

BRN Meeting  
November 16, 2011  
San Diego, CA 92111

#### **Executive Director Report**

11.3 Million was borrowed instead of the original 15 million. The 15 million would have put the board in jeopardy. The 11.3 million will mean there will be no reserves.

The hiring freeze has been lifted and the board is recruiting for the positions that are open. All positions have been submitted for hiring.

The Department of Finance has approved the efficiency plan which means they still must get approval for exemptions but standard hiring will just go to the Secretary.

The Board is also implementing the legislation to contract with expert consultants for their discipline cases. This will also expedite this process.

The Board is still under traveling restrictions .

The Nurse Workforce Advisory Committee meet on November 11, 2011. The main focus of the meeting was to provide information for the next survey of the nurse workforce. The committee was originally appointed in 2002 and the last meeting was 2003.

There is a survey of APRN's by the Department of Health about their use of technology. The purpose is to have an incentive to use computer medical records.

#### **Report of the Legislative Committee**

##### **AB 1424 Franchise Tax Board and Board of Equalization**

They will complete a list of 500 persons who have a tax debt over 100,000. The Board will be required to hold the license of the person until they make arrangements to pay their debt. This bill was chaptered.

##### **SB 100**

Requires Medical Board to establish regulations for requirements of the proximately of the Medical Doctor to a site using laser and light.

##### **SB 161 Diastat**

Bill allowing unlicensed school personal to provide diastat at schools with certain criteria. This bill does expire in 2017. The Board would like to work with interested parties to put a plan together to head off any future legislation.

##### **SB 541**

Contacting bill for Department of Consumer Affairs. This bill was chaptered.

##### **SB 747**

This bill required certain courses for gay and lesbian issues by all licenses. This bill was vetoed.

#### SB 943

This bill dealt with military and getting a equivalence for education to apply for the NCLEX. This bill passed.

#### **Diversion and Discipline**

The Board is still looking for members of the DEC's. They are also excited they can recruit for staff to resolve the shortage issue.

The intake group is heavily burdened because nursing positions are not filled. They will be interviewing in the next couple of weeks for these positions.

The Board is moving anyone who has not finished their fingerprinting to inactive status as their license renews.

Nursy has all the data and they have come up with 1100 additional actions they are going to look at. Looking at these persons will be on hold until the hiring is completed. They are daily getting actions happening in other states as they occur.

#### **Practice Committee**

The Board approved the Certified Nurse Midwifery Advisory for the website.

#### **Education Committee**

*Minor and Major Curriculum Revisions were accepted by the Board.*

Continued approval of Prelicensure Nursing Programs

UCLA BSN

Western Governors University BSN

Golden West College ADN

MiraCosta College ADN

San Diego City College ADN

Continued Approval of APN Programs:

UCLA NP Program

Major Curriculum Revision:

CSULA BSN

Grossmont College ADN

Riverside City College ADN

Sacramento City College ADN

*Progress Report for United States University Entry Level Master's Degree Program and Recommended Action*

The Board Committee had recommended to shut down the program because of all the problems with the school many being clinical not provided for students who had graduated. There was an extensive discussion about where the school was at. The school's attorney had written a letter stating the problems they had not resolved which was not correct. The NEC had to respond to that letter and then the school complained they did not have time to respond. The NEC reviewed that they had to respond because the attorney's letter was inaccurate. They did not expect a response because it was not their standard letter for the meeting.

The school has set up a very antagonist process and the Board is very unhappy with the progress. There was a discussion of due process which is going to be looked into. The Board noticed the school that there will be a visit before the December Board meeting with a report to the Board at least five business days ahead of time. The staff will review where there is non-compliance and establish measureable goals that will be met each month. The school is on notice if that, in any month, they are not in compliance steps will be taken to remove their status.

*Regulations for Volunteers*

These regulations are going through the process. There is a 50.00 fee and the volunteer must provide, transcripts, record from the state of licensure, and fingerprints.

**Licensing Committee**

The Board has only four data operators to take in all the applications. The Supervisor they thought they had recruited is not coming so they are going to have to interview again.

NCLEX passing rates October 2,2010 – September 30, 2011

First time candidates CA 87.83

US 87.81

The staff is seeing problems with Philippine schools were a student receives a Bachelors Degree in Nursing in one month then having a Clinical Graduation the next month. There is also an increase in questionable licenses and transcripts from Nigeria. In Nigeria each graduate registers with the Ministry of Health and receives a registration and a license. The numbers should be the same.

**SB 538 Sunset Veto**

A representative from the Administration came and spoke to the Board about the MOU being proposed between the Board and the Department of Consumer Affairs. The Board Members had concerns about the process and what they were delegating. The Board also felt the Governor could do this without their signature. There were numerous comments from the audience about continuing the good job the Board is doing.

Five Board members voted to sign the MOU. One voted to oppose.