

**LVN Community of Practice
Notes
October 19, 2020**

Attendees: Valerie Fisher (Host):

1. Roberta Farrar – College of the Redwoods – LVN Program (2 locations)

- Weekly testing students - scramble to get results - staff to do tracing and paperwork.
- One student tested positive
- Clinical site paying for COVID Testing.
- RN psych - had to get tested every two weeks.
- Providing full PPE (provided by college) – hospital will provide face shield.
- Use a teaching assistant (part time RN) to supplement faculty.
- Have LVN/Paramedic to RN track – using all on line now. Happy to chat with Christy Myers. Roberta-farra@redwoods.edu
- Skills lab-students screened daily and must wear face shield/mask/gloves if touching another person in lab.

2. Christi Myers – Lassen College – Director of Nursing

- Students meeting in person now and already use Canvas pre-COVID.
- Very few cases of COVID in the area.
- Virtual Simulation – Wolters-Kluwer/Laerdal – V-Sim products (<http://www.nln.org/centers-for-nursing-education/nln-center-for-innovation-in-education-excellence/institute-for-simulation-and-technology/vsim-for-nursing-medical-surgical>) Students have to buy. Simulation for EMR “DocUCare” is linked into regular simulations. Can use with any simulation product. Has preloaded simulations.
- Looking at starting LVN to RN Bridge, please contact her with your wisdom: cmyers@lassencollege.edu Sue Simpson has contacts for you.

3. Brenda Fong – Nursing Programs CCCCCO

4. Roxanne Haynes – CTE (Dean) Lassen College

- **Christi Myers** is her DON of LVN (plus other allied health programs) wants to grow all programs.

5. Carol Scobie – College of the Desert – Director of Nursing

- Currently LVN program on hold – did not accept a new cohort this fall
- Faculty ratio in spring will be 1 to 5 due to faculty oversight with COVID
- Students are cleaning desk between classes – Need training? Check CDC website.
- Skills labs – One door in and another out for students?

6. Rosette Strandberg – Santa Barbara City College - Director of LVN

- Able to start LVN program this fall
- Have a CNA program but due to COVID unable to start this fall.
- Had some students test positive – but not making them be tested again and they may return if MDs OK.

- Using both acute care (Lompoc, Urgent Care Centers/Cottage HC/ 4 long term care) – however each facility has different requirements for COVID rules/PPE/Testing
 - Weekly testing at some LTC facilities. Every organization has different rules for nursing students.
 - Had to reduce the total number of students at each facility – 6 students only!
 - So having to manage smaller cohorts which means more clinical sites.
 - Rotating clinical faculty to cover all cohorts. – Increase in faculty cost!!
 - Requiring more overall program management to make things work
 - What are the faculty to student ratio for clinical? 10 to 1/6 to 1/12 to 1/15 to 1 (with teaching assistant- part time LVN or RN with at least 2 years of experience).
 - Students in skills labs have same cohorts and same partner for lab.
- 7. Sue Simpson – Mira Costa College (Oceanside) - Department Chair & LVN Director**
- Able to start a new cohort in August
 - Just now moving into clinical LTC – one student tested positive (now hospitalized).
 - Have alternative assignments/simulations for sick students
 - Weekly testing for students and faculty in LTC
 - Kaiser – closed to students at this time
- 8. Laurie Meyers – Butte College – Nursing Director (RN & LVN)**
- Able to find clinical placements for students so far
- 9. Laurie Sienkiewicz – OC HWI Regional Director**
- 10. Irene Ornelas – South Central Coast HWI Regional Director**
- 11. Connie Lafuente – San Diego HWI Regional Director**
- 12. Celine Park – Job Developer – Moorpark College**
- 13. Sherrie Loewen – Dean of Health Sciences at Chaffey College**
- Testing students weekly free from Co. Health Dept.
 - This week - 6 positive! So students out of clinical for 2 weeks (Including Sim Tech)
 - Quarantine for 2weeks. Must test negative before going back into clinical
 - Alternative assignments for students if sick or if cohort quarantined
 - Risk adverse – stricter rules than current CDC guidelines – Want to be conservative
 - Using their own college policy for how to address COVID, but if a facility has some other protocol in writing with them may allow student to return if asymptomatic.
 - Have not had a student test positive twice as yet
 - Kaiser – Is open for student in acute care (Rad tech and AND)
- 14. Gina Weeks - Riverside City School of Nursing – Department Chair**
- College providing PPE for students (including face shields)
 - Only in acute care right now – Not back in LTC as yet.
 - Kaiser – not back in clinical till spring.
 - Already using simulation and have EMR program “DocUCare”.
 - Also Kaplan Simulations as part of the student’s options.
 - College has Sim lab certification – using above products at Sim Directors suggestion – made their own videos with faculty.

- “Course Point Plus” - student cost (bundled about \$300.00) another option
- LVN – cost of simulation – but use thought program.
- Looking at starting Paramedic to RN

15. Eileen Donnelly – Allen Hancock College - LVN Director

- 3 semester program – Used simulation to finish students had hours to make up from last semester.
- Using weekends and now back on track with cohorts up to date.
- Long Term Care not open to students in her area yet. May start acute care rotation earlier than planned.
- Large area for clinical – SLO and Lompoc facilities

16. Enna Trevathan - Gavilan College – New Dean (came from San Mateo)

- Long term care – not allowing students – for CNAs
- LVN – no LTC – local 2 hospitals with rehab – splitting cohorts for clinical
- Hard to find faculty for CNA classes – CDPH & HWI worked together to ease requirements for faculty a few years ago.
- Doing some online simulations
- Will do full contact tracking if student is positive
- Emergency team putting out recommendations for staff & students re: COVID precautions.
- Students and faculty are cleaning skills lab after each group – then deep cleaning every night.
- Skills lab only one door but have a station by door for student screening and reminders (removal of gloves and antibacterial gel for hands etc.)
- Sent acceptance letter for next cohort of students – informed the students of COVID risk.

17. Gwen Ross – Clovis Adult School -

- Two different shifts per day of students for skills lab (AM/PM) - with COVID cleaning in between each group – surface cleaning only till nights.
- Clinical - wearing N95 and face shields.
- Student/Teacher ratio 10 to 1
- Never had to stop her programs kept going using Zoom.
- Starting a new program in January (?)

Resources:

- Consider asking for CARES funds to assist with COVID expenses’ or Strong Workforce Funding.
- Saddleback College Nursing Videos: <https://alfa.saddleback.edu/data/welcome-rns-lvnlpns-and-nursing-students>.
- Check out all Community of Practice groups on the HWI website! www.ca-hwi.org
- HWI Inland Empire Regional Director Wendy Deras has information on CANVAS for faculty if interested: wederas@collegeofthedesert.edu
- Reach out to your HWI Regional Director if you need copies of campus wide COVID polices and procures. Most of us have something we can share with you.