

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NATIONAL ISSUES

Ten states have enacted the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact in 2016: Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Missouri, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia and Wyoming have joined the enhanced NLC. <https://www.ncsbn.org/9619.htm> At least 15 states are expected to introduce the enhanced NLC in 2017. This cohort met face to face with the 2016 cohort to discuss experiences on September 22, 2016 in Chicago.

National Council of State Boards of Nursing Provides Free Access to Substance Use Disorder (SUDS) Educational Courses: NCSBN SUDS courses will be offered free of charge to nurses and nursing students. These continuing education (CE) courses, “Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing” and “Nurse Manager Guidelines for Substance Use Disorder” were developed along with a Substance Use Disorder Toolkit, brochures, posters and book to assure that nurses are armed with knowledge to help identify the warning signs of Substance Use Disorder in patients, nurses and the general public and provide guidelines for prevention, education and intervention. For access to these free CE courses, please visit: www.learningext.com

NCSBN e-Notify Service: This service delivers real-time notification to employers about nurses in their employ. The system provides licensure and publicly available discipline data directly as the information is entered into the Nursys database by boards of nursing. Employers can chose the types and frequency of notifications such as expiration of license and discipline on a license. Currently there are 868 Texas nursing employers with 118,071 Texas nurses enrolled in e-Notify. National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) permits individual nurses to enroll.

New Review Shows that Telehealth Provides Benefits for Patients: Evidence from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) review shows that various forms of telehealth can provide clinical benefits for patients with an assortment of chronic and acute conditions. Specifically, researchers note, the most consistent benefit is reported when telehealth is used for communication and counseling or remote monitoring in chronic conditions such as cardiovascular and respiratory disease, with improvements in outcomes such as mortality, quality of life and reductions in hospital admissions. Cardiovascular and respiratory disease treatment received the largest number of positive findings, followed by communication and counseling for diabetes and mixed conditions. Additionally, a large number of positive findings were found in psychotherapy studies.

Researchers conclude that given the sufficient evidence of telehealth effectiveness, future research should shift to implementation and practice-based research. Additionally, the authors’ suggested that telehealth research be integrated into evaluation of new models of care and payment so that telehealth potential can be accessed across the continuum of care in organizations implementing telehealth.

<https://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/ehc/products/624/2254/telehealth-report-160630.pdf>

New Report Finds Health Care Improving in Most U.S. Communities: According to a recent Commonwealth Fund report, health care in many U.S. communities improved between 2011 and 2014, although wide variation in progress indicates there is room for improvement across the country. The 2016 Scorecard on Local Health System Performance report compares health care access, quality, avoidable hospital use, costs of care and health outcomes for 306 local areas across the country. The report shows that while health care improved more than it declined in U.S. communities, the gains were often modest. The areas of the U.S. that improved did so mostly because more people had insurance coverage and could afford to get the health care they needed. Also, health care providers performed better on quality and efficiency measures, such as limiting hospital readmissions. Among some concerning trends, the report found that obesity rates rose in more than a third of communities while rates of premature deaths from treatable conditions were mostly stagnate in all areas. Commonwealth Fund researcher David Radley stated that while there is still a lot of variation and communities have room to improve, it is striking to see the early effect of the ACA at the local level as people increasingly get coverage and care and quality improves. The report notes that the U.S. needs to invest more in efforts to address the social determinants of health, including economic opportunity, housing, nutrition and environmental conditions to ensure a healthy future for all Americans.

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/press-releases/2016/jul/new-commonwealth-fund-scorecard-finds-health-care>

Compact to Fight Opioid Addiction Signed by 46 Governors: The Compact to Fight Opioid Addiction, developed by the National Governors Association (NGA), was signed by 46 governors. Governors signing the compact agree to redouble their efforts to fight the opioid epidemic with new steps to reduce inappropriate prescribing, change the nation's understanding of opioids and addiction, and ensure a pathway to recovery for individuals suffering from addiction.

<http://www.nga.org/cms/Compact-to-Fight-Opioid-Addiction>

Article on Code of Ethics for Nurses: The code, published by the American Nurses Association, is a resource for Nursing Regulation and nurses is . The article provides cases of ethical violations and the disciplinary actions that were taken. The article is intended to serve as an educational resource on how it can be used with nurse practice acts to support nurse regulators in their decision making.

[http://www.journalofnursingregulation.com/article/S2155-8256\(16\)31073-0/fulltext](http://www.journalofnursingregulation.com/article/S2155-8256(16)31073-0/fulltext)

American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Announces Commitments by Nursing Schools in Addressing Opioid Use Disorder: Deborah Trautman, AACN President and CEO, recognized AACN member schools committed to addressing the opioid use disorder at the White House Champions of Change for Prevention, Treatment and Recovery event in Washington, D.C. Trautman reported that more than 200 schools of nursing with advanced practice registered nursing (APRN) programs have pledged to educate their APRN students on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain.

<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/news/articles/2016/opioids>

New Memo Addresses Social Media Abuse in Nursing Homes: In a recent memo, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) called on state health departments, which are responsible for enforcing nursing home rules for the federal government, to ensure that all nursing homes have social media policies in place that protect residents from abuse. Specifically, CMS states that each nursing home must develop and implement written policies and procedures that prohibit all forms of abuse. Additionally, each nursing home must review and/or revise all existing

written abuse prevention policies and procedures to include and ensure that nursing home staff are prohibited from taking or using photographs or recordings in any manner that would demean or humiliate a resident. CMS also called on state officials to quickly investigate social media abuse complaints and report offending staff to state licensing agencies for investigation and possible discipline. The CMS memo follows a series of reports documenting abuses in nursing homes and assisted living centers using social media platforms.

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/Survey-and-Cert-Letter-16-33.pdf>

New Research Finds There are More Graduates of Baccalaureate Nursing Programs than Associate Degree Programs:

According to new research published in the Nursing Economics journal, by 2014, BSN graduates exceeded ADN graduates by one third. Researchers note that a large portion of this growth can be attributed to the increase in the number of registered nurse (RN) to BSN completion programs following the 2011 Institute of Medicine report and health care reform legislation. In addition, the number of RNs earning graduate degrees is rapidly increasing, as approximately 38,000 RNs received graduate degrees in 2014. Researchers note that these changes in nursing education increase the readiness of nurses to capitalize on new opportunities, overcome challenges and take on new roles and responsibilities as the nation's health care delivery and payments systems continue to evolve.

http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/861488_2

U.S. Surgeon General Urges Clinicians to Fight Prescription Drug Epidemic: U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy sent a letter to 2.3 million health care providers asking them to help fight the nation's prescription opioid epidemic. The surgeon general urged clinicians to visit his recently launched website, Turn the Tide, where they can pledge their commitment to combating opioid misuse by:

1. Enhancing education for treating pain;
2. Screening patients for opioid use disorder; and
3. Leading a shift in the public perception of addiction so that it is treated as chronic illness rather than a moral failing.

The letter also includes a pocket card outlining the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) opioid prescribing guidelines. This is the first time that a U.S. Surgeon General has sent a letter directly to health care professionals asking for their support in addressing a public health crisis. Dr. Murthy states that "We often struggle to balance reducing our patients' pain with increasing their risk of addiction. But as clinicians, we have the unique power to help end this epidemic."

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2016/08/25/united-states-surgeon-general-appeals-to-americas-clinicians-turn-the-tide-prescription-drug-epidemic.html>

<http://i2.cdn.turner.com/cnn/2016/images/08/25/sg.opioid.letter.pdf>

STATE ISSUES

Legislative Appropriations Request: The LAR was submitted as required on August 5, 2016. Staff addressed questions of the staff of the Governor's Office, the Legislative Budget Board and state leadership at a hearing on the Board's LAR held on August 22, 2016.

Texas Facilities Commission Space and Hobby Building Issues: The space expansion on second floor in Tower III is anticipated to be completed by November. Discussions continue with TFC to discuss sanitation, safety and security issues in the Hobby Building. Agencies in the building have sent a letter to the Executive Director of the TFC asking that they amend their LAR to support repairs and services requested by the tenants. The building is state owned and managed by the Texas Facilities Commission.

Health Professions Council: The Health Professions Council (HPC) met on September 19, 2016 for its regular quarterly meeting. The agenda included a review of the end of year budget; legislative appropriations request; upgrade to the document imaging system, Laserfiche, including migration of data; and the investigation into using Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone system and associated bandwidth in the Hobby Building to support this technology. There was also general discussion of opportunities for sharing information on best practices, resources and training.

BOARD ISSUES

Sunset Review: Sunset Commission staff have completed their review of the agency. The Sunset Staff report can be found on their website, www.sunset.texas.gov. A hearing before the Sunset Commission will be held on November 10, 2016. All Board members are invited to the hearing.

BON Bulletin Articles : The October issue of the *Board of Nursing Bulletin* contains the following articles: 1.) The Foreign Educated Nurses Refresher Course is No Longer Required for Internationally Educated Nurses; 2.) Sunset Hearing on the Texas Board of Nursing November 10, 2016; 3.) FDA Issues New Warnings Regarding Opioids and Benzodiazepines Use in Combination; 4.) The Doctor of Nursing Practice: Current Practice Status and Implications for the Future; 5.) Zika Virus: Applying the Standards of Nursing Practice; and 6.) CMS Launches Partnership to Improve Dementia Care: Non-Pharmacologic Methods to manage Dementia Symptoms Encouraged.

Board Development: A board retreat will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016. This session will provide a review of the legislative process and a review of the board's exception process for board orders.

AGENCY ISSUES

Staff News: Several new staff will attend the October Board meeting to observe proceedings. The Executive Director will introduce new staff in attendance.

Nursing Jurisprudence Examination: The Jurisprudence examination required for initial licensure by Texas Occupations Code Section 301.252, License Application, was implemented in September 2008. Those applying for initial licensure by exam or endorsement **after** September 1, 2008 must pass the Jurisprudence Exam in order to be eligible for licensure. Also, nurses who have not been current in Texas for four or more years, must complete the Jurisprudence Examination prior to reinstatement. Attached are statistics for Jurisprudence exam takers for past 3 fiscal years including through the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2016. **(See Attachment A)**. Staff continue working with a psychometrician to update the Jurisprudence Examination.

National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Projects: Staff continue the BON on-boarding process for the new NCSBN data base system, Optimal Regulatory Board System (ORBS). Launch of Phase 1 will include licensing processes, complaint intake processes and investigations. Phase 2 will incorporate enforcement and enhanced functionality.

Information Technology Updates: This quarter the IT department has focused on updating systems. Key activities include: deployment of new data sharing process with the Texas Board of Pharmacy for their new prescription drug monitoring program; ordered and installed new updated equipment and software; began cabling project for VOIP integration for 2nd and 4th floor offices; and assisted with configuration of new card readers for both floors.

Website: Google Analytics of user information on our website shows 206,855 users, 395,466 sessions and 2,483,360 pages viewed for September of 2016. New visitors comprise 37.5% of users for the month. **(See Attachment B)**

Facebook Page: The Texas Board of Nursing page can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/Texas-Board-of-Nursing>. The agency posts at least weekly.

Key Meetings and Presentations: by the Executive Director and Staff since the last Board meeting. (Does not include internal meetings with staff or numerous meetings with Sunset Staff as part of Sunset Review Process).

Executive Director

Meeting: with new Chief Judge of State Office of Administrative Hearings, July 18, 2016, Austin

Tour and Program Review: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, July 20, 2016, Round Rock, Tx.

Meeting: Texas Nurses Association, Review Draft Telemedicine legislation, August 1, 2016, Austin

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, August 10, 2016

Conference: 2016 NCSBN Annual Meeting, August 16-19, 2016, Chicago, IL

Hearing: Budget Hearing with the LBB/Office of Governor, August 22, 2016

Meeting: Senate Higher Education Committee Staff Meeting, August 22, 2016, Austin

Conference Call: Texas Team Advancing Education Committee, August 22, 2016

Conference Call: Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies Advisory Committee, August 23, 2016

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, August 24, 2016

Meeting: Representative Richard Raymond, August 26, 2016, Austin

Meeting: Federation of State Medical Boards Team Based Regulation Task Force, August 30, 2016, Washington, DC

Meeting: Tri-Regulator Meeting, August 31, 2016, Chicago

Meeting: Representative Donna Howard, September 2, 2016, Austin

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, September 7, 2016

Hearing: Senate Committee on Higher Education, September 12, 2016

Meeting: Nursing Legislative Action Coalition, September 17, 2016, Austin

Meeting: NCSBN Board of Directors, September 19-21, 2016, Chicago

Meeting: Nurse Licensure Compact 2017 Cohort, September 22, 2016, Chicago

Conference Call: Texas Team Advancing Education Committee, September 26, 2016

Conference Call: Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies Advisory Committee on Supply and Demand Study, September 28, 2016

Conference: Regulation 2030, October 2-3, 2016, Chicago

Conference: International Nurse Regulator Collaborative, October 4-5, 2016, Chicago

Meeting: Texas Nurses Foundation and Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses staff to discuss Legislative Budget Board performance measures, October 7, 2016, Austin

Meeting: Quarterly meeting of the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies Advisory Committee, October 12, 2016, Austin

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, October 12, 2016, 2016

Meeting: Texas Nurses Association staff, October 13, 2016

Presentation: Texas Association of Deans and Directors of Professional Nursing Programs, October 14, 2016, Austin

Presentation: National Nursing Assessment Service Inaugural Annual Conference: *The Need for Research and Evidence in Today's Policy Environment*, October 17-19, 2016, Toronto

Conference: American Academy of Nursing, October 21-23, 2016, Washington, DC

Meeting: NCSBN Board of Directors, October 24-25, 2016, Washington, DC

Meeting: Texas Team Central Texas Regional Legislative Summit, October 26, 2016, Austin

General Counsel

Meeting: Department of Public Safety, *Re: SB 195*, July 28, 2016, Austin

Conference Call: Texas Southmost College (TSC), *Re: TSC request to consider only NCLEX-RN candidates following dissolution of agreement with University of Texas at Brownsville in calculating pass rate*, July 29, 2016

Meeting: Introductory Meeting with Jonathan Wolfarth, TPAPN Program Director, August 22, 2016

Meeting: Andrew Cates, Texas Nurses Association, *Re: SB 406*, August 23, 2016, Austin

Meeting: Representative Richard Raymond, August 26, 2016, Austin

Meeting: Meeting with Sunset Commission Staff, September 1, 2016, Austin

Conference Call: Kimberly Gsell, Novitas Solutions, *Re: CRNA Practice Regulations*, September 6, 2016

Meeting: Exit Meeting with Sunset Commission Staff, September 23, 2016, Austin

Meeting: Meeting with TPAPN, *Re: 2016 0922 LBB Measures*, October 7, 2016 Austin

Conference Call: KSTAR Weekly Update, July 27, August 10, August 24, September 7, and September 21, 2016

Director of Operations

Conference Call: NCSBN NLC Operations Staff, July 19, 2016

Meeting: Department of Information Resources, Customer Advisory Committee, July 27, 2016

Conference Call: NCSBN CEO Bylaws, July 28, 2016

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, August 10, 2016

Meeting: Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators semi-annual face to face meeting, August 16, 2016, Chicago

Conference: NCSBN Delegate Assembly, Chicago, August 17-19

Hearing: Budget Hearing with the LBB/Office of Governor, August 22, 2016

Meeting: Texas Facilities Commission on Hobby Building, August 24, 2016

Hearing: Budget Hearing on Texas Facilities Commission, September 19, 2016

Conference Call: NCSBN CEO Bylaws Update, September 22, 2016

Meeting: Sunset Exit Information, September 23, 2016

Presentation: Army LPN Program, San Antonio, September 28, 2016

Meeting: Texas Facilities Commission 4th Floor Remodeling, September 30, 2016

Meeting: Department of Information Resources, Texas.Gov Committee, October 6, 2016

Meeting: TPAPN Performance Measures, October 7, 2016

Meeting: Introduction to New LBB Analyst, October 12, 2016

Presentation: Texas Association of Deans and Directors of Professional Nursing Programs, October 14, 2016

Meeting: Department of Information Resources, Customer Advisory Committee, October 26, 2016

Presentation: Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators, Corpus Christi, October 28, 2016

Director of Enforcement

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, July 27, 2016

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, July 29, 2016, Austin

Meeting: Sunset Commission staff, August 3, 2016, Austin

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, August 5, 2016, Austin

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, August 10, 2016

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, August 12, 2016, Austin

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, August 19, 2016, Austin

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, August 24, 2016

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, August 26, 2016, Austin

Meeting: Sunset Commission staff, September 1, 2016, Austin

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, September 1, 2016, Austin

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, September 7, 2016

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, September 8, 2016, Austin

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, September 16, 2016, Austin

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, September 22, 2016, Austin

Meeting: Sunset Commission staff, September 23, 2016, Austin

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, September 29, 2016, Austin

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, July 20, 2016, Austin

Director of Nursing and Nursing Consultants

Conference Call: NCSBN Practice Knowledge Network, July 21, 2016

Conference Call: Texas Team Advancing Education Committee, July, 25, 2016

Meeting: Uniform Core Curriculum Advisory Committee, THECB, July 25, 2016

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, July 27, 2016

Conference Call: NCSBN Advanced Practice Knowledge Network, July 28, 2016

Presentation: DADS Geriatric Symposium- Delegation in Community Setting, August 1, 2016, Round Rock

Conference: North Texas Nursing, Summer Institute 2016 Nursing Care of Vulnerable Populations in Texas, August, 4, 2016, Ft. Worth

Conference: 2016 NCSBN Annual Meeting, August 16-19, 2016, Chicago, IL

Presentation: NCSBN Delegate Assembly Examination Committee Report, August 17-19, 2016, Chicago, IL

Presentation: Protecting Your Patients and Your Practice, August 19, 2016, San Antonio

Meeting: Senate Higher Education Committee Staff Meeting, August 22, 2016, Austin

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, August 24, 2016

Conference Call: NCSBN Education Knowledge Network, September 7, 2016

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, September 7, 2016

Meeting: TPAPN Advisory Committee Meeting, September 9, 2016, Austin

Hearing: Senate Committee on Higher Education, September 12, 2016

Presentation: 2016 NCLEX Conference, September 12, 2016, Philadelphia

Presentation: The Standards of Nursing Practice, September 14, 2016, Christus Spohn, Corpus Christi, TX

Meeting: Nursing Legislative Action Coalition, September 17, 2016, Austin

Presentation: Protecting Your Patients and Your Practice, August 19, 2016, Arlington

Conference: 8th Annual Evidence-Based Practice/ Research Conference, September 19, 2016, New Orleans, LA

Meeting: Texas Nurses Association, September 20, 2016, Austin

Presentation: Austin Community College, September 21, 2016, Austin

Meeting: NLN Summit, September, 21-23, 2016, Orlando, FL

Conference Call: NCSBN Advanced Practice Knowledge Network, September 22, 2016

Conference Call: Texas Team Advancing Education Committee, September 26, 2016

Presentation: Education, NCLEX, and Examination Information Workshop to Faculty- Army Practical Nurse Program, September, 28, 2016, Ft. Sam Houston

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, October 5, 2016

Conference: NCSBN Scientific Symposium, October 6, 2016, Chicago, IL

Presentation: Safe Harbor, October 6, 2016, Webinar

Meeting: Nursing Scope IDD Community Setting, October 6, 2016, Austin

Presentation: Faculty Workshop, Sponsored by Sam Houston State University, October, 7, 2016, The Woodlands

Conference Call: NCSBN Education Knowledge Network, October 11, 2016

Presentation: Texas Association of Deans and Directors of Professional Nursing Programs, October 14, 2016, Austin

Presentation: Informal Information Session for New Proposal Authors, October 18, 2016, Austin

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, October 19, 2016

Presentation: New Deans and Directors Orientation, October 20, 2016, Austin

Webinar: The National Opioid Crisis: Your Practice, Your Responsibility, October 20, 2016

Meeting: THECB Health Science Program of Study Subcommittee, October 24, 2016, Austin

Conference Call: Texas Team Advancing Education Committee, October 24, 2016

Presentation: THECB Nursing Innovative Grant Project Workshop, October 25, 2016, Austin

Meeting: Texas Team Central Texas Regional Legislative Summit, October 26, 2016, Austin

Presentation: APRN Application, October 27, 2016, Webinar

Presentation: TAVNE, October, 28, 2016, Corpus Christi (remote connection)

Quarterly Statistics Where Executive Director Closed Cases in Compliance with Board Policy:

Case Resolution Report
June 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016

Type of Action	Total
No Jurisdiction	3
No Violation	1
No Action	543
Insufficient Evidence	164
Admonish	15
Without Prejudice	1354
TPAPN Referrals	84
EEP Referrals	15
Corrective Actions	30
Totals	2209

Quarterly Statistics Where Executive Director Ratified Temporary Suspension Cases in Compliance with Board Policy:

Temporary Suspension Case Resolution Report
June 1, 2016, through August 31, 2016

Type of Action	Total
Suspend/Probate	2
Enforced Suspension	2
Voluntary Surrender	5
Totals	9

**Quarterly Statistics Where Executive Director Ratified Requests for Exception
in Compliance with Board Policy:**

REQUESTS FOR EXCEPTION TO A PREVIOUSLY ISSUED AGREED ORDER
June 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016

Total Number of Requests Received	28
Number of Requests Resolved	20
Number of Requests Granted by Executive Director	7
Number of Requests Granted by Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee	9
Number of Requests Denied by Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee	4
Number of Requests Denied Pursuant to Board's Guidelines for Exceptions to Existing Board Orders	3
Number of Requests Pending	48*

*Seven (7) requests on September 13, 2016 E&D and three (3) requests set for next E&D.

LVN DISCIPLINARY ORDERS
 June 1, 2016, through August 31, 2016

DISCIPLINARY	
7	<p>FINE WITH REMEDIAL EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Submitted an Application/Renewal Document in which false, deceptive, and/or misleading information was given by failing to disclose a criminal history 1 Inaccurately documented vital signs, daily care, narrative notes, intake, and feeding tube care 1 Failed to report a nurse employee who failed to provide care to a patient who was in severe pain and throwing up blood 1 Disclosed confidential medication information concerning multiple patients to a pharmaceutical rep. 2 Practiced professional nursing without a valid nursing license
5	<p>REMEDIAL EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Violated professional boundaries of the nurse/client relationship by engaging in text messages and telephonic conversations 1 Failed to sign and/or review skilled nursing notes for twenty-six patients assigned to her care 1 Failed to monitor patients who were detoxing in that she left the patients unsupervised for an extended amount of time 1 Pharmacy license to practice in the State of Texas as disciplined 1 Disciplinary action taken by another Licensing Authority
5	<p>TPAPN CONFIDENTIAL BOARD ORDER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Lacked fitness to practice nursing in that she was diagnosed with, and treated for, a mental health condition 1 Convicted of misdemeanor Possession of a Controlled Substance 1 Diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder 1 Lacked fitness to practice in that she informed her sponsor and co-worker that she had to change her “dry date” because she relapsed <p>TPAPN ENFORCED SUSPENSION BOARD ORDER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Non-compliance with prior TPAPN Board Order
25	<p>VOLUNTARY SURRENDER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Submitted a statement voluntarily surrendering their license to practice nursing 1 Deferred judgment for Possession of Controlled Substance PG 3 <28G & Possession of Dangerous Drug 1 Lacked fitness to practice nursing in that she was found Sleeping while on duty 1 Convicted of felony Conspiracy to Possess a Controlled Substance and Misprision of a Felony 1 Deferred judgment for state jail felony Possession of a Controlled Substance - Methamphetamine 1 Misappropriated Soma 1 Placed an Improper medical restraint on a patient 1 Convicted of state jail felony Theft of Property >=\$1500 <\$20k 1 Failed to complete twenty-nine skilled nursing visits for patients 1 Engaged in the intemperate use of Marijuana resulting in a positive drug screen 1 Convicted of the state jail felony offense Misprision of a Felony 1 Misappropriated Norco or failed to prevent the misappropriation of Norco 1 Convicted of third degree felony Intoxication Assault w/ Vehicle and Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or More 7 Non-compliance with previous Board Order

LVN ENDORSEMENT/PETITIONER DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

June 1, 2016, through August 31, 2016

402	<p>APPLICANTS/ PETITIONERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Prior Board Order during Petitioner Process 1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Theft by Check; Fail to Stop and Give Info. and Driving While License Invalid 1 Deferred judgment for State Jail felony Tamper w/ Government Record Defraud/Harm 1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Criminal Mischief 1 Pre-Trial Diversion for misdemeanor Theft of Property; deferred judgment for Theft and convicted of Organized Criminal Activity 1 Deferred judgment for second degree felony Burglary of Habitation 2 Convicted of two counts of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated 1 Deferred judgment for state jail felony Possession of a Controlled Substance; misdemeanor Retail Theft and convicted of two counts of misdemeanor Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 1 Deferred judgment for state jail felony Theft - Welfare Fraud 2 Convicted of state jail felony Credit Card Abuse 1 Deferred judgment for state jail felony Evading Arrest Detention w/Vehicle; convicted of misdemeanor Criminal Trespass Property and Fail to ID-Fugitive-False Information 1 Convicted of 11 counts of misdemeanor Theft by Check; Pre-Trial Diversion for 1 count Theft by Check 1 Convicted of misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana; deferred judgment for Theft of Property 3 Entered substance abuse treatment 1 Convicted of misdemeanor Petty Theft, Driving Under the Influence, Driving While Intoxicated, Public Intoxication and Driving While Ability Impaired 1 Convicted of misdemeanor Theft of Property and Drug Paraphernalia 1 Diagnosed with a mental health disorder 1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Criminal Trespass; convicted of Driving While Intoxicated and Reckless Driving 1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Deadly Conduct and Theft; convicted of Open Container in Vehicle 1 Convicted of two counts of misdemeanor Theft of Property; deferred judgment for two counts state jail felony Theft with two or more previous convictions 2 Convicted of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated 1 Convicted of four counts of Forgery 1 Convicted of misdemeanor Driving While License Suspended, Driving While Intoxicated; convicted of felony Transporting an Undocumented Alien 1 Deferred judgment for three counts misdemeanor Theft of Property 1 Pre-Trial Diversion for misdemeanor Assault Bodily Injury; deferred judgment for Assault Bodily Injury; convicted of Public Intoxication 1 Deferred judgment for state jail felony Possession of Controlled Substance; Methylenedioxy 1 Deferred judgment for two counts of state jail felony Tampering with Government Record 1 Convicted of misdemeanor Assault and two counts of Possession of Marijuana; convicted of felony Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud 1 Convicted of misdemeanor eight counts of Theft by Check 1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Theft by Check; two counts of Theft of Property dismissed after restitution paid in full 1 Convicted of misdemeanor three counts of Minor in Possession of Alcohol and two counts of Shoplifting 1 Convicted of three counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and 1 count of Shoplifting 1 Convicted of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated; Pre-Trial for misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana 1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Disorderly Intoxication and two counts of Resisting an Officer 1 Convicted of felony Making a False Information 5 Denial of Licensure 353 No Grounds for Denial/Youthful Indiscretion
45	<p>ENDORSEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Disciplinary action taken by another Licensing Authority 1 Convicted of misdemeanor Issuance of a Bad Check, Theft by Check and two counts of Driving Under the Influence 4 Non disclosure of Criminal History or Disciplinary Action on Application for Licensure by Endorsement 34 No Grounds for Denial

LVN CORRECTIVE ACTION
June 1, 2016, through August 31, 2016

21	<p>CORRECTIVE ACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Attempted to Commit Theft of Property >=\$50 <\$500 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Interfere w/ Duties of Public Servant 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Criminal Mischief >=\$50 <\$500 1 Failed to disclose information on renewal application that may have affected the Board's decision to issue a license 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Reckless Driving 1 Failed to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse were immediately reported telephonically to appropriate authorities 3 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Driving While License Suspended/Invalid Enhanced 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Terroristic Threat 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Assault Causes Bodily Injury - Family Member function test 1 Failed to completely and accurately document bowel status patient's medical record 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor False Alarm or Report 6 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated 2 Practiced Nursing without a valid license
12	<p>ENDORSEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Retail Theft 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Disorderly Conduct Hazardous/Physical Offense 2 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Bad Check 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Theft 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Unlawful Use of Drug Paraphernalia 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Driving or Operating Under Influence of Drugs/Liquor 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Tel Misuse; Repeat Calls 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Overdraft Under \$200 3 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated

LVN DEFERRED DISCIPLINE
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None

RN DISCIPLINARY ORDERS
 June 1, 2016, through August 31, 2016

DISCIPLINARY	
10	<p>FINE WITH REMEDIAL EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Submitted an Application/Renewal Document in which false, deceptive, and/or misleading information was given by failing to disclose a criminal history 1 Failed to give report before leaving the facility during her shift 1 Failed to report a nurse employee who failed to provide care to a patient who was in severe pain and throwing up blood 1 Failed to comply with the Rules and Regulations regarding a compact license 1 Accessed the medical records of one hundred seventy-eight patients without authorization 5 Practiced professional nursing without a valid nursing license
13	<p>TPAPN CONFIDENTIAL BOARD ORDER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Lacked fitness to practice in that she voluntarily admitted herself for Alcohol Detox and Major Depressive Disorder 1 Removed medication from the medication dispensing systems for patients that were discharged 1 Lacked fitness to practice in that she informed her sponsor and co-worker that she had to change her “dry date” because she relapsed 1 Completed two treatment program for alcohol abuse <p>PUBLIC TPAPN BOARD ORDER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Convicted of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated W/Bac >=0.15 and Possession of Marijuana 1 Deferred judgment for third degree felony Prescription Fraud Sch, III/IV 1 Convicted of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated <p>TPAPN ENFORCED SUSPENSION BOARD ORDER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Disciplinary action taken by another Licensing Authority 1 Entered treatment for alcohol use; admitted to consuming wine while participating in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses 2 Non-compliance with prior TPAPN Board Order 1 Pre-Trial diversion for Driving While Under the Influence of Intoxicants and Driving While Intoxicated/Open Container 1 Misappropriated and intemperate use of Fentanyl
3	<p>REMEDIAL EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Purchased and brought Popeye’s Chicken to the patient, at the patient’s home 1 Disciplinary action taken by another Licensing Authority 1 Misrepresented herself as a Pediatric Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner without authorization
40	<p>VOLUNTARY SURRENDER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 Submitted a statement voluntarily surrendering license to practice nursing 1 Physically abused a pediatric patient 1 Intemperate use of Amphetamines and Benzodiazepines 1 Diverted Fentanyl, Morphine and Ativan 1 Deferred judgment for second degree felony Prescription Fraud - Forgery - Schedule II 1 Failed to recognize a patient showing signs and symptoms of medical and/or mental health disorder 1 Arrested for Sexual Assault of a Minor and Compel Prost-Cause Child To Co 1 Admitted to ACU Health Systems for a mental health condition 1 Reported by several coworkers to have fallen asleep several times throughout the day 1 Falsified time cards for two other employees by manually entering their badge numbers to clock them in and out 1 Administered Propofol 100 mg without a physicians’ order 2 Disciplinary action taken by another Licensing Authority 14 Non-compliance with previous Board Order

RN ENDORSEMENT/PETITIONER DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

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762	<p>APPLICANTS/ PETITIONERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">2 Non disclosure of Criminal History or Disciplinary Action on Application for Licensure by Endorsement1 Deferred judgment for state Jail felony Fraudulent Use of Identifying Information2 Disciplinary action taken by another Licensing Authority1 Deferred judgment for state jail felony Theft1 Pre-Trial Diversion for misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana; convicted of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated1 Convicted of misdemeanor Possession of Cocaine; Culpable Negligence and Prostitution1 Incorrectly administered 300 mg Neurontin; failed to administer 300mg Trileptal; inaccurately documented the count of Ativan1 Convicted of felony Transport an Undocumented Alien for Purposes of Private Financial Gain1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Public Intoxication and 2 counts of Consumption of Alcohol by Minor1 Inappropriately re-created and submitted a duplicate Nursing Flow Sheet with falsified vital signs1 Convicted of misdemeanor Theft, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana1 Convicted of third degree felony Aggravated Assault and misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated1 Convicted of three counts of Evading Arrest - Detention Using Vehicle1 Convicted of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated; Public Intoxication and DWI BAC >=0.151 Convicted of two counts of Driving while Intoxicated1 Pre-Trial Diversion for state jail felony Possession of a Controlled Substance1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Assault Bodily Injury - Married1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Assault Cases Bodily Injury and convicted of Driving While Intoxicated1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Theft of Property and Possession of Marijuana1 Convicted of three counts of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated1 Convicted of four counts of misdemeanor Prostitution5 Diagnosed with a mental health disorder1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana1 Convicted of felony offense of Disorderly Conduct with a Deadly Weapon or Dangerous Instrument1 Deferred judgment for Possession of Controlled Substance1 Pre-Trial Diversion for Harboring Runaway Child; arrested for two counts of Driving While Intoxicated1 Deferred judgment for second degree felony Burglary of a Habitation; convicted of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated1 Deferred judgment for state jail felony Forgery1 Convicted of misdemeanor Fail to Identify Fugitive From Justice and Driving While Intoxicated; deferred judgment for misdemeanor Criminal Trespass5 Entered treatment for substance abuse1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Theft Under 50 and Official Oppression1 Convicted of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated; Deferred judgment for felony Manufacture Del of Controlled Substance1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Evading Arrest/Detention w/ Vehicle and Theft1 Deferred judgment for two counts of state jail felony Abandon/Endangering a Child3 Convicted of felony Attempted Distribution of Marijuana14 Prior Board Order during Petitioner Process4 Denial of Licensure697 No Grounds for Denial/Youthful Indiscretion
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182	<p>ENDORSEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Disciplinary action taken by another licensing authority 1 Convicted of misdemeanor Theft of Public Benefits 1 Convicted of misdemeanor Criminal Facilitation 1 Convicted of seven counts of Worthless Funds Check 1 Diagnosed with a mental health disorder 1 convicted of misdemeanor Operate Motor Vehicle Illegal % Alcohol and Driving While Intoxicated 1 Pre-Trial Diversion for three counts of felony Uttering a Forged Check 1 Convicted of misdemeanor Assault on a Child Under 12 8 Non disclosure of Criminal History or Disciplinary Action on Application for Licensure by Endorsement 2 Denial of Licensure 157 No Grounds for Denial
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RN CORRECTIVE ACTION
June 1, 2016, through August 31, 2016

11	<p>CORRECTIVE ACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Reckless Driving 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Assault Causes Bodily Injury - Family Member 1 Misrepresented three staff members as nurses on the clinic's web page 1 Failed to give a full and complete handoff report to the oncoming nurse 1 Failed to verify in the medical record, or verbally with the Respiratory Therapist, that the physician documented an order 1 Misrepresented herself as a Registered Nurse by signing "RN" after her name without a valid license 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Obstruct Highway Passageway 1 Failed to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse were immediately reported telephonically to appropriate authorities
6	<p>ENDORSEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Non disclosure of Disciplinary action taken by another Licensing Authority 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Theft 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Battery 1 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Prostitution 2 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated
4	<p>APPLICANTS/ PETITIONERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Non disclosure of information that may have affected the Board's decision to license him 3 Non disclosure of misdemeanor Theft of Property

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None

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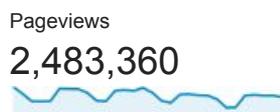
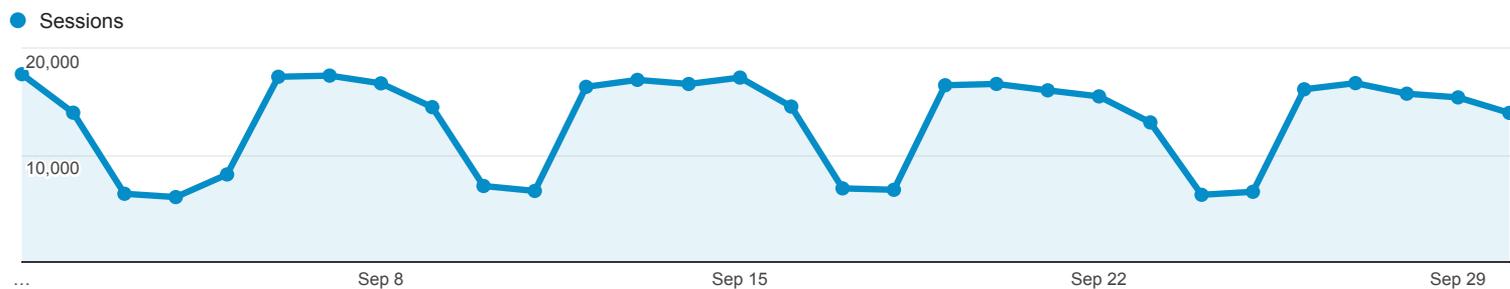
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5	Education Statistics								
5.1	Nursing Jurisprudence Exam Statistics								
5.1.1	Total Nursing Jurisprudence Exam taken	30,816	46,193	41,696	8959	7,467	10203	8359	34988
5.1.1.1	Exam Not Completed (total)	1,715	14,324	6,553	136	227	237	253	853
5.1.1.2	Percentage Not Completed	5.57	27.6625	15.14	1.52	3.04	2.32	3.03	2.48
5.1.1.3	Did Not Pass the Exam (total)	2,384	3,910	5,529	1421	1186	1355	1473	5435
5.1.1.4	Percentage Did Not Pass Exam	7.74	7.45	13.855	15.86	15.88	13.28	17.62	15.66
5.1.1.5	Exam Passed (Total)	26,717	27,960	28,814	7402	6,054	8611	6633	28700
5.1.1.6	Percentage Exam Passed	86.69	64.885	71.00	82.62	81.08	84.40	79.35	81.86
5.1.2	LVN-Candidate	6,630	8,632	7,846	1689	1,278	1395	2168	6530
5.1.2.1	Exam Not Completed	382	2,217	1,007	13	28	24	40	105
5.1.2.2	Did Not Pass the Exam	735	1,201	1,667	389	332	342	457	1520
5.1.2.3	Exam passed	5,513	5,214	5,172	1287	918	1029	1671	4905
5.1.3	LVN-Endorsement	1,612	2,604	2,212	492	454	418	553	1917
5.1.3.1	Exam Not Completed	113	958	433	5	8	5	25	43
5.1.3.2	Did Not Pass the Exam	346	415	559	160	154	105	169	588
5.1.3.3	Exam passed	1,153	1,231	1,220	327	292	308	359	1286
5.1.4	RN-Candidate	12,470	18,694	15,334	3626	2,954	5339	2487	14406
5.1.4.1	Exam Not Completed	634	5,459	2,218	67	86	137	96	386
5.1.4.2	Did Not Pass the Exam	488	1,108	1,415	405	342	496	462	1705
5.1.4.3	Exam passed	11,348	12,128	11,701	3154	2,526	4706	1929	12315
5.1.5	RN-Endorsement	9,256	15,000	14,464	2928	2,589	2840	2919	11276
5.1.5.1	Exam Not Completed	535	5,220	2,699	50	101	67	90	308
5.1.5.2	Did Not Pass the Exam	783	1,138	1,821	442	339	395	369	1545
5.1.5.3	Exam passed	7,938	8,642	9,944	2436	2,149	2378	2460	9423
5.1.6	Refresher Course/Renewal Requirements	848	1,262	1,040	224	192	211	232	859
5.1.6.1	Exam Not Completed	51	470	196	1	4	4	2	11
5.1.6.2	Did Not Pass the Exam	32	48	67	25	19	17	16	77
5.1.6.3	Exam passed	765	744	777	198	169	190	214	771

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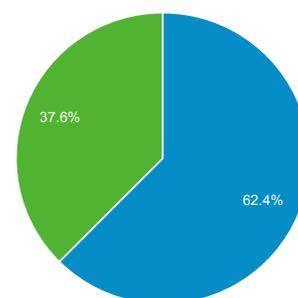
Audience Overview

All Users
100.00% Sessions

Overview



Returning Visitor New Visitor



Language	Sessions	% Sessions
1. en-us	389,015	98.37%
2. en-gb	2,287	0.58%
3. c	1,002	0.25%
4. ru	510	0.13%
5. en-ca	319	0.08%
6. en	298	0.08%
7. es-419	223	0.06%
8. es	203	0.05%
9. ru-ru	125	0.03%
10. en-au	124	0.03%