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PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
Board of Regents Meeting
2:00 p.m., January 9, 1974

ADDENDUM 1

Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing
Dr. Bevington Reed  
Commissioner of Higher Education  
Coordinating Board  
Texas College and University System  
P. O. Box 12788, Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Dr. Reed:

As your records reflect, our institution made an earlier request for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, with action on this request being deferred by the Coordinating Board at its March 2, 1973 meeting. During the period of time since our initial request for this degree to the Coordinating Board, progress of the Nursing Study for the State of Texas has been followed by the Tyler State College staff. At the same time, our staff has obtained data to further substantiate the need for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree, and as a result of this work an expanded proposal has been developed.

The proposed program has the strong endorsement and support of the District XIX Texas Nursing Association, East Texas Chest Hospital, Mother Frances Hospital, Medical Center Hospital, Smith County Medical Society, and the East Texas Council of Governments as is indicated by the enclosed letters. The hospital facilities listed, of course, give the base for clinical support.

The administration is committed to supporting a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree through seeking to obtain adequate funding for the program in order to provide the necessary faculty, facilities, and operating funds for initiating and maintaining a first quality nursing program which is needed in the East Texas area. This need is documented in the attached proposal and accompanying documents which are being sent to you for consideration by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.

Cordially yours,

James H. Stewart, Jr.  
President

JHS:11  
Attachments
Dr. Bevington Reed  
Commissioner of Higher Education  
Coordinating Board  
Texas College and University System  
P. O. Box 12788, Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Dr. Reed:

The Board of Regents of Tyler State College desires to reaffirm its support for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree previously approved by our Board on January 31, 1973. It is felt that the approval of this degree program will allow our institution to meet educational needs in the East Texas area which are not currently being met.

Please be assured of our continued appreciation for the support of the Coordinating Board in our efforts in the development of Tyler State College.

Sincerely,

Jack C. Morgan  
Chairman, Board of Regents

JCM:11
January 7, 1974

Dr. Bevington Reed, Commissioner  
Coordinating Board  
Texas College and University System  
Box 12788, Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Dr. Reed:

The attached proposal for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree has full support of the Dean's Council as well as the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Tyler State College. We feel that, beyond a doubt, there is an established need for such a program and we are confident that it will substantially add to our ability to serve the junior and community college constituency in the area served by our institution.

The uniqueness of the program will provide the "career mobility" aspects of various studies being conducted under the auspices of the Coordinating Board. We certainly intend to give every consideration toward full implementation of the findings of these committees when they complete their work.

We appreciate the assistance of Dr. Forrest Ward and Dr. Frances Phillips in evaluation of our proposal. We are continually indebted to your staff members for their helpful suggestions and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Bill L. Turney  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

BLT/zet  
Attachment/1
PROPOSAL FOR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

I. INTRODUCTION

Following a yearlong feasibility study conducted by Tyler State College and Tyler-Smith County Area Health Council, it has been decided that Tyler State College should submit a proposal to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. This proposed program has been determined as vital to meet the training and occupational needs in the geographic area served by Tyler State College.

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROGRAM

1. What is the title and nature of the proposed degree program?

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The nature of the proposed program will be to provide upper division training in nursing for those students who have completed the first two years in a nursing program.

2. List the course offerings to comprise the program. Which of these courses will be new ones?

The curriculum for the upper division program will follow the Career Mobility Curriculum as determined by the Nursing Committee of the Allied Health Project under the auspices of the Coordinating Board. The work of this committee has not been finalized, but sufficient information is available to indicate that approximately 50% of the students' upper division work will be in nursing and the remainder will be general education which will require no additional courses since those are already offered as support areas for other degrees. Approximately half of the nursing courses can be offered through concurrent enrollment in conjunction with the third year diploma program at Texas Eastern School of Nursing.
3. Outline a semester-by-semester curriculum for the proposed program, if applicable.

The curriculum which will be recommended by the previously-mentioned Nursing Committee will provide such an outline when the work of the committee is complete. Progress reports of this committee have been reviewed by Tyler State College.

4. What special requirements are included in the degree plan? If a graduate degree is contemplated, is a thesis or dissertation required? If not, what will be substituted? Describe any innovative change in degree requirements.

The curriculum will be designed in such a way as to meet the needs of nursing students who are graduates of either A.D.N. or Diploma programs. This innovative program proposes a cooperative arrangement with Texas Eastern School of Nursing during the third year in order to provide the non-R.N. an opportunity to be eligible to meet the R.N. requirements. The curriculum to be proposed by the Nursing Committee and adopted by Tyler State College when approved, will outline a career mobility curriculum moving from Nurses Aide, Licensed Vocational Nurse, Associate Degree in Nursing to Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Our program would allow another option between A.D.N. and B.S.N. which would be a third year diploma credential.

No graduate degree is contemplated at this time. Presently, Texas Woman's University is offering courses in Tyler leading toward the M.S.N. degree.

5. Is the proposed program entirely new to the institution? Is it an extension of a minor field? If so, give the number of students minoring in the program during the last three years.

The program will be new to Tyler State College even though approximately half of the proposed offerings leading to the degree will have been taught previously at our institution as general education courses. The third year nursing courses which are to be offered through a cooperative program with Texas Eastern School of Nursing have been offered for a number of years prior to the proposed cooperative arrangement.
6. How many similar programs are offered elsewhere in Texas, and where? What is the nearest institution offering a similar program?

The proposed program will be the first of its kind in the State of Texas. An experimental program offering career mobility in nursing has students in its first class in Laredo, Texas. This is by arrangement of the University of Texas System Wide Programs.

7. Describe current manpower needs for graduates of the program. Also, describe how the proposed program strengthens the total academic program of the institution.

The Present Profile-Future Needs Subcommittee of the Nursing Feasibility Study at Tyler State College completed a demographic study on nurses in the region to be served by our institution. They presented statistical data on the numbers of inactive and active L.V.N.'s and R.N.'s in our 14 county region. The data was supplied by Dr. Forrest Ward, Director of Coordinating Board Nursing Project and Mrs. Waldeen Wilson, Executive Secretary, Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners. They are as follows:

Nursing Region 6 (14 counties)

Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties

(From Dr. Ward's 1970-1971 data)

a. 649 active R.N.'s
b. Pop. 422,954
c. 153.4 R.N.'s per 100,000 pop.
d. 273 inactive
e. 64.54 inactive per 100,000 pop.

National average of 2.4 R.N.'s for every L.V.N. 1971

a. 1,494 active L.V.N.'s
b. Pop. 422,954
c. 353.2 L.V.N.'s per 100,000 pop.
d. 2.3 L.V.N.'s per R.N. in our Region

A standard indicator of R.N. supply for a given area or region is the employed nurses per 100,000 population ratio as utilized state and nationwide.

U.S. Projections of optimal nursing ratios--
1968 331 per 100,000 pop.
1970 375 per 100,000 pop.
1975 450 per 100,000 pop.

From these figures, if at present they are proportionally correct, there should not be any problem certifying a need for a baccalaureate program in nursing in the region served by Tyler State College. From 1971 data, Region 6 had 153.4 active R.N.'s per 100,000 population which indicates a need of 221.6 additional R.N.'s per 100,000 population to meet the national projection of optimal nursing ratio, that of 375 R.N.'s per 100,000 population. Also, of interest is the L.V.N. to R.N. ratio in the region--it is almost the reverse ratio of the national average.

One of the challenges of Tyler State College is to serve the educational needs of the community and junior college graduates in the region. Many of these institutions have A.D.N. programs with no provisions for career mobility; therefore, a B.S.N. at Tyler State College would strengthen our ability to meet the educational goals of a substantial number of students.

8. Has the proposed program been approved by the institution's governing board? Give date of action.

The proposed program was approved by The Board of Regents of Tyler State College on January 31, 1973.

III. PROJECTED ENROLLMENT

9. Project the enrollment for the proposed program for the next five years. Explain the basis for this projection. Include majors and minors in separate columns.

The projected enrollment is based on questionnaire results sent to 625 student nurses enrolled in A.D.N. programs in the region served by Tyler State College. Seventy percent of these students indicated a desire to obtain a B.S.N. Additional information has been obtained from nurses not presently enrolled. The following projections are possibly on the conservative side.
10. Describe the likely source of students who will enroll in this program. (Will they come from existing programs or will they be attracted to the institution to enroll in the proposed program?)

Being an upper division program it is highly unlikely that any students would come from existing programs at Tyler State College. The major source of students enrolling in the program will be graduates with A.D.N. credentials from area community and junior colleges, as well as students enrolling concurrently in the nursing program at Texas Eastern School of Nursing and Tyler State College.

There has never been an institution in the East Texas area which has offered a baccalaureate degree in nursing; therefore, a substantial number of residents with two years of nurse’s training earned during the past few years are expected to continue their training when a B.S.N. is approved and implemented.

IV. FACULTY

11. Give the number of persons presently on the faculty who will be most directly involved in the proposed program. List name, rank, highest degree, present course load, and estimated course load in the proposed program for each. Do present faculty meet minimal criteria for the requested program?

The following faculty members will serve primarily in the area of general education requirements associated with the physical and behavioral sciences.

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<th>Course Load</th>
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<td>1. Spears, Larry</td>
<td>Professor of Chemistry</td>
<td>Ph.D.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Roddy, Walter</td>
<td>Assistant Professor of Biology</td>
<td>Ph.D.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. McCoy, Noel</td>
<td>Associate Professor of Psychology</td>
<td>Ph.D.</td>
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<tr>
<td>McCoy, Keith</td>
<td>Assoc. Prof. of Health and Physical Ed. D.</td>
<td>Ed.D.</td>
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In addition, the following people will be adjunct faculty serving jointly with Tyler State College and Texas Eastern School of Nursing.

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<td>Director of Nursing, TESN</td>
<td>M.S.</td>
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<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Richards, Jackie</td>
<td>Instructor of Nursing</td>
<td>M.S.</td>
<td>12</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chilcote, Edith</td>
<td>Nursing Librarian</td>
<td>M.S.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Taylor, Margaret</td>
<td>Instructor of Nursing</td>
<td>M.S.</td>
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All of these meet present criteria for the requested program.

12. Calculate the present student-faculty ratio in the subject matter field(s) or department(s) in which the proposed program will be offered. (Divide full-time equivalent students by full-time equivalent faculty.) Also give the average teacher-student ratio in the courses given by the department (planned number of students per class.)

Since the proposed program is new, present student-faculty ratio would not be applicable except in the area of general education courses.

At present Tyler State College has a 1:18 faculty-student ratio in all courses taught.

In the nursing courses, every effort will be made to follow the recommendation of the State Board of Nurse Examiners for a faculty-student ratio of 1:12.

13. Project the need for new faculty required for the proposed program for the next five years. If the teaching responsibilities for the proposed program will be absorbed in part or in whole by the present faculty, describe how this will be done.

Teaching responsibilities in general education requirements should be fully absorbed by present and projected faculty as a part of normal institutional growth. Teaching responsibility in nursing courses can be absorbed during the first year of the upper-division program by a cooperative program with Texas Eastern School of Nursing. Beyond this, it would not be feasible to attempt an additional teaching load with these arrangements.
The second through the fifth year of the program would likely require from two to five additional teachers in nursing. Student enrollment is increasing significantly in all programs offering nursing education in Texas. The availability of qualified faculty is somewhat critical and, therefore, will be a deciding factor in expansion of faculty and the number of students to be accepted in the program.

14. Will acquisition of new faculty for the program require an additional outlay of funds? Explain in detail.

The Chairman, Department of Nursing should be employed at the outset. A person with the doctorate in nursing will be sought for the position and the anticipated annual salary will be approximately $20,000.

Individual faculty members with the necessary qualifications as set forth by TSC would cost approximately $14,000 per annum. Some additional clerical, travel, and operating expense would be necessary.

15. Describe the involvement of the faculty, present and projected, research, extension, correspondence, and other activities related to the proposed program. Will this program decrease or increase the course load of present faculty?

Present faculty are expected to become more involved in research as the program expands but not to the extent that there would be any significant change in course load. We anticipate most research to be funded from outside sources.

No extension or correspondence work is anticipated during the initial stages of the proposed program.

V. LIBRARY

16. Are present library holdings in relevant fields adequate to begin the proposed program? How will the library have to be improved to meet program needs in the next four years? (Please explain need for books, periodicals, reference books, primary source materials, etc.) What are your institutional surpluses or deficiencies in holdings as measured by the Clapp-Jordan formula? How will approval of this program alter this situation?

The holdings in nursing are adequate to begin the proposed program. Tyler State College will have, in addition to its own holdings, the nursing library at Texas Eastern School of Nursing as well as the nursing libraries of the community and junior colleges available to all nursing
students. These specialized holdings would approximate 10,000 volumes.

Tyler State College library will have approximately 70,000 volumes by the end of this academic year, many of which would be either directly or indirectly related to the upper-division nursing curriculum. Expenditures during fiscal years 1974 and 1975 for acquisition of library materials will be approximately $1,000,000.

Approval of this program would mean that a substantial sum of the acquisition budget would be channeled into publications related to nursing. We feel that we are in an enviable position to be able to make the nursing library a part of our total development.

17. Do faculty and students now use libraries of other institutions? Could they do so in the proposed program? Explain in detail.

Library materials are presently available to our students in almost all of the institutions in Region 6. These supplementary materials would continue to be available as needed. In addition, materials throughout all state institutional libraries are available through inter-library loan.

18. Estimate the total expenditure for the last two complete fiscal years for library acquisitions in the departments or subject matter fields in which the proposed program will be offered, or in fields which are closely related to the proposed program.

Tyler State College began its library acquisitions in June, 1973 and spent approximately $60,000 during the remainder of the fiscal year. This fiscal year approximately $500,000 will be spent for library materials at Tyler State College. No attempt has been made to determine the amount spent for holdings directly related to nursing.

19. Project library expenditures to be budgeted annually for the next five years in supporting this program.

An estimated expenditure of $150,000 would be used to expand the library holdings in areas most directly related to nursing. A substantial portion of these acquisitions would be made irregardless of the pending approval of this proposal due to the necessity of obtaining material in the areas of child development, allied-health, and science-related disciplines.
20. Describe existing facilities that are available for the proposed program. Describe the present utilization of these facilities. What new facilities will be needed in the near future? Specify what special facilities and equipment will be needed and estimate their cost. From what source do you anticipate obtaining needed facilities and equipment? Will the approval of this program result in planning for the addition to the new facility?

General education classes will be taught in the temporary facilities at 100 East Berta Street. We will occupy permanent campus facilities late in 1975. The nursing theory classes will be taught at Texas Eastern School of Nursing Building located at 801 Clinic Drive.

Much of the nursing curriculum for the upper division program will be clinical laboratory experience. Mother Frances Hospital and Medical Center Hospital each provide excellent clinical experience for nursing students as well as other student health personnel. Approximately 285 patient beds are available for all types of patients in each hospital. Both hospitals are outstanding teaching institutions and are equipped with sophisticated therapeutic and diagnostic aids to supply all medical specialties with the exception of open heart procedures.

There are sufficient numbers of extended care facilities, a City-County Health Department, East Texas Chest Hospital, Home Health Care Agency, Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center, Region 7 Health Department, physicians offices and other medical facilities in the Tyler-Smith County area to supply adequate community health nursing laboratory experiences for the proposed program. No new clinical facilities will be needed in the near future, but better and a more complete survey of available agencies and expansion of their utilization will be needed.

Eventually, increased enrollment in nursing courses will require additional classroom space, chair desks, projectors, tables, monitoring devices for video tapes, teaching-learning carrels and facilities for the development of nursing modules. Projected cost would not be possible at this time, since their need would be based upon substantial enrollment demands.

VII. ADMINISTRATION OF PROPOSED PROGRAM

21. Will the proposed program affect the administrative structure of the institution? If yes, describe how. In what department, division, school, or college will the proposed program be administered? If the program is to have inter-departmental or inter-unit administration, explain in detail.
The proposed program will not affect the administrative structure of the institution as previously approved by the Coordinating Board. It will be administered by the Chairman, Department of Nursing under the Dean, School of Technical and Vocational Studies.

VIII. ACCREDITATION

22. Describe the requirements for accreditation, if the program is eligible to be accredited. What is the name of the accrediting agency? What will be the initial costs of accreditation and the subsequent annual costs to maintain it? Identify basic criteria for accreditation and describe how well these are presently being met.

An upper division department of nursing should be accredited by the National League for Nursing (NLN) to ensure high and acceptable standards thus giving "quality protection" to the student. Since this type of nursing education is so new, a precedent has not been set. Accreditation by NLN seems to be advisable and Tyler State College has sought additional information on accrediting upper division programs which is not available at this time. Costs of NLN accreditation are approximately $3,100. This amount should cover the agency membership, the accreditation visit, and report preparation for the visit.

Texas Eastern School of Nursing is already accredited by the NLN with a six year accreditation expiring in 1974. A re-visit is planned for April, 1974. The cooperative program that has been proposed between Tyler State College and Texas Eastern School of Nursing may negate the immediate urgency for NLN accreditation for Tyler State College. Accreditation for the total program will be sought through NLN at the earliest possible time.

IX. SUPPORTING FIELDS

23. Evaluate the subject matter fields at your institution which may be considered as necessary or valuable, in support of the proposed program. Will these fields need improvement or expansion? If so, how, to what extent, and at what cost? Be specific.

We consider the subject matter fields which serve as support areas for the proposed program to be adequately covered. They are taught by full-time faculty with the earned doctorate. These areas are not expected to be expanded due to the nursing program alone; however, general growth of the institution would dictate some expansion.
X. COSTS OF PROPOSED PROGRAM

24. Estimate the initial (first year) costs of the proposed program. If this is an extension of an ongoing program, what will be the cost differential?

The estimated first year costs of the proposed program are as follows:

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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25. Estimate the annual cost of the program for the three years following its first year. (Use current formulas in arriving at your estimate.) Explain the rationale for your estimate. If this is an extension of an ongoing program, what will be the cost differential?

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These figures are based upon estimated faculty additions which would be predicated by meeting projected enrollments. As a new institution, Tyler State College is not on the formula; therefore, no cost estimates are on that basis.

26. Departmental Costs:

(a) Show the departmental operating expenditures for the last two fiscal years for the departments which will contribute significantly to the support of the proposed program.

(b) How will the proposed program affect the allocation or distribution of these funds?
These questions would not be applicable to Tyler State College since we have not been in operation for the past two fiscal years.

27. What additional funds for research will be needed to support the proposed program? Explain.

No additional funds for research are anticipated except those that might be obtained through private sources.

28. How many graduate assistantships are considered desirable to begin the program? Estimate the amount of funds required for these assistantships over the next four years. What sources are available to support these assistantships? Will student aid funds be needed for undergraduates other than those provided for all undergraduates? Explain in detail.

No graduate assistantships are anticipated at this time. Normal student aid funds available to all students will also be available to nursing students. A few scholarships are also available for students majoring in the health professions.

29. Describe briefly the sources of financial support for this program and evaluate the adequacy of funds for the inauguration and support of the program. Does the program give indications of becoming self-supporting within three years in terms of formula generated income?

The anticipated sources of financial support for this program will be primarily from legislative appropriations for the general academic program at Tyler State College. These funds will be supplemented by grants from individuals and foundations.

30. Add any comments which would be helpful to the Coordinating Board in evaluating this program request.

Tyler is the medical center for all of East Texas and has a tremendous need for a nursing program to meet the regional demands for baccalaureate-level training. This region of Texas is completely void of such a program; therefore, students receiving A.D.N. credentials from area junior colleges must leave this part of the State in order to further their education. We feel that Tyler State College is in a unique position to offer an upper division program to nursing students who presently have reached a dead-end in their career ladder unless they are able and willing to relocate.
The Feasibility Study on Nursing conducted by Tyler-Smith County Area Health Council and Tyler State College will soon be available upon request if additional information is desired.

In summary, Tyler State College is proposing an upper division program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a program for which the need has been well-defined. The proposed program suggests the use of Texas Eastern School of Nursing faculty and facilities (whenever possible) for the third year of training to be arranged on an adjunct basis. The fourth year training will not be on a cooperative basis with Texas Eastern School of Nursing unless there may be some instances where it would be advantageous to share faculty and facilities.

The program, if approved, will not be fully implemented until 1975-76. During the academic year, 1974-75, every effort will be made to employ the Chairman, Department of Nursing so that planning may be conducted prior to full-implementation. These plans are contingent upon adequate funding being available through private and foundation funding. A substantial subscription from private sources has already been received, pending outcome of the action on this proposal. Almost all of the institutional appropriations for fiscal years '74 and '75 have been earmarked for existing programs and their subsequent growth. During the academic year, 1974-75, general education courses will be available through the present academic offerings at Tyler State College. The specialized nursing courses would be offered during 1975-76.
Dr. Bill Turney  
Academic Vice President  
Tyler State College  
100 East Berta  
Tyler, Texas 75701  

Re: Tyler State College Proposal for B.S.N. Program

Dear Dr. Turney:

The Board of Directors of Texas Eastern School of Nursing met January 7, 1974 and unanimously approved Tyler State College's proposal to the Coordinating Board requesting approval of a Baccalaureate Program in Nursing which would grant a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

This Board is excited about the possibility of making this additional degree available to our graduates and graduates of the Associate Degree programs in this area and is anxious to cooperate in every way possible to initiate this unique educational endeavor.

Sincerely,

Dr. William Smyth  
Chairman of the Board  

June Murphy  
Nurse Administrator
December 18, 1973

Mr. David Turman
Executive Director
Tyler-Smith County Area Health Council
1324 South Beckham, Suite 205
Tyler, Texas 75701

Dear David:

In reference to our conversation, the Health Advisory Council of the East Texas Council of Governments voted unanimously to endorse the efforts of Tyler State College to establish a Bachelor of Science Program in Nursing for the East Texas area.

Enclosed, please find a copy of the February 21, 1973, minutes. The last item on page 5 of the minutes reflects the endorsement.

Sincerely,

Ron Cox
Health Planner

RC:db

Enclosure
MINUTES OF MEETING
Health Advisory Council
East Texas Council of Governments
February 21, 1973

The Health Advisory Council met on February 21, 1973, at 3:00 pm at the Community Inn in Kilgore with the following present:

Roland Elledge - Chairman
Dr. W. M. Routon
Rebecca McClelland
Joe Shaw
Pearl Johnson
Owena Saunders
J. Milton Hinson
Allen Gatlin
Dr. Don Walker
Edwin Gunter
Wilda Willms
Grady Faulk
Mary Lee Baird
Dr. Dan White
Tony Martin, Health Planner
Don Edmonds, Executive Director

The following was excerpted from page 5 of the minutes:

"A motion was made by Mrs. McClelland and seconded by Mrs. Willms that the Health Advisory Council endorse the Tyler State College efforts to establish a Bachelor of Science program in nursing for the East Texas area. The motion carried unanimously."
Mr. David Turman, Director
Tyler-Smith Co. Area Health Council
Tyler, Texas

Dear Mr. Turman:

The Smith County Medical Society enthusiastically supports the establishment of a degree nursing program in Tyler to be co-ordinated with the Tyler State College.

We stand ready to help in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

John C. Turner, Jr., M.D.
President

March 29, 1973
December 21, 1973

A Statement Approved by Members Present December 18, 1973

To meet society's demands for increasing health services nurses are being called upon to expand the scope of their practice, to assume more responsibility for decision making and in leadership roles, and in research. In order to meet these health needs nurses with a high degree of preparation are needed. It is our belief that a baccalaureate nursing program at Tyler State College could prepare practitioners qualified to assume these responsibilities and help provide health services to a wide population.

District #19 Texas Nurses Association voices support of Tyler State College in its endeavor to establish a baccalaureate degree program in nursing.

Linda Martin, R.N.
President District #19
Texas Nurses Association
January 2, 1974

Tyler-Smith County Area
Health Council
Tyler, Texas 75701

Gentlemen:

We strongly support the establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree at Tyler State College. This would fill a long recognized need in the Tyler area.

Tyler is recognized as the medical center of this East Texas area. The availability of trained nurses is essential to growth in this field.

Sincerely,

Freeman Carney, CCE
Executive Vice President

FHC:ds
Dr. Billy L. Turney  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Tyler State College  
Tyler, Texas 75701  

Dear Dr. Turney:

This letter is to evidence the support of the East Texas Hospital Foundation in your efforts as Vice President for Academic Affairs of Tyler State College to establish a baccalaureate program for nursing at your institution. As administrator of Medical Center Hospital for the past twenty years and president of the East Texas Hospital Foundation, I know firsthand the great need for baccalaureate degree nurses in the East Texas area.

Tyler serves as the regional medical center for a large area of this part of the state, and one of our leading problems in maintaining adequate health care for the people of this area is the shortage of trained, professional medical and nursing personnel.

In 1951 we established the Texas Eastern School of Nursing which is a three-year diploma program. This program has, over the years, graduated many very capable nurses, but part of the problem in retaining them in the East Texas area has been the fact that in order to get a baccalaureate degree, it was necessary for them to leave Tyler and attend university type programs in Dallas, Denton, Houston, Austin, and Galveston. As a result of their leaving, it was difficult to recruit them back to the East Texas area and, as a result, baccalaureate type nurses are in very short supply in this part of the state.

The concept of a "ladder type" career program for nursing education has tremendous appeal and would provide the young people in this area with a marvelous opportunity to continue to improve themselves by moving up the career ladder as their interests and abilities dictated. We commend you and others who have been involved in developing this program for the farsightedness that has been demonstrated in developing this concept. We of the East Texas Hospital Foundation stand ready to support and to participate in the baccalaureate type program by providing clinical facilities.
and any other means of assistance that might be necessary. We are most anxious that the program that has been conceived for Tyler State College be implemented at the earliest possible opportunity as we are of the opinion that it will answer a very definite need in providing educational opportunities for the young people of this area as well as meeting a definite shortage of professional nursing personnel in this large segment of the state. Please call on us if we can be of any help to you in furnishing additional supporting evidence of the need for this program.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

George B. Pearson
Administrator

GBP:ma
December 19, 1973

David S. Turman, Executive Director
Tyler-Smith County Area Health Council
1324 South Beckham
Tyler, Texas 75701

Dear Mr. Turman:

This is to inform you that we at Mother Frances Hospital wholeheartedly endorse the Baccalaureate Degree Program in Nursing at Tyler State College.

Our institution will be happy to participate in sharing the clinical facilities for the fourth year student.

Sincerely,

Sister M. Honesta
Administrator

SMH/pm
Mr. David Turman  
Executive Director  
Tyler-Smith Co. Area Health Council  
1324 South Beckham, Suite 205  
Tyler, Texas  

Dear Mr. Turman:

I have been informed that the Administration of Tyler State College is interested in starting a baccalaureate program in nursing for the East Texas area. I support this application wholeheartedly for the following two reasons.

(1) The medical institutions and facilities of Tyler are capable of supporting a first-rate training program in nursing. There are approximately 780 beds in three major hospitals which are currently involved in teaching in other allied health fields. The various services are diversified enough to provide a broad clinical experience for a sound clinical program in nursing.

(2) There is a need for additional Registered Nurses in the community and particularly Registered Nurses who have baccalaureate degrees. As of December 1st, 1973 the East Texas Chest Hospital has thirteen vacant nursing positions which could not be filled because of lack of nurses. Some positions require baccalaureate degrees have been filled with diploma school graduates because of the nurse shortage.

There are nurses on the staff of this institution and on the staff of the Tuberculosis Control Division in Public Health Region 7, of which I am the Director, who desire to complete the requirements for their baccalaureate degree. Many of these individuals would enter the program if it were available in the immediate area.

Sincerely,

George A. Hurst, M.D.  
Superintendent
January 7, 1974

Mr. David Turman, Executive Director  
Tyler-Smith County Area Health Council  
1324 South Beckham Suite 205  
Tyler, Texas 75701

Dear Mr. Turman:

Reference made to your letter of January 3 and the proposed Baccalaureate Program in Nursing.

We, here at The Good Shepherd Hospital, will heartily support your plans to have a baccalaureate program in nursing through the Tyler State College. We feel that this would supplement our associate degree program at Kilgore College, but more than that, you will be producing better trained nursing personnel for future supervisory positions and specialty areas within the hospitals of East Texas.

I am, therefore, taking this means to endorse the proposed program.

Sincerely yours,

A. D. Hethcock  
Administrator
January 7, 1974

Mr. David Turman, Executive Director
Tyler-Smith County Area Health Council
1324 S. Beckham, Suite 205
Tyler, Texas 75701

Dear Mr. Turman:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning a proposed baccalaureate program in nursing.

In the past there have been discussions at our In-service Nursing meetings concerning the possibility of extending the training of our RN's. In every case there was always a comment from one of my staff members stating they wished there was a nearby program to continue their nursing education and receive a Baccalaureate degree. I feel that without reservation my RN staff would endorse the proposed Tyler State College Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. There is no such program in East Texas, and a four-year program is certainly very much needed. My present staff is nineteen, none of whom hold a Bachelor of Science degree. There is no doubt in my mind that Bachelor degree nurses would not only provide better organization and patient care in the Nursing Department but would tend to provide a greater depth in the entire organization.

Thank you for the opportunity to endorse this worthy program.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Fowler
Administrator

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