credits so long as such measures are educationally sound and designed to measure both cognitive and performance competencies. We further support the use of innovative methods of delivery of educational services such as satellite courses and recommend that hospitals be hooked up to an electronic delivery system such as SUNY SAT.

- We believe that the education and service sector ought to work together to provide the necessary services to educate a competent nurse. This includes the provision of flexible educational options and courses at the work place. We caution care in the interpretation of "job-relevance". Educators have a responsibility to prepare students to function not only in today's world but to also be prepared for future changes. Preparation in the basic skills (English and mathematics) and liberal arts and sciences not only teaches students to deal with people and their environment but also teaches them the skills in critical thinking necessary for continued learning.
- We strongly support the need for scholarships, paid educational leaves, and other support services such as day care which free individuals from financial, work and family constraints which interfere with learning.

III. THE HEALTH INDUSTRY AND NEW YORK STATE MUST ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT MORE EFFECTIVE AND CREATIVE USE OF THE EXISTING WORK FORCE.

- We are supportive of the plan to set up demonstration programs to use the existing work force creatively. The low wages paid registered nurses relative to other workers with comparable skill levels have resulted in wasteful employment patterns. The literature is now suggesting that the current registered nurse work force might well be sufficient if RNs were better utilized. An article by Aiken and Mulinex published last year in the New England Journal of Medicine provides an excellent overview of this literature. They point out that hospital nurses have been seen as very versatile employees. Not only are registered nurses used to fill the role of practical nurses and nurses aides, they also are used to fill the roles of clerical staff, laboratory technicians, physical therapists, and social workers. Night nurses fill in for physicians, pharmacists, hospital management and janitors. Even though nurses' wages are 20 to 30 percent higher than those of licensed practical nurses and secretaries, it was still considered to be more economical to hire nurses because they required so little supervision, and could
provide the comprehensive nursing care required in today's complex, acute-care-oriented hospitals.

We would like to see a demonstration project which would study the impact of streamlining the nursing work role and focusing it on patient care that requires the expertise of a nurse. It may be cheaper for hospitals to hire more ward secretaries or buy computers to lessen the mountain of paper work. More practical nurses and nurses aides might be utilized. Hospitals could experiment with paying weekend rates to physical therapists and night rates to pharmacists rather than using nurses. They might find ways to dispatch janitors to areas where a clean up is needed.

There are, however, some cautionary notes about demonstration projects. We would not like them used as an excuse to diminish the quality of care, or to threaten individual licensure. These kinds of activities would be self defeating because they would make recruiting candidates into nursing schools much more difficult.

The concept of demonstration projects to use the existing work force more creatively is a very good one. It may be appropriate for the Health Department to carefully study some of the projects already in process in other states and replicate them in institutions in New York. Projects such as nurse managed health centers, autonomous nursing units, and nursing centers for excellence have in fact
decreased health care costs while increasing quality of care.

- Periodic review of licensure and scope of practice requirements is a good idea, but the review should be done in a reasonable and honest fashion without any talk of "sunset" legislation that would threaten individual licenses.

- We support the use of mid-level practitioners and support staff to reduce time spent by skilled personnel. We are particularly supportive of nurse practitioners. We would support legislation which would give prescriptive privileges to those registered nurses who have completed a nurse practitioner program that is approved by the New York State Education Department.

IV. NEW YORK STATE AND THE HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ENTRANTS INTO THE HEALTH CARE WORK FORCE.

- We are very supportive of a statewide education and marketing campaign to encourage more people to enter the health field. Each of our schools has already started recruiting as best as we can. An organized coordinated broad scale plan could use approaches that are not available to use on an individual basis.

- We strongly urge that the idea of core health curriculums in high schools be given further scrutiny. The introduction of core health careers curriculum in high schools has potential if such a curriculum is designed to assure that
students study the sciences and mathematics necessary for success in nursing, medicine, or other health related careers. A course in social sciences which studied people and their work in the health professions would help students to understand the focus of the various disciplines in health care so that they could make an informed choice.

- Core courses that focus on basic skills which cut across disciplines have been tried at the community college level and have been ineffective.

- The nursing shortage should not be used as an excuse to exploit minority group members. Most of the jobs in the health care field that provide wages above the poverty level demand a background in mathematics, science, the behavioral sciences, and English. This means that the full high school curriculum is needed. If minority youth are pulled out of these basic courses and taught hands on skills they may well move into first level health care jobs, but they will lack the educational base to advance through the educational system to move up to the well paid jobs. This is discriminatory. Furthermore, this recommendation is inconsistent with the new regents requirements for a high school diploma. These requirements are designed to strengthen the student's competence in the basic skills.

- When discussions of recruitment take place it is important to remember that the problem is partly a market place
problem. This is particularly true of nursing. Women students are now able to choose from a broader array of careers, so fewer are coming into nursing. The state government could help with recruitment by raising the salaries of nurses in state facilities and making the job attractive so that both men and women would be attracted to nursing.

- The council strongly support the need for financial support to schools and more scholarships for students. Financial incentives for educational programs willing to study multiple methods of preparation, course delivery, and assessment methodology would be a stimulus for curricular revision.

V. NEW YORK SHOULD ESTABLISH A HEALTH PERSONNEL NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROCESS THAT LINKS HEALTH CARE PLANNING WITH EDUCATIONAL SECTOR DECISION MAKING

- This is a good idea, and the members of the Council of Deans of Nursing, Senior Colleges and University of New York and the members of the Council of Associate Degree Program Directors are ready to help with these efforts. Please feel free to call on us individually or collectively.

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May 9, 1988
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February 10, 1989

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Dear Ms. Perley:

I write in response to your letter of December 14, 1988 to Commissioner School which was referred to me for reply. Your letter requested that the Department provide individual graduate NCLEX-RN scores to the schools.

Scores of individual candidates taking the NCLEX-RN exam are no longer provided to the jurisdictions. The NCLEX exam is not designed to rank individuals. All persons whose scores are at or above the cut level are viewed as being "equal". The acquisition of a license means that an individual has received a score of PASS on the examination and is therefore deemed minimally competent or in possession of entry level skills.

The Department is currently reviewing with our Office of Counsel, the policies and procedures related to providing information on the licensure of individuals for all the licensed professions. It is the intent of the Department staff to provide helpful information to schools while assuring the rights of candidates taking examinations in New York State.

In the meantime, I suggest that nursing schools subscribe to the Diagnostic Summarry Profile, which is available through the National Council of State Boards, to assess strengths and weaknesses of the nursing curricula. In addition, you might ask graduates to notify their schools whether or not they are licensed. You may also call the Customer Service Unit of the Division of Professional Licensing Service or write to determine if individuals are licensed.

We will notify the schools of any changes in policy which occur as a result of our review.

Very Truly yours,

[Signature]

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Minimum of 40 People

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