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Dr. Debra Bailey, Director
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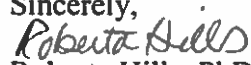
Dear Dr. Bailey,

At its October 26, 2016 Full Board meeting the State Board of Nursing reviewed and accepted the documents for a new LPN to BSN program at Colorado Mesa University as meeting Phase I and II of the Chapter 2 application process, granting the LPN to BSN nursing education program at Grand Junction and Montrose, Interim Approval with the ability to admit students and implement the program. The Board accepted that the LPN to AAS program would be put on hold and the 40 approved admissions to the LPN to AAS program in Montrose would be used for the LPN to BSN program in Montrose. In addition the current Board approved admissions of 90 BSN students in Grand Junction would stay the same.

After discussion the Board accepted that Colorado Mesa University LPN to BSN would provide program evaluation reports to the Board at the Phase III application stage, (Chapter 2, Section 4.4 F.) which states: "Within nine (9) months of graduation of the initial class, the Nursing Education Program shall submit data and analyses obtained through the Nursing Education Program evaluation process." If the first cohort graduates December 2017, the evaluation report is due to the Board September 14, 2018. The Phase IV application to apply for Full Approval will be due to the Board December 31, 2018. At that time the University will be expected to demonstrate that all requirements of the Chapter 2 Rules Section 3 have been met.

The Board will need to be notified, when or if you plan to close the LPN to AAS program and if applicable provide for the Board a plan of smooth transition and equitable treatment of students affected by the program closure. The Board will also need to be notified of the CCNE's action on the substantive change. Finally, I recommend that a separate NCLEX-RN code for the LPN-BSN program be obtained, so pass rates can be tracked. Please let me know if you want a separate code for each campus, Montrose and Grand Junction. I will be in touch with you to arrange this.

I look forward to continued work with you and your program. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Board action.

Sincerely,

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Nurse Education Manager

