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PN Exam Transition Work Group

Attendees:

Donna Rawlin, Lise Bonin, Karsten Henricksen, June MacDonald-Jenkins & Tania Pynn

Regrets:

Anne Marie Shin, Wendy Ellis, Erin Tilley & Sandra DeLuca

Welcome and Introductions

Donna thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. We welcomed a new representative from Lambton College, Karsten Henricksen, who will replace MaryJane Comiskey on this group.

Field Testing Update

A small working group with BC, ON and NCSBN is finalizing the overall field-testing plan. CNO will be contacting PN schools in mid-November to explain the process, introduce NCSBN and provide a survey link. The PN Schools will be asked to complete the survey. They will be working directly with NCSBN to finalize their individual field-testing dates.

French Lexicon Panel

On October 25, CNO hosted a French Lexicon Panel with representatives from College Boreal and La Cite. The working group reached consensus on a group of terms. The list of terms will be provided to the exam provider to ensure exam materials use the standardized terms from the Lexicon panel.

Item Writer Panel

There will be an item writing panel (IWP) from Tuesday, Feb. 18, to Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, in Chicago. CNO will select faculty participants based on inclusion criteria. It was noted that faculty chosen for this panel may need release time from teaching to attend these dates. Travel, accommodation and meals will be covered. CNO will provide orientation for participants prior to the IWP date.

Exam Resources

NCSBN will provide the following resources prior to exam launch:

- Practice Analysis
- Test Plan
- "Look and Feel" Practice Exam
- "What to expect" Document

June MacDonald-Jenkins indicated she will raise the issue of potential collaborative funding for province-wide exam resources at the next Heads of Health Science meeting in the Spring of 2020.

Academic Workshop Planning

Workshops will be held for faculty in the Spring of 2020 to provide information about CAT exam methodology and how faculty can prepare students for REx-PN. The group suggested that best timing for a workshop to ensure maximum faculty attendance would be during the last two weeks of April 2020 (after Friday, April 17, end of winter term).

Mapping RPN ETP Competency to PA statements

Mapping exercise workshops will be held Thursday, Nov. 21 and Friday Nov. 22, 2019, at CNO. A small working group from ON and BC will map the revised RPN ETP competencies to the Practice Analysis (PA) statements and the REx-PN test plan. The group includes one faculty/academic representative from each jurisdiction to participate in this mapping exercise.

Risk Registry and Mitigation Strategies - Students

The group had a discussion on some key issues that students might face with the transition to the REx-PN. The group commented that CNO is doing a great job communicating and engaging with PN educators, acknowledging that the process has been comprehensive and will help faculty prepare students.

Next meeting

- Friday, Dec. 13, 2019, 11 am - 12pm