

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NATIONAL ISSUES

21 states Introduced the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact in 2017: Arizona, Florida, Idaho, Missouri, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia and Wyoming joined the enhanced NLC in 2016. Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Dakota and Utah have enacted in 2017, bringing the total of states to enact the eNLC to 15 states. Four states have passed out of both chambers but await the Governor's signature in Georgia, Iowa, Maryland, and West Virginia. Twelve other states have pending eNLC legislation in the current session.

<https://www.nursecompact.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 choose the types and frequency of notifications such as expiration of license and discipline on a license. National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) permits individual nurses to enroll as well. Currently there are 952 Texas nursing employers and 157,962 Texas nurses enrolled in e-Notify.

NCSBN Launches Transition to Practice Online e-learning Program: The National Council of State Boards of Nursing recently launched the Transition to Practice (TTP) online e-learning program for newly licensed nurses. The new program reviews and discusses concepts integral to patient safety and critical thinking which helps new graduates understand how to apply nursing knowledge, learn new skills and think critically as they transition from newly licensed nurses to professionals. The TTP e-learning program includes evidence-based, interactive courses for both new graduate nurses and preceptors. The program's five new graduate courses include Communication & Teamwork: Patient- & Family-centered Care; Evidence-based Practice; Quality Improvement; and Informatics. A separate course for preceptors is available.

<https://www.ncsbn.org/10224.htm>

Nurses Rated Highest on Honesty and Ethics for 15th Straight Year: In Gallup's annual poll ranking the most honest and ethical careers, nurses retain the top spot as the most highly rated profession for the 15th straight year. In the 2016 poll, 84 percent of Americans surveyed say nurses have "very high" or "high" standards of honesty and ethics. Nurses have topped the honest and ethics ranking every year since they were added to the list in 1999, except for 2001, when firefighters ranked number one in response to their work during and after the 9/11 attacks.

<http://www.gallup.com/poll/200057/americans-rate-healthcare-providers-high-honesty-ethics.aspx>

Report Calls on More States to Mandate Prescriber Use of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs): A report released by the Pew Charitable Trusts and Brandeis University urges more states to set mandates requiring prescribers to check PDMPs before writing a prescription. Every state except Missouri has a PDMP. "Evidence shows that prescriber use mandates are the single most efficient means for increasing prescriber utilization."

http://www.pewtrusts.org/~media/assets/2016/12/prescription_drug_monitoring_programs.pdf

Study Finds Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs) Decrease Doctor-shopping for Painkillers: According to a new study, states that require practitioners to check PDMP databases before writing prescriptions have decreased odds of doctor-shopping for opioid pain relievers. Researchers analyzed annual nationwide surveys of drug use and health from 2004 through 2014,

when PDMPs were implemented in 36 states. Researchers found that in states requiring practitioners to consult a PDMP database before writing an opioid prescription, the odds of two or more practitioners prescribing pain relievers for nonmedical purposes to a single patient were reduced by 80 percent. Researchers found that in states with voluntary monitoring programs, there was a 56 percent reduction in the odds of doctor-shopping. In addition, study data revealed a reduction in the use of painkillers for nonmedical purposes by an average of 20 days annually in states with mandatory PDMPs. States that have voluntary PDMPs showed a reduction in the use of painkillers for nonmedical purposes by an average of 10 days annually. The study also found that the implementation of a PDMP was not associated with an increase in heroin use or initiation. Researchers note that study results show that PDMPs “are a promising component of a multifaceted strategy to address the opioid epidemic.”

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-painkillers-doctor-shopping-idUSKBN15W281>

Updated U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DOD) Guideline on Opioids for Chronic Pain Published:

The VA and DOD recently published an updated clinical practice guideline on opioids for chronic pain, *Management of Opioid Therapy (OT) for Chronic Pain (2017)*. The updated guideline is aimed at VA and DOD health care practitioners and is based on clinical and epidemiological evidence reviewed through December 2016. The guideline recommendations warn against initiating long-term treatment with opioids for adult patients with chronic pain and suggest nonpharmacological or non-opioid treatments. Additionally, the guideline notes that benzodiazepines should not be used concurrently with opioid therapy, that risk mitigation is important and that careful, individualized tapering be implemented to reduced dosage or discontinuation for those already receiving long-term therapy.

<https://www.healthquality.va.gov/guidelines/Pain/cot/>

ECRI Institute Names 2017 Top 10 Patient Safety Concerns: The ECRI Institute recently released a report that names the institute’s top 10 patient safety concerns for health care organizations for 2017. In selecting their top patient safety concerns, the ECRI Institute relied on event data from partner patient safety organizations, concerns raised by health care provider organizations and expert judgement. ECRI Institute’s top 10 patient safety concerns include:

- Information management in electronic health records (EHRs);
- Unrecognized patient deterioration;
- Implementation and use of clinical decision support;
- Test result reporting and follow-up;
- Antimicrobial stewardship;
- Patient identification;
- Opioid administration and monitoring in acute care;
- Behavioral health issues in nonbehavioral-health settings;
- Management of new oral anticoagulants; and
- Inadequate organization systems or process to improve safety and quality.

<https://www.ecri.org/press/Pages/Top-10-Patient-Safety-Concerns-for-2017.aspx>

STATE ISSUES

85th Legislative Session: The 85th Legislative session opened January 10, 2017 and will run 140 days, concluding on May 29, 2017. There have been 6,856 bills filed in the legislature. See 1.3 on the agenda for a more detailed report on bills affecting the Board of Nursing.

Texas Facilities Commission Space and Hobby Building Issues: The space expansion on the second floor in Tower III was completed in December. The Operations Department with the exception of Information Technology moved to the new space, creating room for some expansion for offices and storage on the 4th floor. Staff have submitted a request and approved a plan for the Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) to complete construction on the 4th floor to facilitate the

expansion. Discussions continue with TFC on sanitation, safety and security issues in the Hobby Building. Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) currently holds the contract and pays in full for security for our building. Costs are anticipated to increase significantly for the next year and TDI may have to cut back on security resources due to budget uncertainties. BON staff will be meeting with them to determine best next steps.

Health Professions Council: The Health Professions Council (HPC) cancelled its March 20, 2016 regular quarterly meeting due to conflicts with legislative hearings. The Council will meet again in June. See item 7.2 regarding HPC's 2016 Annual Report.

BOARD ISSUES

Sunset Review: HB 2950 (Burkett), the Board of Nursing Sunset bill was heard in the House Public Health committee on April 4, 2017 and voted out of committee on April 11, 2017. It is headed to the house floor. An amendment was added to clarify the accreditation requirement of Excelsior College. Otherwise, the bill remained unchanged.

BON Bulletin Articles : The April issue of the *Board of Nursing Bulletin* contains the following articles: 1.) An article on the Texas and National NCLEX pass rates for 2016 ; 2.) Notice of and link to a BON Customer Service Survey ; 3.) Reminder to APRNs regarding required information on prescriptions; 4.) Information for APRNs on registration for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program; 5.) Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies; 6.) Notice of the passing of former consumer board member Anita Palmer.

Appointments to the Board of Nursing: Due to the high volume of appointments to be approved by the Senate Nominations Committee, the Board's appointments will not be made during the Legislative Session. The Board of Nursing members will receive notification from the Executive Director when appointments are made.

Board Development: A board development session will be held on Friday, April, 21, 2017. This session will provide a review of *Approval Process for New Nursing Education Programs* (Item 9.2 on the agenda).

AGENCY ISSUES

Staff News: Although we have one operations staff member attending the Board Meeting, no new staff have been hired since Governor Abbott notified agencies of a hiring freeze in early February.

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 second quarter of Fiscal Year 2017. **(See Attachment A)**. Updates to the examination questions were made and incorporated during the first quarter of 2017.

National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Projects: Staff continue the BON onboarding 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. Intensive effort by the licensing, information technology, enforcement and legal staff has been devoted to prepare

this database for launch within the 3rd to 4th quarter of FY 2017.

Military Operation in Texas: The Board is assisting military nursing personnel to obtain Texas licensure for *Operation Lone Star*, an annual training event for Texas Military Forces to work with state and local partners to train for disaster response. This event is held in several South Texas locations where immunizations, blood pressure checks, diabetes screenings, hearing and vision exams, medical evaluations including sports physicals for students, dental services, vision exams and mobile lab that provides prescription glasses are provided free of charge. It is a joint collaborative effort of health departments, military, community volunteer groups, Texas Department of State Health Services, and other health and human services agencies who participate. When military nursing personnel are brought in from other states without a Texas license or Compact privilege the Board provides an expedited application process with issuance of a temporary license.

Information Technology Updates: This quarter the IT department has focused on implementation of the new customer service call center software which will make it possible to track more data including types of calls to inform development of resources for our website. It is hoped this will reduce call volume. Another major project is underway to create all documents in digital web forms so that the agency can move to one word processing platform.

Website: Google Analytics of user information on our website shows 514,822 users, 1,122,785 sessions for the second quarter of 2017. New visitors comprise 37.92% of users for the quarter. **(See Attachment B)**

Facebook: The Texas Board of Nursing page can be found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/Texas-Board-of-Nursing-1498436920404832/>
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).

Executive Director

Meeting: Texas Team Advancing Education Committee, January 23, 2017

Conference Call: Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Nursing/RCHI/BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, January 23, 2017

Conference: Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB), January 27-20, 2017, San Antonio

Meeting: Interagency Prescription Monitoring Program Workgroup, January 30, 2017, Austin

Conference: HHSC Drug Misuse Prevention Summit, February 2-3, 2017, Austin

Presentation: Texas Association of Deans and Directors of Professional Nursing Programs, February 3, 2017, Austin

Conference Call: eNLC 2017 Cohort, February 6, 2017

Meeting: NCSBN Board of Directors, February 8-10, 2017, Chicago

Presentation: Texas Collaboration of periOperative Registered Nurses (TCORN), February 11, 2017, Austin

Conference Call: NCSBN Executive Officer Leadership Council, February 14, 2017

Meeting: Texas Nurses Association, February 15, 2017, Austin

Presentation: Future of Nursing Education, February 17, 2017, Dallas

Meeting: Tri-Regulator Meeting (Federation of State Medical Boards, National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, National Council of State Boards of Nursing), February 22, 2017, Tampa, FL

Meeting: Texas Team Advancing Education Committee, February 27, 2017

Conference Call: Executive Officer Leadership Council, February 27, 2017

Webex: eNLC Implementation Planning 2017 Cohort, March 1, 2017

Meeting: Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators, March 12, 2017, Salt Lake City, UT

Conference: NCSBN Mid-Year, March 13-16, 2017, Salt Lake City, UT

Conference: American Association of Colleges of Nursing, March 18-20, 2017, Washington, DC

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, March 22, 2017

Meeting: Texas Nurses Association, March 23, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Texas Team Advancing Education Committee, March 27, 2017

Conference: American Association of Nurse Executives, March 30-April 1, 2017, Baltimore, MD

Conference Call: eNLC Implementation 2017 Cohort, April 12, 2017

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, April 19, 2017

General Counsel

Meeting: Interagency Prescription Monitoring Program Work Group Meeting, January 30, 2017, Austin

Conference Call: NCSBN, *Re: Discipline in Other States*, February 7, 2017

Meeting: TPAPN, *Re: Sunset Recommendations*, February 13, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Marijuana Regulatory Guidelines Committee Meeting, NCSBN, March 1-2, 2017, Chicago, IL

Webinar: The “High” Risk of Marijuana, March 8, 2017

Meeting: TJJJ, *Re: Review May 2015 TJJJ-TBON MOU*, March 23, 2017, Austin

Director of Operations

Presentation: Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association, January 7, 2017, Houston

Meeting: NCSBN Bylaws Meeting, January 23 and 24, 2017, Chicago

Meeting: Legislative Budget Board Staff, January 25, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Dept. of Information Resources Customer Advisory Committee, January 26, 2017, Austin

Presentation: Texas Association of Deans and Directors of Professional Nursing Programs, February 3, 2017, Austin

Hearing: Senate Finance, February 14, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Staff of Senator Watson, February 16, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Staff of Senator Robert Nichols, February 17, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Staff of Representative Dade Phelan, February 17, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Staff of Representative Justin Rodriguez, February 21, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Staff of Representative Mary Perez, February 21, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Staff of Representative Jay Dean, February 22, 2017

Meeting: Staff of Representative Ron Simmons, February 22, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Staff of Senator Seliger, February 22, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Staff of Senator Hinojosa, February 23, 2017, Austin

Hearing: House Subcommittee on Appropriations, February 23, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Department of Information Resources Contract Committee, February 28, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Representative Larry Gonzales, March 7, 2017, Austin

Meeting: NCSBN Mid-Year Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, March 13 and 14, 2017, Austin

Presentation: Fort Bend County Black Nurses Association, April 1, 2017, Austin

Meeting: NCSBN Bylaws Meeting, Chicago, April 10 and 11, 2017, Chicago

Director of Enforcement

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, January 25, 2017

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, January 26, 2017, Austin

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, February 2, 2017, Austin

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, February 9, 2017, Austin

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, February 16, 2017, Austin

Presentation: Deans, Directors and Coordinators Orientation, February 17, 2017, Austin

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, February 22, 2017

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, February 23, 2017, Austin

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, March 2, 2017, Austin

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, March 15, 2017, Austin

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, March 22, 2017

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, March 23, 2017, Austin

Meeting: TPAPN 3rd Party Referral Reviews with TPAPN staff, March 30, 2017, Austin

Director of Nursing and Nursing Consultants

Conference: Institute of Regulatory Excellence, January 24-26, 2017, Clearwater Beach, FL

Meeting: Texas Team Advancing Education Committee, January 23, 2017

Conference Call: Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Nursing/RCHI/BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, January 23, 2017

Virtual Meeting: HHSC Transition to Practice Steering Committee, January 24, 2017

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, January 25, 2017

Meeting: Interagency Prescription Monitoring Program Workgroup, January 30, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Grant Advisory Committee by ZOOM, January 31, 2017, Austin

Presentation: St. David's School of Nursing at Texas State University, February 1, 2017, Round Rock

Conference Call: NCSBN APRN Knowledge Network, February 2, 2017

Conference: HHSC Drug Misuse Prevention Summit, February 2-3, 2017, Austin

Presentation: Texas Association of Deans and Directors of Professional Nursing Programs, February 3, 2017, Austin

Conference Call: American Medical Institute, February 6, 2017

Conference Call: NCSBN Education Knowledge Network, February 7, 2017

Meeting: Leadership Succession Committee, February 7-8, 2017, Chicago, IL

Presentation: Austin Community College, February 8, 2017, Austin

Conference Call: NCSBN Practice Knowledge Network, February 9, 2017

Webinar: NCSBN Member Board Q&A, February 10, 2017

Meeting: NCSBN Nursing Education Outcomes and Metrics Committee, February 13-14, 2017, Chicago, IL

Meeting: University of Texas Stakeholder Meeting for DNP Program CCNE Site Visit, February 14, 2017, Austin

Virtual Meeting: DADS/HHSC Transition to Practice Steering Committee, February 15, 2017

Presentation: Deans, Directors, and Coordinators Orientation, February 17, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Health Science Program of Study Advisory Committee, February 21, 2017, Austin

Meeting: TCNWS Advisory Committee Meeting, February 22, 2017, Austin

Webinar: NCSBN NCLEX-PN Practice Analysis, February 22, 2017

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, February 22, 2017

Presentation: Texas Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, February 23, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Texas Team Advancing Education Committee, February 27, 2017

Meeting: TPAPN Advisory Committee, March 3, 2017, Austin

Conference Call: NCSBN Education Knowledge Network, March 8, 2017

Meeting: NCSBN Mid-Year, March 13-16, 2017, Salt Lake City, UT

Meeting: Education Metrics, March 14, 2017, Chicago, IL

Webcast: NPSF Patient Safety, March 15, 2017

Conference: 1115 Transformation Waiver- Regional Healthcare Partnership 7 Learning Collaborative, March 21, 2017, Austin

Presentation: Protecting Your Patients and Your Practice, March 22, 2017, Austin

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, March 22, 2017

Meeting: Texas Department of Juvenile Justice & TBON, March 23, 2017, Austin

Meeting: HHS e-Health Advisory Committee, March 24, 2017, Austin

Meeting: Texas Team Advancing Education Committee, March 27, 2017

Meeting: NCSBN Nursing Education Outcomes and Metrics Committee, April 3-4, 2017, Chicago, IL

Meeting: NCSBN Awards Committee, April 3-4, 2017, Chicago, IL

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, April 5, 2017

Webinar: APRN Application Process, April 6, 2017

Webinar: Val Verde Regional Medical Center, Documentation, April 11, 2017

Conference Call: NCSBN Policy Knowledge Network, April 12, 2017

Conference Call: NCSBN Practice Knowledge Network, April 13, 2017

Conference: NCLEX Camp for Nursing Educators, April 17-19, St. Louis, MO

Conference Call: Texas A&M College of Nursing/RCHI/ BON KSTAR Nursing Pilot, April 19, 2017

Presentation: Texas Nurse Practitioners, April 21, 2017, Austin

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

Case Resolution Report
December 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017

Type of Action	Total
No Jurisdiction	10
No Violation	1
No Action	280
Insufficient Evidence	155
Admonish	15
Without Prejudice	1646
TPAPN Referrals	90
EEP Referrals	11
Corrective Actions	24
Totals	2232

Temporary Suspension Case Resolution Report
December 1, 2016, through February 28, 2017

Ratified by K. Thomas on Board's Authority

Type of Action	Total
Suspend/Probate	6
Enforced Suspension	5
Voluntary Surrender	3
Totals	14

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

REQUESTS FOR EXCEPTION TO A PREVIOUSLY ISSUED AGREED ORDER

December 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017

Total Number of Requests Received	32
Number of Requests Resolved	22
Number of Requests Granted by Executive Director	12
Number of Requests Granted by Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee	8
Number of Requests Denied by Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee	0
Number of Requests Denied Pursuant to Board's Guidelines for Exceptions to Existing Board Orders	2
Number of Requests Pending	25

Cases Where Executive Director Offered and Entered Ordered Orders in Compliance with Board Policy:

LVN DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

Time frame: December 1, 2016, through February 28, 2017

DISCIPLINARY	
5	<p>FINE AND REMEDIAL EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Non-compliance with Board Order 1 Inappropriately directed a newly employed LVN to not report a medication error 1 Practiced as a licensed vocational nurse in violation of the Nurse Licensure Compact 1 Inaccurately documented that a patient had been receiving her Rivastigmine Patch daily as ordered 1 Left nursing assignment for more than four hours at a time after clocking in
8	<p>TPAPN CONFIDENTIAL BOARD ORDER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Convicted of two counts of Driving While Intoxicated 1 Misappropriated twelve injections of Demoral 25mg, thirteen injections of Dilaudid 1mg, five injections of Dilaudid 2mg, and three injections of Morphine 4mg <p>PUBLIC TPAPAN BOARD ORDER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Obtained Zolpidem under own name through the use of fraudulent oral or telephonically communicated prescriptions 1 Misappropriated one syringe of Morphine 2mg; admitted into Brooke Army Medical Center for alcohol detoxification <p>TPAPN ENFORCED SUPSESION BOARD ORDER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Intemperate use of Codeine, Hydromorphone, Opiates, Hydrocodone, and Methadone; misappropriated a card of thirty tablets of Tramadol; falsely documented the administration of Tylenol #4 and Norco 1 Pre-Trial Diversion for DWI-Child Endangerment, DTP Offensive Words, Public Intoxication, Speeding, NDLP and Carless Operation 1 Misappropriated one vial of Hydrocodone/Chlorpheniramine 5ml and one tablet of Zolpidem; intemperate use of synthetic marijuana 1 Sought treatment for mental health issues; intemperate use of Oxazepam
10	<p>REMEDIAL EDUCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Failed to ensure that patient had ordered seizure and antibiotic medication available for administration 1 Practiced as a Family Nurse Practitioner / Registered Nurse without a valid license 1 Failed to notify physician of patient who had DNR orders, when patient experienced a change in condition 1 Inappropriately infused Morphine Sulfate Oral Solution with food coloring dye and administered it 1 Submitted electronic prescriptions for Topamax, Renexa, and Carvedilol without authorization 1 Failed to ensure that a patient received nursing care; failed to inform hospital management and the physician that patient received no nursing care 1 Convicted of felony Fraud-ADC FTI 500 or more and Welfare Fraud >\$500 1 Practiced as a licensed vocational nurse without a valid nursing license 1 Violated patient confidentiality when she accessed, or had access to, health information for patients without authorization 1 Failed to protect patient privacy when she provided patient information to an unauthorized individual
29	<p>VOLUNTARY SURRENDER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Convicted of felony Conspiracy to Commit Healthcare Fraud 1 Violated the professional boundaries of the nurse-client relationship by taking inappropriate photos without patient's consent 1 Lacked fitness to practice by suffering mild cognitive decline, memory loss, and hearing loss 11 Non-compliance with previous Board Order 1 Convicted of federal felony offense Acquiring Zolpidem by Deception or Subterfuge 1 Misappropriated five syringes of Fentanyl 100mcg, one syringe of Meperidine 25mg, and two syringes of Hydromorphone 2mg 1 Exceeded scope of practice when she wrote admission and medication orders 5 Submitted statement of voluntarily surrendering nursing license 1 Administered eleven units of Insulin without a physician's order; failed to complete a medication error report 1 Disciplinary action taken by another licensing authority 1 Falsified Care Manager Home visit notes from July 21, 2015 through September 1, 2015, when patient expired on July 14, 2015

	1	Admitted to the misappropriation of Norco; deferred judgment for felony Tamper/Fabricate Physical Evidence w/Intent to Impair
	1	Failed to administer morning and lunch time medications to fourteen of her twenty-seven residents
	1	Misappropriated Morphine; deferred judgment for felony Fraud Possession Controlled Substance / Prescription Schedule I/II
	1	Failed to assess the blood glucose levels of an inmate; Inmate was found unresponsive in her cell

LVN CORRECTIVE ACTION ORDERS

Time frame: December 1, 2016, through February 28, 2017

7		LVN CORRECTIVE ACTION
	1	Transcribed in error an order for Potassium Chloride for 30 days in Medication Administration Record
	2	Practiced nursing without a valid nursing license
	1	Inappropriately dispensed oral birth control medication to granddaughter without documenting action
	1	Failed to ensure the facility's nursing peer review policy included provisions and procedures for conducting Safe Harbor Peer Review
	1	Pending felony offense for Theft of Property >=\$1500 <\$20K
	1	Failed to clarify a physician's order to administer 1gm Invanz reconstituted with 2ml of 2% Lidocaine
1		ENDORSEMENT CORRECTIVE ACTION
	1	Practiced nursing without a valid nursing license and temporary nursing license
3		APPLICANT/PETITIONER CORRECTIVE ACTION
	1	Non-disclosure of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated
	1	Non-disclosure of two Military Article 15's
	1	Non-disclosure of misdemeanor Operating Under the Influence, Possession of Marijuana/THC

LVN DEFERRED DISCIPLINE ORDERS

Time frame: December 1, 2016, through February 28, 2017

1		REMEDIAL EDUCATION – DEFERRED DISCIPLINE
	1	Failed to accurately and complete report and document a conversation she had with a patient's caregiver, who requested intravenous (IV) hydration
0		FINE W/ REMEDIAL EDUCATION – DEFERRED DISCIPLINE

LVN ENDORSEMENT/PETITIONER DISCIPLINE ORDERS

Time frame: December 1, 2016, through February 28, 2017

405		APPLICANTS/PETITIONERS DISCIPLINE ORDER
	1	Disciplinary Action taken by another Licensing Authority
	1	Convicted of misdemeanor Unlawfully While Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor, DWI, two counts of Resisting Arrest; felony Credit Card Abuse and Securing Execution of Document
	1	Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Public Lewdness
	1	Convicted of two counts of felony Forgery
	1	Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Resist Arrest/Search and Fail to ID
	1	Pre-Trial Diversion for misdemeanor Obstructing Governmental Operations, deferred judgment for False Report to Police Officer
	3	Currently under Board Order to apply to petition
	1	Convicted of felony Possession w/ Intent to Distribute a Quantity in Excess of 5 KGS of Cocaine and Misprison of a Felony
	1	Deferred judgment for felony Unauthorized Use for Vehicle
	1	Deferred judgment for felony Possession of a Controlled Substance and DWI w/ Child Passenger
	2	Convicted of misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz

1	Being treated for mental health disorder
1	Deferred judgment for felony Theft over \$20,000 under \$100,000
1	Convicted of misdemeanor Operate – Impaired, Report a Felony, Possession of Marijuana and Open Intoxicants
2	Convicted of two counts of Driving While Intoxicated
1	Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Evading Arrest
2	Deferred judgment for felony Secure Execution of Document by Deception
1	Convicted of misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana and Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon
1	Convicted of felony Bank Fraud, Aiding and Abetting
1	Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Theft \$100 - \$750 and Theft of Property \$50 < \$500
1	Deferred judgment for felony Possession of a Controlled Substance
1	Convicted of misdemeanor Possession of a Controlled Substance and misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana and felony Possession of Marijuana
1	Entered treatment for Opiate use
1	Convicted for felony Battery with Serious Bodily Injury
1	Convicted of felony Organized Crime
1	Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Theft of Service - \$20 - \$200, convicted of Theft of Service and two counts of DWI, convicted of felony Driving While Intoxicated
1	Enrolled in an outpatient Methadone Treatment program
1	Convicted of felony Forgery
1	Convicted of misdemeanor Theft, DWI, Hindering Apprehension and two counts of Driving While License Invalid
1	Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Assault Family Violence
3	Denial of Licensure
367	No Grounds for Denial
67	ENDORSEMENT DISCIPLINE ORDER
8	Disciplinary Action taken by another Licensing Authority
1	Convicted of felony Assault and misdemeanor Sales/Use Alcohol by Minor, Passing Bad Checks and Disorderly Conduct
5	Non-disclosure of criminal history or disciplinary action on application for licensure by endorsement
1	Convicted of felony Forgery and misdemeanor Uttering and Publishing
1	Convicted of felony Fraud-ADC ATI 300 or More and Fraud – Welfare FLD INF >\$500
1	While utilizing Privilege to Practice nursing – failed to ensure which of two patients in the same home she had accepted responsibility for
50	No Grounds for Denial

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RN DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

Time frame: December 1, 2016, through February 28, 2017

DISCIPLINARY	
8	<p>FINE AND REMEDIAL EDUCATION</p> <p>2 Non-compliance with Board Order</p> <p>1 Misappropriation of intravenous infusion supplies and solution</p> <p>1 Misappropriation of one (1) vial of Dexamethasone 10mg</p> <p>1 Started and administered an intravenous infusion to a co-worker</p> <p>1 Practiced nursing without a valid nursing license</p> <p>1 Left nursing assignment for more than four hours at a time after clocking in</p> <p>1 Was Verbally and Emotionally abusive to a patient</p>
21	<p>TPAPN CONFIDENTIAL BOARD ORDER</p> <p>2 Convicted of two counts of Driving While Intoxicated</p> <p>1 Misappropriated narcotics from the facility and patients; engaged in intemperate use of Clonazepam, Hydrocodone, Hydromorphone, Marijuana, and Morphine resulting in positive drug screen</p> <p>1 Convicted of Driving While Intoxicated; arrested for Intoxication Assault w/ Vehicle SBI</p> <p>1 Misappropriated Ambien and Hydrocodone; intemperate use of Tramadol, Hydrocodone, and Hydromorphone</p> <p>1 Received inpatient treatment for a substance-abuse relapse while voluntarily participating in TPAPN</p> <p>1 Misappropriated Midazolam, Morphine, Hydromorphone, Sodium Chloride, 3ml syringe with a clear solution and miscellaneous needles and syringes stained with blood; intemperate use of Midazolam</p> <p>1 metabolite and Morphine</p> <p>Misappropriated twelve injections of Demoral 25mg, thirteen injections of Dilaudid 1mg, five injections of Dilaudid 2mg, and three injections of Morphine 4mg</p> <p>1 Intemperate use of Codeine and Morphine</p> <p>1 Intemperate use of Cocaine; self-admitted to Starlite Recovery Center</p> <p>PUBLIC TPAPAN BOARD ORDER</p> <p>1 Obtained Zolpidem under own name through the use of fraudulent oral or telephonically communicated prescriptions</p> <p>1 Misappropriated approximately seven Percocet from the patient</p> <p>1 Misappropriated eight bottle of Propofol belonging to the facility; found lying on the bathroom floor with a bottle of Propofol and an IV catheter</p> <p>1 Deferred judgment for state jail felony Divert Controlled Substance for Personal Use</p> <p>1 Misappropriated Morphine and Hydromorphone; admitted to diverting narcotics and subsequently tested positive for Hydromorphone</p> <p>1 Misappropriated one syringe of Morphine 2mg; admitted into Brooke Army Medical Center for alcohol detoxification</p> <p>TPAPN ENFORCED SUPENSION BOARD ORDER</p> <p>1 Misappropriated one vial of Hydrocodone/Chlorpheniramine 5ml and one tablet of Zolpidem; intemperate use of synthetic marijuana</p> <p>1 Convicted of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated</p> <p>1 Intemperate use of Alcohol; exhibited impaired behavior while on duty</p> <p>1 Currently participating in a Peer Assistance Program through another licensing authority</p> <p>1 Non-compliance with prior TPAPN Board Order</p>

<p>11</p>	<p>2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 3</p>	<p>REMEDIAL EDUCATION</p> <p>Failed to complete and/or submit progress notes, activity logs and/or assessments for multiple patients</p> <p>Practiced as a Family Nurse Practitioner / Registered Nurse without a valid license</p> <p>Left the facility for thirty (30) minutes, leaving the facility without a licensed nurse</p> <p>Failed to collaborate with a patient regarding high blood pressure reading; inappropriately documented that the patient arrived via EMS instead of by private vehicle</p> <p>Withdrew Morphine from the medication dispensing system, but failed to follow wastage procedures</p> <p>Failed to obtain physician/nurse practitioner authorization prior to cancelling orders for blood tests</p> <p>Failed to ensure that a patient received nursing care; failed to inform hospital management and the physician that patient received no nursing care</p> <p>Disciplinary action taken by another Licensing Authority</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>1 1 1 3 1 1 9 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1</p>	<p>VOLUNTARY SURRENDER</p> <p>Convicted of felony Conspiracy to Commit Healthcare Fraud</p> <p>Solicited pain medication from a co-worker; observed sleeping on duty; failed to administer penicillin as ordered; falsely documented the administration of Demerol; misappropriated one syringe of Demerol; entered treatment with a positive urinary drug screen for Benzodiazepines</p> <p>Lacked fitness to practice by suffering mild cognitive decline, memory loss, and hearing loss</p> <p>Submitted statement of voluntarily surrendering nursing license</p> <p>Violated the professional boundaries of the nurse-client relationship by taking inappropriate photos without patient's consent</p> <p>Failed to intervene appropriately when patient's condition during labor changed</p> <p>Non-compliance with previous Board Order</p> <p>Found Guilty of felony Conspiracy to Commit Healthcare Fraud (1 count), Healthcare Fraud (3 counts), False Statements Relating to Healthcare Matters (1 count), Conspiracy to Pay and Receive Healthcare Kickback (1 count), Payment and Receipt of Healthcare Kickbacks (1 count), and Conspiracy to Commit Laundering of Monetary Instruments (1 count)</p> <p>Convicted of federal felony offense Acquiring Zolpidem by Deception or Subterfuge</p> <p>Plead Guilty to felony Conspiracy to Commit Healthcare Fraud</p> <p>Has been under the care of MEDVAMC General Mental Health clinical since 2009</p> <p>Disciplinary action taken by another licensing authority</p> <p>Engaged in non-therapeutic prescribing practices; illegally owned, operated, and issued prescriptions from a pain clinic not registered with the Texas Medical Board</p> <p>Misappropriated five syringes of Fentanyl 100mcg, one syringe of Meperidine 25mg, and two syringes of Hydromorphone 2mg</p>

RN CORRECTIVE ACTION ORDERS

Time frame: December 1, 2016, through February 28, 2017

16		RN CORRECTIVE ACTION
	4	Practiced nursing without a valid nursing license
	1	Failed to document that patient was timely informed she would need antibiotic treatment during labor
	1	Failed to notify physician after patient withdrew consent for a specific laboratory test to be processed
	1	Non-disclosure of misdemeanor Resist Arrest Search or Transport
	1	Made an unauthorized visit
	1	Inappropriately approved the release of confidential medical information without receiving written Authorization
	1	Failed to supervise staff when allowed to submit late and incomplete documentation
	2	Failed to ensure the facility's nursing peer review policy included provisions and procedures for conducting Safe Harbor Peer Review
	1	Inappropriately dispensed oral birth control medication to granddaughter without documenting action
	2	Delegated the administration insulin to staff at the group home but failed to conduct supervisory visits to provide teaching to the unlicensed group home personnel to ensure staff administered as ordered
	1	Non-disclosure of felony Engage in Organized Criminal Activity and Poss CS PG 2>= 1G < 4G
2		ENDORSEMENT CORRECTIVE ACTION
	1	Non-disclosure of three counts of misdemeanor Bad Check
	1	Non-disclosure of misdemeanor Theft of Property >=\$50 <\$500
1		APPLICANT/PETITIONER CORRECTIVE ACTION
	1	Prior Corrective Action Order during Petitioner process

RN DEFERRED DISCIPLINE ORDERS

Time frame: December 1, 2016, through February 28, 2017

2		REMEDIAL EDUCATION – DEFERRED DISCIPLINE
	1	Failed to accurately and complete report and document a conversation with a patient's caregiver, who
	1	requested intravenous (IV) hydration Drew up Epinephrine and prepared to administer it by IV route before the error was caught prior to administration
0		FINE W/ REMEDIAL EDUCATION – DEFERRED DISCIPLINE

RN ENDORSEMENT/PETITIONER DISCIPLINE ORDERS

Time frame: December 1, 2016, through February 28, 2017

832	<p>APPLICANTS/PETITIONERS DISCIPLINE ORDER</p> <p>1 Deferred judgment for felony offense of Forgery/Check</p> <p>1 Convicted of two counts of felony Burglary of Motor Vehicle</p> <p>1 Convicted of misdemeanor Public Intoxication and two counts of Fail to Identify Fugitive from Justice</p> <p>1 Convicted of misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana and Evading Arrest or Detention</p> <p>1 Convicted of felony Forgery and Uttering and Publishing</p> <p>4 Disciplinary Action taken by another Licensing Authority</p> <p>1 Convicted of the misdemeanor offense of Theft of Property; deferred judgment for Assault</p> <p>1 Deferred judgment for felony Securing Execution of Document by Deception</p> <p>10 Currently under Board Order to apply to petition</p> <p>1 Deferred judgment for felony Forgery Financial Instrument</p> <p>1 Convicted of misdemeanor Theft, Possession of Marijuana and Assault – Family Member</p> <p>2 Received a military Article 15</p> <p>1 Convicted of felony Theft – Aggregate - \$1500 - \$20,000, Theft from Person; deferred judgment for misdemeanor Theft \$50 - \$500</p> <p>4 Entered treatment for substance abuse</p> <p>1 Convicted of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated and Accident Involving Damage to Vehicle</p> <p>1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Theft, Accident Involving Damage to Vehicle and PI</p> <p>1 Convicted of felony Possession of a Controlled Substance</p> <p>1 Convicted of felony Bank Fraud</p> <p>1 Deferred judgment for felony Burglary of Habitation with Intent to Commit Theft</p> <p>1 Convicted of misdemeanor Public Intoxication and two counts of Driving While Intoxicated</p> <p>1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Public Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct and Minor in Possession</p> <p>1 Pre-Trial Diversion for misdemeanor Theft of Property >=\$500 <\$1500</p> <p>1 Deferred judgment for felony Robbery; convicted of misdemeanor Criminal Trespass >=\$50 <\$500</p> <p>4 Deferred judgment for felony Tampering with Government Records</p> <p>1 Being treated for mental health disorder</p> <p>1 Convicted of misdemeanor Reckless Driving and Driving Under the Influence of any Drug</p> <p>1 Administered Morphine ER 200mg in error</p> <p>1 Convicted of two counts of misdemeanor Driving While Intoxicated</p> <p>1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Possession of Prohibited Knuckles, Resist Arrest and DWI</p> <p>1 Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Theft and Public Intoxication</p> <p>4 Convicted of misdemeanor offense Theft; deferred judgment for misdemeanor Theft</p> <p>1 Deferred prosecution for felony Theft of Property >=\$1500 <\$20K</p> <p>1 Deferred judgment for felony Assault on a Peace Officer and misdemeanor DWI – BAC >.15</p> <p>1 Convicted of two counts of misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana</p> <p>APPLICANTS/PETITIONERS DISCIPLINE ORDER CONT.</p> <p>1 Deferred judgment for felony Possession of Cocaine; convicted of misdemeanor Theft, Possession of</p> <p>2 of</p> <p>1 Marijuana and Driving While License Invalid</p> <p>1 Convicted of felony Arson</p> <p>1 Deferred judgment for felony Theft of Property of the Value of \$750 or more but less than \$20,000</p> <p>1 Convicted of felony Menacing and misdemeanor Trespass, Assault and False Report to Peace Officer</p> <p>1 Convicted of felony Welfare Fraud</p> <p>2 Convicted of misdemeanor Minor in Possession of Alcohol; No Contest to two counts of Theft</p> <p>4 Deferred judgment for felony Possession of Cocaine</p> <p>761 Convicted of misdemeanor Attempted Larceny and two counts of Possession of Marijuana</p> <p>Non-disclosure of criminal history or disciplinary action on application for licensure by endorsement</p> <p>Denial of Licensure</p> <p>No Grounds for Denial</p>
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115		ENDORSEMENT DISCIPLINE ORDER
	16	Disciplinary Action taken by another Licensing Authority
	1	Convicted of felony Aggravated Battery
	1	Convicted of two counts of misdemeanor Driving Under the Influence
	1	Convicted of felony Assault
	1	While utilizing Privilege to Practice falsely documented care to three patients not performed
	1	Pre-Trial Diversion for misdemeanor Driving Under the Influence; convicted of Domestic Battery
	1	Convicted of misdemeanor Obstruct Legal Process and two counts of Underage Consumption,
	1	Convicted of eight counts of misdemeanor Worthless Checks
	1	Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Assault With Bodily Injury
	1	Convicted of misdemeanor Excessive BAC and Driving While Intoxicated
	1	Convicted of felony Dispensing Cocaine
	1	Deferred judgment for felony Obtaining Benefits Under Public Assistance Program by Fraud Deferred judgment for misdemeanor Contempt of Court and Assault
	1	Convicted of misdemeanor Reckless Driving and Operate Driver License Suspended
	1	Convicted of felony Burglary of Vehicle, misdemeanor Criminal Trespass and two counts of Issuance of Bad Check
	6	Non-disclosure of criminal history or disciplinary action on application for licensure by endorsement
	180	No Grounds for Denial

5 Education Statistics								
5.1	Nursing Jurisprudence Exam Statistics	Totals FY'14	Totals FY'15	Totals FY'16	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
5.1.1	Total Nursing Jurisprudence Exam taken	46,193	41,696	34,988	9001	7,618		
5.1.1.1	Exam Not Completed (total)	14,324	6,553	853	316	233		
5.1.1.2	Percentage Not Completed	27.6625	15.14	2.48	3.51	3.06		
5.1.1.3	Did Not Pass the Exam (total)	3,910	5,529	5,435	1439	1546		
5.1.1.4	Percentage Did Not Pass Exam	7.45	13.855	15.66	15.99	20.29		
5.1.1.5	Exam Passed (Total)	27,960	28,814	28,700	7246	5,839		
5.1.1.6	Percentage Exam Passed	64.885	71.00	81.86	80.50	76.65		
5.1.2	LVN-Candidate	8,632	7,846	6,530	1477	1,333		
5.1.2.1	Exam Not Completed	2,217	1,007	105	44	43		
5.1.2.3	Did Not Pass the Exam	1,201	1,667	1,520	362	395		
5.1.2.5	Exam passed	5,214	5,172	4,905	1071	895		
5.1.3	LVN-Endorsement	2,604	2,212	1,917	419	414		
5.1.3.1	Exam Not Completed	958	433	43	22	16		
5.1.3.3	Did Not Pass the Exam	415	559	588	114	135		
5.1.3.5	Exam passed	1,231	1,220	1,286	283	263		
5.1.4	RN-Candidate	18,694	15,334	14,406	4170	3,120		
5.1.4.1	Exam Not Completed	5,459	2,218	386	155	106		
5.1.4.3	Did Not Pass the Exam	1,108	1,415	1,705	523	544		
5.1.4.5	Exam passed	12,128	11,701	12,315	3492	2,470		
5.1.5	RN-Endorsement	15,000	14,464	11,276	2752	2,563		
5.1.5.1	Exam Not Completed	5,220	2,699	308	90	66		
5.1.5.3	Did Not Pass the Exam	1,138	1,821	1,545	419	453		
5.1.5.5	Exam passed	8,642	9,944	9,423	2243	2,044		
5.1.6	Refresher Course/Renewal Requirements	1,262	1,040	859	183	188		
5.1.6.1	Exam Not Completed	470	196	11	5	2		
5.1.6.3	Did Not Pass the Exam	48	67	77	21	19		
5.1.6.5	Exam passed	744	777	771	157	167		

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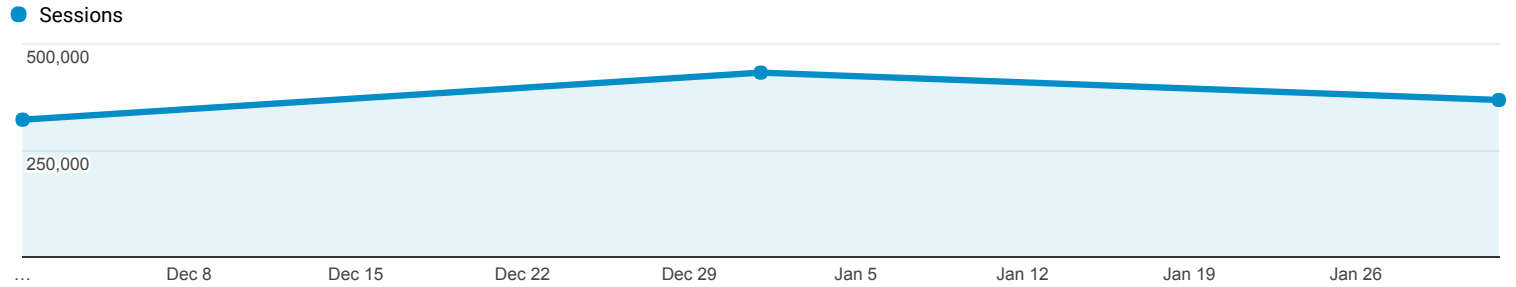
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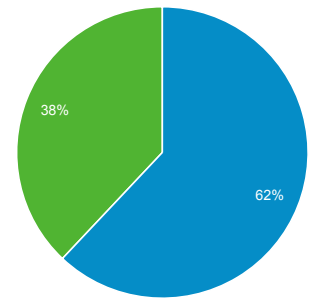
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