



**Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses (RIBN) Advisory Committee**  
**November 16, 2011 9:30-11:30 am**  
**Organizational Meeting**  
**Siena Hotel –Chapel Hill, North Carolina**



**Members Attending:** Polly Johnson, Linda Burhans, Brenda Causey, Brenda Cleary, Doris Esslinger, Vincent Hall, Katie Gaul, Gail Mazzocco, Cecilia McBryde, Cindy Morgan, Sharon Morrissey, Suzanne Ortega, Mike Vicario (representing Bill Pully), Joy Reed, Mary Rittling, Meka Sales, Terrence Scarborough, Ellen Sheppard (also representing Mary Ann Wilcox), Karen Stallings, Beverly Vance, Polly Welsh, Sherri Marlow, Karen Stallings.

**Members absent:** Leigh Angel, Katie Eyes, Jenna Nickerson, Roger Shackleford, Kristen Swanson, Mary Ann Wilcox

**RIBN Regional Representative:** Josie Bowman, Brenda Holland, Sherri Marlow, Kerry Thompson.

**Others present:** Pam Jenkins, Project Director

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION	ACTION/FOLLOW-UP
<b>Call To Order</b> <b>Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was called to order by Polly Johnson. During the brief introductions, members shared why they were invited to participate in the Advisory Committee.</li> </ul>	
<b>Overview of RIBN Project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Polly reviewed history of RIBN project in NC, including initial multiregional PIN grant through Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence to adapt the Oregon Model (OCNE) between ADN and BSN programs in metropolitan NYC and in the more rural area of western NC between WCU and AB Tech. She provided an overview of the current project with 5 regional collaboratives which is supported by a major grant from The Duke Endowment and a PIN6 grant through the Jonas Center, noting that several other nursing education programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RIBN project power point to be placed on the FFNE website for members of Advisory Committee to use.</li> <li>Key talking points to be developed and posted as well.</li> </ul>

	<p>are interested in developing a RIBN program in future years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each collaborative has a Student Success Advocate (SSA), either full or part-time, to help educate potential applicants and high school students, recruit and council potential and existing RIBN students.</li> <li>• Terrance Scarborough, member of RIBN Advisory Committee, provided information about the state scholarship/loan monies available through the FELS (Forgivable Educational Loan Service) program under the State Educational Assistance Authority. Information is available on the Governor’s website as well as NC College Foundation website. .</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Review of NC Future of Nursing (FON) Action Coalition (AC)’s primary initiatives</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A brief review of the NC Future of Nursing Action Coalition structure and work to date was provided. This included the relationship of the RIBN project to the goal of increasing the proportion of nurses with baccalaureate or higher degrees to 80% by 2020.</li> <li>• A major strategy to meet this goal is to have the RIBN educational option available statewide by 2016</li> <li>• Group expressed interest in creating a RIBN like program for dually admitting students into an MSN program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider expansion of model to a MSN dual entry program as current project evolves.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RIBN Project Challenges and Opportunities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarified that the RIBN educational track is collectively “owned” by the colleges and universities who form the RIBN partnerships and must be understood and valued by the nursing programs as well as the key administrators within each academic system.</li> <li>• Noted importance of having full support from top administrative officials at UNC General Administration (UNC GA) and the NC Community Colleges System (NCCCS to ensure that RIBN is recognized within the broad framework of nursing education since there is only a finite amount of money for nursing programs.</li> <li>• Strong agreement that we need financial modeling to show return on investment (ROI) and the economic impact that baccalaureate nurses have.</li> <li>• Concern expressed about being sure to include those counties (like Davidson) that have no university or higher education program beyond the community college, being creative in forging partnerships and teaching/learning modalities to facilitate RIBN partnerships with CCs in these areas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have all academic institutions involved in RIBN put link to RIBN information on their websites</li> <li>• Seek technical support/expertise to develop this business model</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant funding will be needed to expand RIBN across the state.</li> <li>• Expand faculty readiness/development as well as student readiness to participate in on-line and other non-traditional teaching/learning modalities</li> <li>• Create professional development tools/training for student success advocates.</li> <li>• Need to more fully understand how current high school/community college career pathways would interface with RIBN.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify best practices for distance education</li> <li>• Learn more about the special programs for high school students including STEM and Career &amp; Colleges Promises Pathway</li> </ul>
<b>Role of Advisory Committee as Advisors and Ambassadors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates of RIBN project to be provided quarterly to Committee members</li> <li>• Use <a href="http://www.ffne.org">www.ffne.org</a> website to inform self and others of RIBN project as part of “ambassador” role.</li> <li>• Keep Project Coordinators informed of ideas/resources/questions related to project as well as grant opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please send any names or points of contact that might be important for the RIBN project to Polly J.</li> </ul>
<b>Next Steps: Future Meetings</b>	<p>Committee will meet at least annually</p> <p>Committee will be invited to participate in any statewide programs related to RIBN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates to be determined.</li> </ul>