

Executive Administrator Report

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NCSBN Upcoming Meetings:

- 2020 NCSBN NCLEX Conference is September 14 or 15 in Alexandria, VA (offered twice) – *will be held virtual*
- 2020 NCSBN Scientific Symposium is October 5 in Chicago, IL
- 2020 NCSBN Future of Research Form is October 6 – 7 in Chicago, IL
- Executive Officer & Attorney Forum is January 12, 2021 in Scottsdale, AZ
 - Attendee: Carol Moreland
- 2021 NCSBN Midyear is March 9 – 11 in Seattle, WA
 - Attendees:
- 2021 NCSBN Annual Meeting is August 18 – 20 in Chicago, IL
 - Board President and Executive Administrator are voting delegates
 - Attendees:

COVID-19 Agency Response:

- Governor Kelly declared a State of Disaster Emergency on March 12, 2020
- Three top priorities I had and continue to have for our agency: 1) Keep the employees safe and decrease their chance of exposure in the workplace, 2) All employees keep their jobs in an uncertain time and 3) Keep the functions of the agencies continuing during the pandemic.
- Presently 67% of our employees are teleworking effectively and will continue to telework until further notice
- KSBN bi-weekly updates continue to aid in communication
- Changes we have made within the agency for safety include:
 - Six feet social distance floor stickers between employee workstations
 - Video intercom installed at agency front door to gain access to the agency for non-employees
 - The number in our lobby should be no more than 2 at a time due to social distancing requirements
 - We are highly recommending the public conduct their business with us via online services, mail, phone call or email
 - If customers need to talk with someone, it is highly recommended they make an appointment so we can service them when they arrive. One person per appointment and no children or other adults are permitted
 - Telephone appointments are also available
 - We NO longer perform fingerprinting services in the agency
 - Health screening occurs for anyone coming into the Landon Building

Budget:

- Governor recommended no changes to the FY 2021 budget I submitted
- Includes \$20,000 for AAG legal counsel for FY 2021, AG's office will re-evaluate the cost each year, based on usage
- Board of Pharmacy has decided they will have enough money and are asking for no funds to be transferred from fee funded agencies for FY 21

Regulation Revisions:

- Undergraduate nursing program regulations – Review by Attorney General's office led to recommendations for changes to 6 of the 10 proposed regulations. Started back through the process
- LMHT education program regulations – will not start through until undergraduate education regulations get through process as they closely resemble them
- Graduate nursing program regulations – on hold presently

Meetings Attended:

- NLC Virtual Annual Meeting on August 11, 2020
 - More states continue to have legislation to join the NLC
 - Proposed Rule 408 regarding Federal Criminal Records passed and will be effective 1/1/2021. It states: *Communication between a party state and the Commission and communication between party states regarding verification of the nurse's eligibility for licensure pursuant to the Compact shall not include any Criminal History Record Information (CHRI) received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to a federal criminal records check performed by a member board under Public Law 92-544.*
 - Proposed Rule 409 regarding Active Duty Military Personnel or Their Spouses passed and will be effective 1/1/2021. It states: *An active duty service member, or the member's spouse, shall designate a home state where the service member or spouse has a current license in good standing. The service member may retain the home state designation during the period the service member or spouse is on active duty. Subsequent to designating a home state, the service member or spouse shall only change home state through application for licensure in the new state.*
 - Proposed Amendment to Rule 502 regarding Dispute Resolution passed and will be effective 1/1/2021. It states: (amendments are contained within subsection 2 of this rule) 2. *The parties shall first attempt informal resolution. The Compact Administrators in the states involved shall contact each other. Each Compact Administrator shall submit a written statement describing the situation to the other Compact Administrators involved in the dispute. Each Compact Administrator may submit a response. The submission of the statement and the response shall be in a*

mutually agreed upon time. If the dispute is related to an interpretation of the Compact, the parties shall request assistance from the Executive Committee. If all issues are resolved, no further action is required, and all party state Compact Administrators shall be informed of the result. If any issue remains unresolved, the parties shall provide the Compliance Committee with a concise statement of unresolved issue(s) and analysis including references to NLC statutes, roles and any supporting documents. After review by the Compliance Committee, its recommendations will be sent to the parties and the Executive Committee for further review.

- Virtual Annual Delegate Assembly on August 12, 2020. Highlights include:
 - Election of officers:
 - President-elect: Jay Douglas, executive director, Virginia Board of Nursing
 - Director-at-Large: Anne Coughlan, executive director and CEO, College of Nurses of Ontario
 - Director-at-Large, Amy Fitzhugh, Chief legal officer, North Carolina Board of Nursing
 - Director-at-Large, Cathy Borris-Hale, nurse specialist II, District of Columbia Board of Nursing
 - Director-at-Large, Mark Majek, director of Operations, Texas Board of Nursing
 - Leadership Succession Committee members:
 - Tammy Buchholz, associate director for Education, North Dakota Board of Nursing
 - Jennifer Laurent, board member, Vermont Board of Nursing
 - Approved proposed APRN Compact language changes, which include:
 - In keeping with compact law it will be made clear that the compact will supersede all ancillary supervisory provisions in state law
 - Decrease the number of states required for the compact to become effective from 10 to seven
 - Include uniform licensure requirements: role, populations, certification, licensure, education, and state and federal criminal background checks. An APRN enrolled in an alternative to discipline program is not eligible for a multistate license.
 - Maintain uniformity with the NLC regarding criminal background
 - 2080 hours of practice (equivalent to one-year full-time practice) as a requirement for a multistate license
 - Include requirement that an APRN applicant has successfully passed a national certification examination that measure APRN, role and population-focused competencies and maintains continued competence as evidenced by recertification in the role and population focus through the national certification program

- Amend the compact to include an affirmative statement that the compact has no jurisdiction over the single-state license, and an individual can elect to apply for a single-state license even if they qualify for a multistate license
- Allow prescribing of noncontrolled substances. Controlled substances will continue to be regulated under state law.
- Additional recommendations: 1) Provide the Commission power to issue advisory opinions; 2) Clarify the definition of part state laws and encumbrance; and 3) Revise the “findings and declarations: to address the wide range of actions who benefit from the compact.

Agency Updates:

- Board member positions: presently all Board member positions have been appointed. Rebecca Sander was re-appointed and we have three new Board members at this meeting: Adri Gouldsmith, LPN, Geovannie Gone, Public Member, and Andrea Watson, RN.
- Board member terms:
 - Patricia Zeller, 07-01-2018 to 06-30-2022 (second term)
 - Carol Bragdon, 07-01-2017 to 06-30-2021 (second term)
 - Julianna Rieschick, 07-01-2017 to 06-30-2021 (first term)
 - Mandy Karstetter, 07-01-2017 to 06-30-2021 (first term)
 - Rebecca Sander, 07-01-2016 to 06-30-2024 (second term)
 - Gwendolyn Loyd, 07-01-2019 to 06-30-2023 (first term)
 - Gita Noble, 07-01-2018 to 06-30-2022 (first term)
 - Jade Ramsdell, 07-01-2019 to 06-30-2023 (first term)
 - Andrea Watson, 7-1-2020 to 6-30-2024 (first term)
 - Adri Gouldsmith, 7-1-2019 to 6-30-2023 (first term)
 - Giovannie Gone, 7-1-2020 to 6-30-2024 (first term)
- Agency vacancies (*strategic plan, priority 2*): A RN Investigator, Senior Administrative Assistant for Licensing, Education Specialist and Assistant Attorney General
- Board member orientation (*strategic plan, priority 2*): Offered to new Board members before the September meeting.
- Agency record retention (*strategic plan, priority 2*): KSBN has been on an agency-wide endeavor to increase our document imaging footprint for all departments. A revision of the record retention schedule for the Investigative and Agency files will be discussed in the Investigative Committee.
- Monitor fiscal impact of NLC implementation (*strategic plan, priority 2*): Continue to monitor monthly agency financial reports. No decrease in agency fee fund since implementation of NLC on 7/1/19.
- Streamlining agency processes: Every division is continuing to streamline their processes as much as possible, which makes teleworking more productive when the information is electronic.