Implementation of the APRN Consensus Model: National Update

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Goals:

• Provide an overview of the purpose, development and structure of LACE electronic network
• Identify major activities undertaken by education, certification and accreditation organizations to implement Consensus Model
• Discuss some of the issues/questions that have arisen
Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: LACE

- Consensus document
- Process initiated by NONPF & AACN thru the Alliance for APRN Credentialing
- Establishes the model for APRN Regulation, including requirements for each
  - Licensure
  - Accreditation
  - Certification
  - Education
APRN Consensus Model

• Defines APRN
• Identifies 4 APRN roles
  – CRNA, CNM, CNS, CNP
• Identifies 6 population foci for APRN education, certification, licensure
• Titling
  – APRN, Role (population optional)
Implementation of APRN Consensus Model

• Since the completion of the *Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education* (July 2008)
• 48 national nursing organizations have endorsed the *Model* including all major APRN organizations;
• APRN Work Group & Joint Dialogue groups (LACE organizations) have continued to meet approx. every 4-6 months to:
  – keep communication open,
  – Identify issues and questions that have arisen
  – Discuss activities undertaken by one entity that impact others
  – Develop a strategic plan and process for development of LACE
LACE Network

- Electronic network to support and facilitate implementation of Consensus Model
  - LACE not a formal, separate organization
  - Based on social networking principles

- Purpose:
  - Ensure transparent and ongoing communication among LACE entities
  - Provide a platform for the ongoing work
Development of LACE

- Work group selected
- RFP sent out
- Vendor (iCohere) selected after proposal review, interviews, virtual demonstrations
- Recommendations for selection, budget, administration of network approved by participating organizations.
- AACN asked and agreed to serve as contracting agent.
Development of LACE

• 28 organizations have signed the MOU and paid one-year fee to support LACE. 2 additional organizations in process
• Each organization will have 3 “seats” in platform
• Administrators group (5) that represents LACE have completed training sessions which includes designing the function, format or structure of network site.
LACE Structure

• Public site (http://www.aprnlace.org)
  – Posting updated information, documents

• Protected work site (3 seats/organizations)
  – 8 Work groups: LACE components and four roles
  – Posting documents to be shared and worked on
  – Ongoing dialogue on posted questions
  – Scheduling virtual meetings
  – Calendar
Projected Timeline for Implementation of *Model*

- Implementation has begun by all LACE entities
- Projected Timeline: *if the Target is 2015*
  - APRN education programs should be transitioned by 2012
  - Accreditation processes should be in place by 2012-2013
  - Certification examinations should be transitioned by 2013
Overview of LACE Implementation Activities to Date

- Primary focus has been on dissemination of information
- Clarification of intent of Consensus Model
- Identifying implications for all stakeholders
- Addressing unintended consequences
- FAQs
  (http://www.aacn.nche.edu/Education/pdf/LACE_FQA.pdf)
Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education (July 2008)


or

http://www.aprnlace.org