**Subject:** Alliance for Clinical Education (ACE) meeting Monday January 25, 0800-1030 via Zoom

Dear ACE members,

We hope that you are all continuing to fair well. We look forward to an opportunity to connect with you during our upcoming meeting. The agenda will include updates to the ACE webpage, Discussions regarding By-Laws revisions, virtual recruiting fair, Nominations for new Facility Co-Chair and Vaccination efforts. We know and understand everyone’s time is valuable and we appreciate your engaged participation.

**Attendance from goggle doc**: Barbara Nelson, Kaylyn Garza, Lydia Benson, Jennifer Blanchard, Suzanne Villiers, Cassandra Racine, Kathleen McInnis, Angela Shopp, Kristin Belderson, Marianne Horner, Briana Kohlbrenner, Carmen Luttrell, Christy Neifert, Kristi Jo Mitchell, Roxane England, Whitney Erickson, Colleen Casper, Nicole Crampton, Laura Kent, Bonnie Blanks, Jennifer Madrid, Alicia Sandoval, Kathy Trummer, Stephanie Engler, Tami Forsythe, Rosemarie Ward, Panhia Xiong, Nicole Hill, Terry Buxton, Cecilia Cowart, Stephanie Storie, Sharon Tugume, Jennifer Jones, Andrea Moore, Lisa Zenoni, Greg Dehler, Sherry Birney, Susan Dalbey, Jenna Lungaro, Kathy Foss, Courtney Gryskiewicz, Kristin Schams, Amy Lavigne, Jessica Ociepka,

**What:** ACE meeting

**When:** Monday, January 25, 2020 8a – 1030a

**Where:** [ACE zoom meeting](https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/93972280159) (click the link)

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**Agenda:**

8:00 – 8:45 – Updates:  School, Facility and Community Partner

**Schools**

* **General updates:**
* COVID issues/concerns
* Status of clinical hours/needs for upcoming graduation
* **Whitney Erickson, CMC**: looking for program director and simulation director. Started classes last week and they are working with public health in counties to get students vaccinated. Still challenge to get long term care and mental health placements for students.
* **Kathleen Mcinnis, Colorado AHEC:** online study for LPN/Rn: working to develop virtual simulation for students using Non Exp Novice to Expert w Patricia Benner tool. 10 students signed up for 100% simulation hours to gain re-licensure. When governor emergency order ends will do 50% simulation.
* **Sue Sciacca, MSU Denver**: placement for med surg and peds challenges so using live and virtual sim.
* **Lisa Zenoni Regis**: New coordinator, Andrea Hines. Challenges in student exposures. Still using virtual sim along with in person rotations, trying to be flexible. Community Health placement is challenging.
* **Nicole Crampton, Denver College Nursing:** ½ students doing clinical ½ simulation. Tough to get placements. New professor, Laura Kemp.
* **Andrea Moore, Platte Valley Medical**: Some students allowed in COVID rooms, getting fitted for PPE. Vaccine clinic at Gov Center need help.
* **Fara Bowler, University Colorado:** Vaccine clinics how can we use students? Fall semester: Now allowing students to care for COVID patients if agency ok with this and have appropriate PPE. Students can opt out if they wish. Since spring 2020 tracking student hours to see where there are deficits for placements. Challenges with clinical immersion for capstone hours.
* **Anne Hovasse, & Nicole Crampton, Health One:** Anne is changing her role, to Med Surg Educator at Sky Ridge. Need to find new Co-Chair. No students w COVID patients or PUI’s. Document in MyClinical Ex for students to document. New grad program will be hiring again. Seeing struggles with new grads not being as prepared due to COVID restrictions. Seeing impact of virtual simulation w new grads, needing more hands-on. Working on students assisting in vaccine clinics. Just Nicole for student placements at this time.
* **Sarah Wise, Boulder Community:** Yes, seeing deficits with new grads, they need more basic skills with an educator before they work with patient and patient loads. Their ICD team have required students to have 1st vaccine and they are offering these vaccines for student nurses. Students are not allowed if not 1st or in process of getting both vaccines. Students can get the vaccine at Boulder Community.
* **Courtney Gryskiewicz, University Northern Co**.: Mixing Sim and hands on and are allowing them to care for COVIDs with proper fit tests. In process of vaccinating students as supplies allow.
* **Barbara Nelson, Advent Health University:** Same, using sim and clinicals. Struggling to get Peds rotations. No COVIDs per Centura policy where most are placed.
* **Kathy Trummer, Front Range**: Short on faculty same issues as other schools. Most clinicals covered but using Sim too. Biggest issue is getting faculty.
* **Jennifer Blanchard, Arapahoe Community College**: Struggling getting clinicals and getting students vaccinated. Pass rates are 100% only ½ placements that they have had in past. Have faculty openings please share with all.
* **Christy Neifert, Colorado Christian University**: Senior practicum is challenging. Have been partnering with facilities to do vaccination clinics, helps them get hands on.
* **Evelyn Shinn, Colorado State University Global:** moving into phase 2 now. Hoping to launch in July, lots of changes new provost.
* **Kaylyn Garza, Aims Community College**: Have all their students places now, currently have not gotten students vaccinations hoping to get that done soon.
* **Dahlia Ghosh, Denver Health**: Thanks to students helping with vaccine clinics. Appreciate schools help! Continuing with longitudinal programs. Working to get N95 fitting for students so no COVID patients until this is completed for students. Students are welcome to get vaccines at Denver Health!
* **Nancy Price, St Anthony’s Summit**: Taking students as of end of the month with some limitations. We are not allowing students in with COVID patients due to PPE limitations. Nursing students have been offered vaccinations.
* **Brenda Grizzle, Porter**: Not allowing students to take COVID patients. Trying to get ok to vaccinate students.
* **Anetria Cain,Poudre Valley**: Allowing students to take COVID with fit testing and using students to help with vaccine clinics. No update on vaccinating students at this point.
* **Kristin Belderson, Children’s**: Mass vaccination clinics currently. Still experiencing census-based issues challenges for placement of students. Will protect students, can care for PUI’s, not allowing students to wear N95s at Children’s due to critical supply of PPE. New grads: smaller cohort due to low need to hire at this time.
* **Jackie Hunter, Banner Health**: Changes in staff: Whitney Jewitt new contact. We are allowing students in facility with school providing PPE for them. Nurse transition program, working on that at this point and will follow up with appropriate schools.
* **Stephanie Storie, Parker**: No students caring for COVID patients, currently working on spring practicum placement. Starting new grad program in February and another new grad program in May.
* **Jessica Ociepka & Amy Lavigne, Vail Health Hospital**: We are accommodating 1st and 2nd year nursing students from Colorado Mountain College as well as capstones as units are available. We currently are not allowing students to care for COVID patients to reduce exposure. At this point we are unsure about new graduate RN positions; I have started to reach out to department leaders to discuss this opportunity.
* **Jenna Lungaro, SCL Saint Joseph** :Thank you to all the schools and their students for being flexible with rotations. We are similarly experiencing issues with census, staff turnover, and COVID care issues. Waiting for official approval to start fit testing our students, but this change should go into effect soon. We are starting clinical rotations in our vaccine clinic this week and will be looking for more students in the near future to help us in our mobile vaccine clinics! Our new graduate program starts in February and we are currently hiring.
* **Englanrx, Update from the Colorado Mental Health Institute**: We are currently not taking any students. I hope that with more staff and students getting vaccinated, we would be able to get them in by this summer.
* **Nancy Near-Pearse**, **Littleton**: Good morning everyone. Brenda Grizzle did an update for Porter, so I will just be updating for Littleton. We are now allowing students into non-COVID isolation rooms. We are also still not providing N95 masks, and we are still not doing fit testing for students. There is also a conversation at Littleton regarding student COVID vaccinations. I don't know anything beyond that yet. Placements are still continuing at Littleton although preceptor availability is still a struggle. Thanks to everyone for your patience while I was out on leave.
* **Rose Ward providing an update from Kaiser Permanente**. Our Emergency Operation Center is only allowing students who are also employees at KP. This will be reevaluated in March. A total of 18 our of 29 KP clinics are providing vaccines. This is through CDPHE and is also available for non Kaiser members. Kaiser has developed a questionnaire for those seeking vaccines. Their replies places them on a waitlist, which is very long.

**Facilities**

* General updates
* Current status of clinical environment/COVID concerns/PPE
* COVID implications on New Graduate transition to practice
* Current status of hiring; New Grad programs/pipeline

**Community Partner**

**Colorado Center Nursing Excellence: Report Marianne Horner**: New social worker, Briana help with geriatric program. New grant . New person from Children’s hospital working on dept of labor grant. Welcome new colleagues. Clinical scholar group: data base kept up so please reach out if you need help with instructors.

(Report submitted by Marianne, See attached in Minutes)

**Colleen Casper**: DORA Bill update, she can send if anyone wants to see. Allow implementation of emergency actions by DORA. What are long term barriers? Is it PPE / Fear for residents? CNO’s met concerned about health care worker retention. Need to ensure adequate staffing and proper PPE. Anyone interested in working on an article for Colorado Nurse, Colleen is looking for assistance, might be great way to get help with new hires. March 15th deadline to publisher.

**9:00 Bylaws revision, discussion and vote**: We have done work on revisions for bylaws please discuss and then we will vote. Poll launched for vote via zoom. Passed by 100% This will be posted on the Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence Web site.

**9:15  Action Item: Nominations for new Facility Co-Chair :**

Are there any nominations? No one currently interested. We need someone from an agency position since Fara is filling from the academic position.

Table this decision by the next meeting agenda in April .

(Anne Hovasse transitioning to new role)

**9: 20 ACE WEB Page: Housed on the CCNE for access and updates.**

**9:30 : ACE clinical requirements for requests:** Greg D: ACE clinical requests for 2021-2022 (8/1/21-7/31/22)? Due to agencies by 2/15. Is it April 15 for Agencies to respond. This can be varied depending on agencies restrictions due to COVID restrictions.

**9:35 – 9:45 – Vaccination efforts**

* **Students receiving vaccinations:** To receive a vaccination at some facilities they must be onsite for full rotation to qualify. For Health One: still not formalized plan but working on it. Whitney, CMC: Facilities are stating that since it is not mandatory for associates, will not be mandatory for students. May change in the fall if required. Can be due to age of students as to why they are not being offered vaccine at this point. Christy Neifert: since it is not mandatory and not FDA approval yet, should we re-visit need when it is mandatory?
* **Students participating in clinical site vaccination clinics:**
* **Volunteer time vs. clinical hours: Please keep students in mind when there is need for manpower with vaccination clinics.** Possibly tie into clinical hours Community Health of Med Surg hours. Tie it in with course for their hours. Some schools are using for volunteer hours so it does not disrupt the clinical hours needed. What are other efforts can students get involved in? Denver Health may have opportunities per Dahlia Ghosh. How long out do we see vaccine clinics, will depend on supply of vaccine but unknown at this time how long. What about using students for contact tracing: great opportunity for community health but there are challenges in getting students into the computer system to do this. CDC provides training for giving vaccinations, training is online so easy to access. https://www2.cdc.gov/vaccines/ed/covid19/

Above is the link for the CDC vaccination training

**9:50** **Virtual Recruiting Fair:** We need nurses! Host a event for our students and partners to attend via zoom to present what the organization is offering. Collaborative effort will need to ensure HR and new grad programs would be receptive to this idea. Perhaps one for new students in general but for this event, would be for new grad programs, what each organization is offering, criteria to apply, etc.. Would be set time for each institution to present, students would stay on for entire Zoom. Could we partner with CCNE? Marianne states yes, would promote this on their site. Should we create a task force to put this together? Would be a great topic for our next meeting in April.

**10:00– Future agenda items:** Vaccinations required for students: PPD test, Forms Committee: Questioning that they should be holding required to have training to update OSHA/HIPPA curriculum? Should this be outsourced or taught by school? Survey to come out on how schools are currently doing this. Look at nominations for co-chair. Explore how prepared students, (including refresher students) are for the workforce post grad. Could we also look at other regulatory requirements like can we use Red Cross CPR or AHA.

**10:00 Meeting adjourned.**

**Next meeting: April 26, 2021**

Resources:

[ACE contact list Google document](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__docs.google.com_spreadsheets_d_16rH976yUio50uK0cJCqmpozfq5y-2Dc2vVdQprwcecAbQ_edit-23gid-3D0&d=DwMGaQ&c=9fZnZOgPWmHmvevlab4V4ACvAaDFtZMPz_DO6BvzAJI&r=_7qfz5RWdwxVygX5DgX99VxtouJh_MxFrJDA4seFs6k&m=Pm97OINIRd8cz4ChU_egB-zh7YGKfixn1kqsLPVxPSg&s=TAv7FsclupQOe6b2AHaDqIJEcoGRc4zxEo6zJlZLoO0&e=)

[ACE webpage](https://www.coloradonursingcenter.org/center-special-initiatives/alliance-for-clinical-education-ace/)