College of the Redwoods Del Norte LVN Nursing Advisory Board Meeting April 4, 2016

Meeting Purpose: Gather information regarding the needs of the local industry partners with regards to vocational nursing program graduates.

Meeting Facilitator: Alison Pritchard, RN, PhD, Director, Nursing and Health Occupations

Invitees: Crescent City Internal Medicine, Del Norte Community Health Center, Lantern of Crescent City, Pelican Bay State Prison, Redwood Medical Center, Sutter Coast Hospital (present), United Indian Health Services, Curry Good Samaritan (Brookings)(present)

Meeting called to order. Brief introductions were made by attendees.

Overview of curriculum and proposed changes: Melody Pope outlined the move to a concept-based curriculum. Planned implementation date Fall 2017. Attendees were supportive.

Discussion of LVN roles in the community:

Hiring: Long term care is the major employer of LVN graduates in Del Norte and Brookings, Oregon (Curry Good Samaritan). Good Samaritan hires based on turnover, which has been high in the last 2 years. They depend on our LVN graduates. Sutter Coast also hires our graduates.

Challenges: LVN scope of practice does not allow autonomous data entry in electronic health record systems, making supervision by RN staff mandatory.

Recommendations: None at this time