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Dear Ms. Ellingson:

The Iowa Board of Nursing appreciates the collaborative and constructive site visit conducted on May 1 & 2, 2019 at Indian Hills Community College. Enclosed please find the draft of the Nursing Education Program Report.

Please review the accreditation dates and demographic data to ensure their accuracy. Listed below are the recommendations of the visitors:

Recommendation # 1 (located on page 9)

Continue to revise and implement the nursing systematic evaluation plan to identify, asses, evaluate, set benchmarks, and provide an action plan for all aspects of the nursing program (i.e. admission, attrition, graduation) and continue to include all stakeholders in the decision-making process (i.e. Advisory Committee, Faculty).

Recommendation # 2 (located on page 15)

Continue to explore and evaluate all resources which impact on the quality of nursing education provided to students, i.e., new technology, simulation laboratory, and skills laboratory for current and future enrollment.

Recommendation # 3 (located on page 34)

Encourage faculty to apply to the NCSBN as item writers for the exam.

Recommendation # 4 (located on page 52)

Continue to make revisions to internal processes such as:

- a. Facility Agreements**
 - i. Continue to review the status of facility agreements per Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 2.**
 - ii. Include the printed name above the signature in all forms.**

Recommendation # 5 (located on pages 59-60)

Continue to use methods to improve NCLEX-RN test results and examine all variables impacting student's success rates.

Please submit your response to the recommendations no later than September 1, 2019 via e-mail and mail. The report and comments will be reviewed during the October 2019 board meeting. If you need additional time, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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