



Executive Officer's Report

1. Board Member Update

- New Board Member – Mark Stanfield, Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), of Loma Linda was appointed to the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT). Mr. Stanfield is an LVN at Patton State Hospital since 2006. Prior to that he was employed as an LVN at J & L Day Care Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults 2005 – 2006, and in 2004 at Loma Linda Urology Medical Group and Mountain View Child Care.
- Vacant Positions – There are currently four vacant board members positions – one (1) LVN and three (3) public members. Anyone interested in serving on the BVNPT should contact the Governor's Appointment Secretary or go to the Governor's website.

2. Department of Consumer Affairs Updates

- Professionals Achieving Consumer Trust (PACT) – The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) has canceled the PACT Summit that was originally scheduled for July 26 – 30, 2010.
- DCA Department of Investigations (DOI) Meet & Greet – On March 22, 2010, Teresa Bello-Jones, Executive Officer (EO) and the Board President, John Vertido, met with DCA Chief of Investigations Jack Hagen, to welcome the new Chief and to discuss the Board's expectations of him, with respect to the improvement of the Division of Investigations' process and the Board's commitment to work as a team with the new chief. Other attendees included DCA Director Brian Stiger, DCA Chief Deputy Director Bill Young, DCA Deputy Director (Enforcement and Compliance) Paul Riches.

On April 20, 2010, the DCA Chief of Investigations, Jack Hagen, requested a follow up meeting with the EO and Angelina Martin, Enforcement Division Chief. Discussion topics included Mr. Hagen's goals and objectives for the DOI. The EO and Ms. Martin gave him feedback on what they thought some of the problems were and what improvements they would like to see. They also committed to work with him as he works to make the DOI more efficient.

- DCA Executive Office Meet & Greet – On April 21, 2010, the EO, Marina Okimoto, Assistant Executive Officer, and Angelina Martin met with Pam Wortman, DCA Deputy Director of Administrative Services and Kimberly Kirchmeyer, DCA Deputy Director of Boards/Bureaus. Discussion topics included board member appointments, legislation, regulations, office space, personnel, and website requirements.
- DCA Board Member Training - DCA has scheduled a one-day training for Board Members on July 27, 2010.

3. Education Division Update

	VN Program	PT Program	Totals
#Accredited Programs	199	15	214
#Approved Programs	8	1	9
Sub Total Programs:	207	16	223
#Proposed Programs	102	9	111
Total Accredited, Approved, Proposed Programs	309	25	334

- Submission of New Proposals and School Materials for Nursing Education Consultant's Review – The Board asks for your cooperation when submitting new proposals and other materials to your consultant. Please work with your consultant to establish mutually agreeable deadlines.

Due to the present shortage of consultant staff and the imposition of three furlough days per month for most state employees (including Board staff) that began last year, the Board now projects that new proposals may take at least twelve (12) months or longer for review, depending on the quality and completeness of the proposal.

The Board thanks you for your cooperation and understanding.

4. Examination Update – Current Fiscal Year to Date (7/1/09 to 4/29/10)

- Examination Development – On March 22, 2010, the Board and the Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) convened the 2010 Psychiatric Technician Item Review Conference. The overall purpose of the conference was the analysis and revision of examination items consistent with the needs of the item bank and occupational analysis. This conference is the second step in the development of the Psychiatric Technician Licensure Examination. Subject Matter Experts included psychiatric technicians and registered nurses employed in the education and practice arenas.

Kelly Parrish, Project Manager, represented OPES. The EO and Cheryl Anderson, Supervising Nursing Education Consultant represented the Board.

- Examination Annual Planning Meeting – On May 11, 2010, the Board convened the PT Annual Planning Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was the evaluation of the PT Licensure Examination Program and the development of the Fiscal Year 2010/11 examination development activities.

- Examination Statistics - Current Fiscal Year to Date (7/1/09 to 4/29/10)

	VN Program	PT Program
Average Annual Pass Rate for First-Time Graduates	72%	84%
Overall Pass Rate	57%	67%
Total# of First-Time Graduates Tested Year to Date:	7754	889

5. Liaison Activities

- California Healthcare Workforce – On March 8, 2010, Marina Okimoto, Assistant, Executive Officer, and Cheryl Anderson, Supervising Nursing Education Consultant, met with Brian Stiger, Director, Department of Consumer Affairs, April Alameda, Special Assistant to the Director, and representatives from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) relative to CDCR's projected staffing needs.

CDCR reported that under a federal court order, CDCR has been directed to open three (3) new correctional facilities by December, 2013. Approximately 122 LVNs and 440 PTs are required to staff these facilities. CDCR anticipates that recruitment of adequate numbers of PTs will present the greatest challenge.

CDCR staff indicated that:

- \$700,000 in seed money is available for this project. CDCR is researching the availability of grants and other financial sources to assist programs in educating the necessary numbers of PTs.
 - CDCR plans to fill 30% of the 400+ PT positions with current employees in correctional facilities to serve as mentors and nurse instructors.
 - CDCR plans to utilize State correctional facilities for applicable portions of the clinical rotation requirements.
 - CDCR anticipates a 30% staff turnover rate.
- Hacienda La Puente Commencement Speech – Board Vice President Todd D'Braunstein spoke during the graduation ceremony at Hacienda La Puente on February 26, 2010.
 - National Council of State Boards of Nursing Mid-Year Conference – The EO attended this conference in Chicago on March 8-10, 2010.

6. Sunset Review

- Sunset Review Report & Tentative Schedule of Events – The Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee notified the Board that Sunset Review Hearings will be conducted in the fall of 2010. The Board's Sunset Review Report must be submitted to the Committee by October 1, 2010. It will be presented for review and adoption to Board Members at the September Board Meeting.

The Senate Committee staff will be responsible for investigating and analyzing information provided by the Board, preparing a background paper with issues to be addressed by the Board, and developing preliminary recommendations for the Board and interested parties to consider during the public hearings to be held in November/December. Shortly thereafter, this information will be forwarded to the DCA for review. The DCA will then present their recommendations to the Committee for review sometime in March 2011.

7. Other Important Issues

- Customer Service Surveys – The BVNPT distributes a “Customer Service Survey” to solicit feedback regarding how the the Board is accomplishing its mission and goals. The information is used to develop the Board’s Strategic Plan and is included in the our Sunset Review Reports. Please complete the survey form and leave it on the table at the back of the room. We are very interested in obtaining any recommendations you can make regarding improving effectiveness.

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