

SALPN Council Minutes (Electronic/Teleconference): SIIT IPN Program Approval

August 3rd- September 5th, 2019

Participants: Denise Kominetsky (Council Chair, Ex-Officio)

Linda Ewen (Council Vice-Chair)

Tina Sentes (LPN Council Member)

Kirsten Hack (LPN Council Member)

Marlo Umahag (LPN Council Member)

Theo Bryson (Public Representative)

Kathy Bradford (Public Representative)

Mary Ellen Wellsch (Public Representative)

Lynsay Nair, SALPN Executive Director

Guests: Dr. John Collins (EPAC Committee Chair)

August 3rd, 2019 (via e-mail)

The EPAC Committee submits to the Council a summary of the EPAC Review of the SIIT IPN Program dated July 29th. The summary includes an overview of the process and recommendations to the program as of July 29th. Council members were provided with the Standards of Program Approval and the associated policy/procedure manual.

The request to the Council:

- 1. Review the summary document.**
- 2. Make a decision to accept/ approve or not accept/not approve the conditional approval recommendation of the EPAC Committee.**

All Council members indicated support to accept the conditional approval pending receipt of the full report of the EPAC Committee.

August 12, 2019 (via e-mail)

The Council Chair, Denise Kominetsky, notifies the Chair of the EPAC Committee, Dr. John Collins, of the acceptance.

August 26th, 2019 (in-person)

Council members receive a document titled *“2019 Initial Program Review – Interim Report. August 23, 2019”* from the EPAC Committee. Council members are asked to review the document and discuss via email.

Discussion:

Kathy Bradford provides comment/questions via email.

1. Level of oversight/follow-up required for the number of standards requiring follow-up assessment by the EPAC Committee
2. Wording within two of the recommendations on page 8 of the report.

September 6th: Teleconference with the Council, Chair of the EPAC Committee, and the SALPN Executive Director.

Council members are provided with an opportunity to ask questions/seek clarification from the EPAC Chair, Dr. John Collins.

Discussion:

1. **Kathy Bradford** seeks clarification related to the level of oversight/follow-up required for the number of standards requiring follow-up assessment by the EPAC Committee:

EPAC Chair indicates the follow-up and oversight will be an ongoing process, typical of a new program. New programs are unable to meet all standards before the beginning of the program and require partnership through an interim approval with the regulator/committee during the onset of the program until standards are met.

2. **Kathy Bradford / Tina Sentes** seek clarification related to the use of the word “should” within the recommendations and the use of the word “any” in the final paragraph of the recommendations.

Discussion yields that the word should (used twice) will be replaced with must or shall and that any will also include “or all.”

3. **Kirsten Hack** seeks clarification related to the equivalency of the competencies within the program to other programs, competencies related to providing care to cultures outside of the indigenous cultures and the existence of similar programs within the profession and outside of the profession.

EPAC Chair provides an explanation of the program requirement to prepare graduates to meet the entry-level competencies of the profession in Canada and that all programs are required to prepare graduates to write the same licensure exam.

EPAC Chair provides an explanation related to the Indigenous Course Content as additional content to the content related to the entry-level competencies of the profession. He notes that the program length is longer than other PN programs due to the addition of the content.

EPAC Chair/ SALPN Executive Director provide explanation related to the indigenization of nursing programs across Canada and the induction of Entry-Level Competencies that will require all PN programs to increase course content related to the “Calls to Action” of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

September 6th:

Motion to accept and approve the recommendations dated August 23rd, 2019 of the EPAC Committee related to the interim approval of the Indigenous Practical Nursing (IPN) program developed and offered by the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) pending the changes to the final recommendation document discussed on the Sept 5th teleconference.

M: Kathy Bradford

S: Theo Bryson

CARRIED

Electronic/Teleconference Discussion Concluded September 5th/ 2019 at 1345 HRS.

