Title: Creating a culture of blameless reporting and transparency in nursing education: moving health care policy changes forward

Purpose: The impact of health care policy changes will have rippling effects touching on many different areas of our health care arena. Quality and safety will be a common thread in all of the discussions. One arena that must be included in this discussion should include nursing education. As the Quality and Safety Officer of the School of Nursing and DNP graduate, it is my vision to share our best practice example of safety and transparency.

Objective 1: Describe a blameless culture.

Objective 2: Discuss transparency in nursing education

Objective 3: Demonstrate ability to complete safety and near miss reporting forms

Abstract:

In a perfect educational system, students and faculty would be free to report error or near misses without judgment or fear. Creating a culture of blameless reporting and transparency, will provide an environment which encourages reporting of errors and near misses. This culture will discourage feelings of guilt, depression and worry. By having a system in place for students and faculty, the nursing school as a whole, can help identify safety lapses in their schools and health care settings. Transparency in the School of Nursing allows for all faculty to be informed on the problem areas plus help identify what areas need to be monitored more closely.

This is one example of a best practice quality and safety project that created reporting templates, safety dashboards, and communication patterns that encourage reporting among both the nursing students and faculty. Changing a culture to embrace honest reporting yet taking responsibility will move our health policy changes forward.

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**Question 1:** Is there a relationship between safety reporting and health care policy?

**Question 2:** Can you describe two practices that create a just culture environment?

**Question 3:** Do health care institutions and educational institutions have related safety issues?

**Question 4:** Do you have a safe reporting system at your institution?

**Question 5:** Name a few barriers to safety reporting