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TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: Frank Muñoz
SUBJECT: Regents Permission to Operate in New York State:
University of Pennsylvania
DATE: February 21, 2011
AUTHORIZATION(S):

Summary

Issue for Decision (Consent Agenda)

Should the Regents approve the proposed permission to operate in New York State for the University of Pennsylvania?

Reason(s) for Consideration

Required by State statute.

Proposed Handling

The question will come before the full Board at its March 2011 meeting where it will be voted on and action taken.

Procedural History

Regents permission to operate in New York State is required by Section 224 of the Education Law which prohibits out-of-state colleges and universities from transacting business in New York without Regents permission.

Background Information

The University of Pennsylvania seeks Regents permission to operate in New York State in order to place master's degree students from its Family Health Nurse Practitioner program in a health agency in New York for supervised clinical experiences. Section 6908 of the Education Law restricts the practice of nursing to licensed persons or students enrolled in educational programs that the State Education Department has

registered. The University's Master of Science in Nursing programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The program meets the standards for registration as set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Regents approve the proposed permission to operate, effective March 8, 2011, which authorizes the University of Pennsylvania to use one clinical agency in New York for clinical education of students enrolled in its Family Health Nurse Practitioner program leading to the Master of Science in Nursing degree.

Timetable for Implementation

This approval will be effective until March 31, 2016.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATION

The request for permission to operate in New York State is being made for the program titled Family Health Nurse Practitioner. Currently, the University of Pennsylvania has Regents permission to annually use clinical placements in New York for master's degree programs in adult acute care (2 students), adult oncology (5 students), nurse-midwifery (2 students), neonatal (1 student), pediatric acute/chronic care (1 student), pediatric critical care (5 students), pediatric oncology (1 student), pediatric primary care (2 students), psychiatric-mental health (1 student), and women's health care (1 student), as well as its bachelor's degree program (15 students).

The University of Pennsylvania requests permission to annually place one Family Health Nurse Practitioner student at Northeast Pediatrics in Ithaca, New York. The Family Health Nurse Practitioner program requires completion of 14 course units, the equivalent of 46 semester hours. The preceptor for the clinical placement will be a physician who will be responsible for completing a clinical evaluation for the student at the end of the clinical experience. Full-time University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing faculty will be in contact with the preceptor during each placement.

The University is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The School of Nursing's programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and fully approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing.

Staff have determined that there would be no reduction in access to clinical experiences at the cooperating facility if authorization is granted. Because of the limited nature of the University's authorization to operate in New York State, it should have no effect on New York institutions.

The Office of the Professions has determined that the University of Pennsylvania meets the standards for registration set forth in the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.