

## **PN Exam Transition Work Group Meeting Minutes: January 15, 2021**

### **Attendees**

Sandra DeLuca, June Mac-Donald Jenkins, Tania Pynn, Lise Bonin, Wendy Ellis, Anne Marie Shin, Katie Dilworth, Donna Rawlin, Angela Smith, Erin Tilley.

### **Regrets**

Silvana MacDonald

### **Welcome and introductions**

Everyone was thanked for attending the meeting. Katie Dilworth, CNO's new Education Manager, was introduced and welcomed to the working group.

### **Pandemic Check-in**

Participants shared their experiences with winter semester start-up and online program delivery in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. PN programs shared their students are attending clinical placements although new challenges, such as students experiencing daycare issues have emerged.

### **Field testing update**

NCSBN has completed the first phase of REx-PN field testing, with approximately 600 students participating in BC and ON. Thanks to everyone for their participation and support!

A second phase of field testing is planned for March/April 2021. CNO has started contacting a few larger PN programs to obtain 200 PN student volunteers. Video equipment will be used to manage item security. Details to be shared as information becomes available.

### **Academic workshop update**

Fall 2020 academic workshop recordings are now available online for PN faculty to learn about the [REx-PN test plan, CAT theory and item-writing](#). Additional workshops are planned for late April/early May 2021 to provide faculty with hands-on, interactive item-writing opportunities. More details including session format and sign-up information will be shared with programs as soon as this information is available.

### **Item review panel (IRP) recruitment**

NCSBN hosted a virtual IRP in November 2020 with approximately 20 participants from BC and ON. Another IRP is planned for April 13–16, 2021. CNO is currently recruiting volunteers for this panel, seeking RPN and RN clinicians who work with RPNs in their first year of practice. Anyone interested is encouraged to review this opportunity on our [webpage](#) and contact [drawlin@cnomail.org](mailto:drawlin@cnomail.org) for any questions.

### **Survey to educators**

CNO will be distributing a short survey to all PN program administrators, coordinators and faculty to obtain data about the effectiveness of REx-PN communication to date. Information obtained will inform future engagement strategies as we prepare to launch

the REx-PN in January 2022. Survey distribution is planned for the end of January 2021. It will take approximately 5–7 minutes to complete and will remain open for two weeks.

### **Engaging Students**

The group discussed how CNO might communicate with and engage PN students across the province as we prepare to implement the new exam. Several strategies were discussed, such as sending electronic communication via school programs for student distribution and encouraging students to regularly visit our website and social media platforms. Additional strategies will continue to be explored at our monthly meetings.

### **Monthly Newsletter**

CNO is planning to launch a monthly REx-PN digital newsletter for PN academic stakeholders, starting in January 2021. The newsletter is designed to keep PN programs up to date, and remind faculty about relevant website links, FAQs and upcoming events. Ideas for newsletter content is welcome and will be discussed at future group meetings.

### **Next meeting**

Friday, February 19, 2021, 11 a.m. – 12 noon