



Santa Rosa Junior College and Sonoma State University
Nursing Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 7th from 10 am to 12 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting ID: 827 9290 4835

Welcome and Introductions:

In Attendance Committee Members:

Krista Altaker, Sonoma State University
Katherine Magee, Santa Rosa Junior College

SSU Administration, Staff & Faculty:

Rich Fidler, Kaija Freborg, Jessica Hansen, Brian Herrera, Rachel Napoli, James Nwaizugbu, Elizabeth Wade, Anne O'Brien

SRJC Administration, Staff & Faculty:

Scott Meehl, Diane Donnelly, Tiffany Lundqvist, Claire Raymond, Jennifer Richardson, Tammy Sakanashi

Off-Campus Invited Guests:

Suzanne Hewitt	Mendocino College
Alicia Bright	College of Marin
Milagros Ott	MCCDC
Ronda Steele	Sutter
Ali Meyers	Sutter
Kristin Lyttle	Providence

Minutes: Claire Raymond, Santa Rosa Junior College

Review/Approve Minutes correction of 120 students admitted to the SRJC Nursing program instead of 105. 11/4/25 Meeting Minutes amended and approved.

Santa Rosa Junior College Nursing Updates:

ADN Director Report from Katherine Magee:

- Have 58 students that will be graduating in this May cohort.
- 115 students in 2025 that have successfully completed the program.
- Pinning ceremony May 18th at the Burbank theater on campus.

- Application cycle closed on February 7th. Received over 450 applications. Currently screening for eligibility using the probability of success for the chancellor's formula normally have about 2/3 that qualify for the lottery.
- Will seat 120 students for Fall 25/Spring 26 academic year. Normally go #225 to #250 in the lottery in order to seat the 120. Have fallout from the initial 120, goes on sometimes way into July for the fall semester and into November and December for the spring semester.
- Thank you to clinical agency partners for supporting the placements of our 230 students.
- Diane Donnelly is here at the meeting today, heading up our onboarding using both my clinical exchange and the CPS tool for placement our acute care facilities. Also assists in placing the students for preceptorship.
- 30% of students that are Latinx which exceeds the Sonoma County demographic
- 100% NCLEX pass rate
- Participating in a career empowerment event on Santa Rosa campus sponsored by the Black Affinity Group to assist underserved students in career planning and resources.
- Continue to receive the support from the chancellor's office for grant funding. Also have a grant in to expand our program, has a lot of moving parts and will be in process for awhile.

CNA Program Coordinator Report from Tiffany Lundqvist:

- Pass rate 95% skills; 98% written for State Exam.
- Hosted a Job Fair (3/27), planning to continue each semester.
- Current Spring cohort started 100 hours of clinical 4/3, will finish on 4/24.
- Anticipating full roster for Summer and Fall; looking to expand program & hire additional faculty.

Sonoma State Nursing Updates:

Nursing Program Director's Report from Krista Altaker:

- Working on growing our programs and our receiving support for that.
- In the process of proposing a new segmental health nurse practitioner program.
- Graduating 29 students this spring- one of the cohorts just post COVID, smallest cohort.
- Coming in fall, will have 42 students, 33 of those students are SRJC students, eight of those claimed to be white. The rest are non-white students.
- Admitted 49 students for this summer cohort. Still receiving apps and will probably have 50.

SSU Nursing Pre- licensure Updates from Rachel Napoli:

- Graduating 22 students this spring. Admitted 24 to new cohort that will start in the fall.
- Working on trying to expand our pre-licensure program by 8 students, for 32 total.
- NFP test pass rates were 100%
- First cohort is graduating since they have switched from ATI to Kaplan, a smooth transition. Students are finding it easier to navigate

Family Nurse Practitioner Program Report from Director Rich Fidler:

- 44 family nurse practitioners finishing the program.
- Offered 85 people admission for this Fall. Going to have 80 start, so significant program growth.
- Catchment areas as far north as the Oregon border as Far East as Tahoe area and people as Monterey and San Luis Obispo, trying to work on our clinical coordination.
- 90% first try pass rate and a 96% overall pass rate on the national certification for nurse practitioners.
- Received some brown grant funding again this year for \$143,000 to support the family nurse practitioner program

Mendocino Community College, Nursing Director Suzanne Hewitt:

- Talking with architects now about building a new career education complex, would include all the health care programs.
- Bringing the LVN program on board in 2026.
- Had 185 applicants for 20 spots, do use the lottery system.
- Graduating 22 students in May.
- 100% of graduates passed NCLEX on their first attempt last May.
- Last November had continuing approval visit from the BRN- had no deficiencies.
- There is a new mental health inpatient facility being built in Ukiah and it's wonderful for inpatient or outpatient for mental health in Mendocino County or Lake County
- Sending out admission decisions in May. Try to align with SRJC.

College of Marin Nursing Program Director Alicia Bright:

- Graduating 41 this May, trying to grow, but it's cost prohibitive so not doing that currently. Looking at a curriculum redesign and then will increase admissions with a new and more efficient curriculum.
- 90% merit based and 10% lottery admissions.
- Planning on redesigning the curriculum and then increase enrollment to 48 or 52 long term, looking at developing LVN program.
- 95% NCLEX pass rate.

Clinical Agencies Reports:**Kristin Lytle, Providence:**

- Still working with the new placement program should be more streamlined for everyone.
- Leverage the strengths of all 3 hospitals in Healdsburg, Santa Rosa, and Petaluma to make sure they provide the right care up and down the Sonoma corridor.

Ali Meyers, Sutter:

- Just opened a new outpatient care acute care center in Rohnert park, doubled urgent care capacity. Might be a place where MA's or other modalities could do their internships.
- Increased from about 1200 employees to 1442 staff. 10 year low for turnover and vacancy rate.
- Having their annual skills fair, will partner with Scott to let you know what new products they are introducing that can possibly be incorporated into nursing programs: new

feeding pump delayed due to tariff problem. New products include flow patch, and purewick flex, and new oxygen saturation product.

Ronda Steele, Sutter:

- 247 student encounters from Sonoma state and SRJC have come through Sutter.
- Expressed thanks to Rachel, Diane, and Scott- wonderful and valuable to learn from each other and support new nurses.

Milagross Ott, MCCDC:

- Wondering when the nursing students are going to start visiting their schools, miss them and wondering when will come back to do their hours.
- Katherine Magee says she can help with student nursing placements at MCCDC.

SRJC Health Sciences Dean Tammy Sakanashi:

- Katherine put in the nursing grant chancellors grant nursing grant to hopefully expand our program with the CNEM program at SSU.
- Remodeling our building to develop a large lecture classroom for 75 students.

SSU College of Science, Technology, and Business Dean Elizabeth Wade:

- Things are going well, growth in the S&P program for next year.
- Working on getting a couple of new majors in health professional studies, starting in fall of '26 Would be a degree for those who either looking to go into nursing, but can't get in during their four year degree, still health related and gives students a good foundation.

Krista Altaker:

- Looking at revamping their entire admissions process in general to be more holistic and inclusive. Asked for thoughts from other college directors regarding their admission process.

Katherine Magee:

- Because of the volume of applications, have to be careful about going to a point system or a system of more of a personal touch, would need more staff.
- Want to develop higher levels of diversity and inclusion, don't want to create obstacles for the underrepresented students who don't have the time or finances to do extra things to get points. That's the reservation about abandoning the lottery.

Alicia Bright:

- All pre-Nursing students are asked to meet with a Counselor to go over the points system
- It is a high-maintenance process to get the students ranked but it does help give them a more diverse group.

Suzanne Hewiit:

- Mendocino looked into the multi-criteria selection process and realized it would not benefit their local students in any way, in fact it could have excluded their students at a disproportionate rate so based on that data they will not pursue the multi-criteria app process.