Assistant Dean Paul welcomed group in Benson lecture hall and gave a brief summary of the changes to the leadership and structure of Bemidji School of Nursing:

- Departure of former Dean Gangeness
- Bemidji School of Nursing under leadership of Dean Greer, College of Arts and Sciences and Interim Assistant Dean Paul, Chief Nursing Director
- Northwest Technical College application for individual accreditation from Higher Learning Commission
- Two new High Definition Simulators–one at each lab (BSU/NTC)
- Associate Degree Nursing & Practical Nursing programs move back to NTC Spring 2016 semester. NTC faculty move back by Fall 2016.
- Vision and Mission of BSON remains constant.

Highlights since Spring 2015 meeting:

- Dr. Carolyn Townsend visited JinHua, China in May. Nine JinHua nursing students and three administrators visited BSU in September. BSU is exploring an exchange of Nursing faculty and students with Jinhua University.
- International travel experience to South Africa offered to Nursing students
- Began Native American Nursing Initiative in November 2015 to support current and future students.

Faculty Introductions– New Faculty

- Tricia Cowan
- Christine Nguyen-Moen

Group gathered in BSU Nursing Lab for refreshments, poster presentations from each Nursing program, and discussion.
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| Nursing Assistant Program            | Cannot graduate enough students!  
Sanford needs more for LTC & Clinic settings                                                 |
| Practical Nursing Program            | Need to grow the program  
Incentives!  
Jobs are available  
Sanford needs more for LTC & Clinic settings  
Discussion of role of LPN in acute care environment  
Pros: stable, daytime schedule, less responsibility  
Cons: less pay than RN |
| Associate Degree Program             | Would like to see easier transition from Associate RN to BSN for students.  
Very excited about classrooms at NTC                                                        |
| BSU Baccalaureate RN Programs        | Consider MSU-Moorhead for advanced degrees in Nursing: Strong focus on Nurse Educator.     |