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TO: Board Members

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Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Executive Officer's Report on Decisions for Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician Programs

The following is a summary of the Executive Officer's (EO) decisions for vocational nursing and psychiatric technician programs.

Effective August 26, 2011:

1. **College of Nursing and Technology Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students; Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Paul Peters, Reseda, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The College of Nursing and Technology Vocational Nursing Program requests Board approval to admit 32 students into a part – time class commencing August 29, 2011, and graduating February 6, 2013.

Additionally, the program requests ongoing admissions. The pattern of admissions requested is as follows: One (1) class of 30 students, four (4) times per year in February, May, August and November. No more than six (6) classes in session at any one time.

The EO **approved** College of Nursing and Technology Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 32 students to commence August 29, 2011 only, graduating February 6, 2013, only; **denied** the programs request for ongoing admissions of one (1) class of 30 students, four (4) times per year starting in February, May, August and November, at this time. No more than six (6) classes in session at any one time; and **required** the program to continue to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

Rationale: Since April 2009, the program has increased its licensure examination pass rates 24 percentage points. However, the first four (4) quarters the program had licensure data recorded, the pass rate dropped to 50%. Approval of the requested class is based on the program's increased licensure statistic performance.

The program has enrolled 425 students to date. Two-hundred forty-three (243) students have graduated and **101 are still enrolled**. Of the 243 graduates, 161 have tested (66.3%) and 82 (33.7%) have not tested. The program has a significant gap between the numbers of students enrolled in the program versus the number that graduate versus the number that take the licensure examination. To date, 33.7% of the program's graduates have not taken the licensure examination.

Denying the program's request to admit four (4) classes per year on an ongoing basis, will allow the Board to continue to evaluate the program's statistics and ensure sustained improvement in performance prior to increasing the maximum enrollment.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

2. Community Enhancement Services College, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Carol Gross, Burbank, Los Angeles County, Private)

The Community Enhancement Services College Vocational Nursing Program requests Board approval to admit 30 students commencing on September 12, 2011, graduating December 14, 2012.

The EO **approved** Community Enhancement Services College's request to admit 30 students on September 12, 2011, only, graduating December 14, 2012; and **required** the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

Rationale: The program's initial class of ten (10) graduates took the licensure examination during quarters one (1) and two (2) of 2011. Of the ten (10) program graduates, eight (8) have taken the NCLEX-PN[®]. Of the eight (8) that tested, seven (7) passed the licensure examination. The program's current average annual pass rate is 88%. This is 12 percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. Based on these statistics, approval of an additional class is appropriate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of current and proposed students. Board staff will continue to monitor the program closely by tracking class admissions, the program's licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing the program's Annual Reports, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

3. Franklin Career College Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Delores Terriquez, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)

Franklin Career College Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit a class of twenty-four (24) students commencing August 29, 2011 and graduating September 19, 2012, to **replace** students that graduated July 21, 2011.

The EO **approved** Franklin Career College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of twenty-four (24) students August 29, 2011 and graduating September 19, 2012, to replace the class that will graduate July 21, 2011, only; and **required** the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class

Rationale: The programs average annual pass rates have been significantly below the state average annual pass rates for nine (9) of twelve (12) quarters. From July through September 2008, the program's average annual pass rates were 36%, 35%, 35%, 35%, and 33%. The program's average annual pass rate then rose to 71% followed by 67%. After these two (2) marginally higher quarters, the pass rates again plummeted to 60%, 57%, 50% and 0%, respectively. The most recent quarter's average annual pass rate has **risen** to a program high of **88%**. As such, the program's current average annual pass rate is twelve (12) above the state average annual pass rate. Therefore, the admission of a class of 24 students is warranted.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

4. Hartnell College Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Change Frequency of Admissions; Request for a Major Curriculum Revision (Director: Mary Young – Breuleuz, Contra Costa County, Private)

Hartnell College, Vocational Nursing Program requests Board approval to offer a 12 – month course of instruction, effective June 11, 2012, in addition to the currently approved 18 – month course. Classes would be held in the following sequence: summer, fall, and spring semesters. Total program hours would remain 1536, of which 576 are theory hours and 960 are clinical hours.

Currently, the curriculum is offered over three (3) semesters on an 18 - month traditional schedule that starts in the spring semester, resumes the fall semester, and finishes the subsequent spring semester.

Additionally, the program requests approval of a major curriculum revision. The revised curriculum is divided into five (5) segments, each nine (9) weeks in length. As proposed, required pharmacology content will be presented specific to each system throughout the curriculum. The revised sequence would enhance students' understanding of complex nursing theory and related pharmacological treatment.

The EO **approved** Hartnell College Vocational Nursing Program's request to offer a 12 - month course of instruction, effective June 12, 2012; **approved** the program's request for a major revision of the curriculum to include the following changes: a. Division of content into five (5) nine (9) week segments, for a total of 45 weeks; and b. Integration of pharmacology theory with each system throughout the curriculum; **approved** the program's revised instructional plan for the 12 – month class; and **required** the program to submit a revised instructional plan for the 18 – month class by November 15, 2011.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rates are currently **fourteen (14)** percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. Over the last eight (8) quarters, the average annual pass rates for the program have fluctuated from 88% to 91%.

The director has requested approval of a revised curriculum to "reflect the best practice in nursing education." The overall hours would remain unchanged; however, overall weeks of instruction would decrease from 54 to 45. Currently, the program traditionally starts in spring semester with summer off and beginning again in fall semester and finishing the subsequent spring semester. The director would like to continue to keep this sequence, if the need arises; however, the new sequence being requested would be, summer session compressed, followed by fall semester and finishing in the spring semester. The course would be 45 weeks, completing in a 12 month period, as opposed to the traditional sequence that finished in 18 months. Initiation of the revised curriculum would not begin until the summer class of 2012.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program closely by tracking class admissions, the program's licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing the program's Annual Reports, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

5. High Desert Medical College, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Increase Frequency of Admissions (Director: Zayda Mehta, Lancaster, Los Angeles County, Private)

The High Desert Medical College Vocational Nursing Program requests Board approval to admit 20 students into a full-time program commencing on September 12, 2011, graduating October 18, 2012.

Additionally, the program is requesting approval to admit 20 students into a part-time program commencing on October 14, 2011, graduating March 31, 2013.

The EO **denied** High Desert Medical College's request to admit 20 students to a full-time program commencing on September 12, 2011, graduating October 18, 2012; **denied** the program's request to admit 20 students into a part-time program commencing on October 14, 2011, graduating March 31, 2013; **placed** the program on the November 10, 2011 agenda for the Board's consideration of provisional accreditation; and **required** the program to continue to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

Rationale: The Board has serious concerns relative to the level of student achievement and program pass rates. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources for the current and proposed enrollment. However, an analysis of program performance data substantiates a lack of student achievement and ability to pass the licensure examination.

Based on the **most recent data available** (April through June 2011), the program's average **annual** pass rate is 50%. As noted previously, the program's average annual pass rate is **26 percentage points below** the state average annual pass rate. Further, the program's average annual pass rates have been more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average pass rate for **fourteen (14) of the past seventeen (17) quarters**.

Since January 2008 a total of 116 program graduates have taken the NCLEX-PN[®], **56%** of these graduates **passed** the licensure examination and **44% failed**. As such, an increase in the numbers and frequency of admissions is not supported. Based on these statistics the recommendation to deny the program's request to admit students is warranted.

The program performed a comprehensive analysis that was submitted to the Board on January 27, 2011. Identified deficiencies have been addressed, per the director. Recently, June 6, 2011, a new program director was approved by the Board. Communication with the new director identified that some of the program's plan, identified in the January 27, 2011 comprehensive analysis, were **not** implemented. Specifically, the program did not implement the HESI entrance, terms and exit exams.

The program graduates that are affected by the recent program analysis and newly implemented screening and selection and entrance exam criteria are expected to graduate March and September of 2012. Licensure data for these graduates is expected to be available during

summer 2012 for the March graduates and Quarter 1 2013 for the September graduates.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program closely by tracking by tracking class admissions, the program's licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing the program's Annual Reports, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

6. Joseph's School of Nursing, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Adeniki Joseph, Lancaster, Los Angeles County, Private)

Joseph's School of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit a full-time evening class of fifteen (15) students, commencing on September 1, 2011, and completing on August 30, 2012. The proposed class will **replace** students that graduated on June 30, 2011.

The EO **approved** Joseph's School of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time evening class of fifteen (15) students, commencing on September 1, 2011 and completing on August 30, 2012, only. The proposed class will **replace** students that graduated on June 30, 2011. Additionally, the program is **required** to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program has increased their average annual licensure pass rate significantly since April 2010, when the pass rate was 38%. Since April 2010, the program brought their pass rate **up 48 percentage points**. The program's current average annual pass rate is 86%. Currently the program is ten (10) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. Based on this data, approval of the requested class is warranted.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other critical resources, to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

7. Southern California Medical College, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Nomar Tongco, Bakersfield, Bakersfield County, Private)

The Southern California Medical College, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit a class of 30 students with three (3) alternates on August 29, 2011; graduating September 7, 2012, to **replace** students that graduated August 26, 2011.

The EO **denied** the Southern California Medical College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 30 students with three (3) alternates on

August 29, 2011; graduating September 7, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate August 26, 2011, at this time; and **required** the program to submit a written report by **September 30, 2011**. The report shall include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve program pass rates, timelines for expected results, and the effectiveness of corrective actions taken to address the following elements:

- a. Current Student Enrollment.
- b. Admission Criteria.
- c. Screening and Selection Criteria.
- d. Terminal Objectives.
- e. Curriculum Objectives.
- f. Instructional Plan.
- g. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
- h. Lesson Plans for Each Course.
- i. Textbooks.
- j. Attendance Policy.
- k. Grading Policy
- l. Remediation Policy.
- m. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
- n. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
- o. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
- p. Evaluation of Student Achievement.

Additionally, the program is **required** to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The Board has serious concerns relative to the program's pass rates for the initial class. Sixteen (16) students graduated July 23, 2010. Of the 16 graduates, 12 have taken the licensure examination. Of the 12 graduates that have taken the NCLEX-PN[®], three (3) passed and nine (9) failed. Currently, the program's average annual licensure pass rate is **25%**.

Denying the program's request to enroll 30 students, at this time, is appropriate given the significantly low licensure pass rates for the first graduating class. The program recently revised their curriculum to achieve a better correlation of theory to clinical and strengthened their skills laboratory and clinical objectives. Performing a comprehensive, analysis, at this time, will allow the program sufficient time to identify other critical program deficiencies that negatively impact student achievement, develop and implement strategies for correction.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

8. Valley College of Medical Careers Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Ranbir Sadeora, West Hills, Los Angeles County, Private)

Valley College of Medical Careers Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit 30 students into a day class commencing September 12, 2011 and graduating August 19, 2012, to **replace** students that graduated on August 15, 2010.

The EO **denied** Valley College of Medical Careers Vocational Nursing Program's request for approval to admit 30 students into a day class commencing September 12, 2011 and graduating August 19, 2012, to **replace** students that graduated on August 15, 2010; **required** the program to submit a written plan detailing the following by **September 16, 2011**:

- a. Steps the program will take to encourage the 39 former graduates to take the licensure examination.
- b. Steps the program will take to prevent a reoccurrence of graduates not taking the licensure examination in a timely fashion.

The EO **continued** the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of all classes; and **placed** the program on the November 10, 2011 Board agenda for consideration of placement on provisional accreditation.

Rationale: The program's lowest average annual pass rate occurred during June through September 2010, when a 46% was recorded. Since that time, the program has increased their average annual pass rate by 17 percentage points. For the most recent quarter, the average **quarterly** pass rate is **75%** and the average **annual** pass rate is **63%**. This is the program's highest licensure pass rate to date. However, it is noted that the program's average **annual** pass rate currently remains **13 percentage points below** the state average annual pass rate. The program currently has seven (7) consecutive quarters in which the average annual pass rate is more than ten (10) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. Should this trend continue in quarter three (3) of this year, the program will be placed on the November 2011 Board agenda for consideration of placement on Provisional Accreditation. Given such pass rates, denial of the requested admission of 30 students is prudent.

The director was required to perform an in-depth analysis of the program on February 11, 2011 as a result of the program's poor performance statistics on the licensure examination. The director submitted the analysis as requested; however, as submitted it was incomplete.

A revised analysis was submitted by the program; however the director denied having worked on this analysis. The analysis remained incomplete as presented. The director was advised by the NEC that per California Code of Regulations Section 2529(b), the director is responsible for the active administration of the program. As such, she must be actively involved in the analysis. The NEC reviewed the submitted reports and identified deficiencies with the director and a new due date of **August 26, 2011** was issued.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, implementation and effectiveness of the plan of correction, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

9. WestMed College, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program –Request for Major Curriculum Revisions (Director: Patricia Weyland, San Jose, Santa Clara County, Private)

WestMed College, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval of a major curriculum revision. The revision is proposed to provide consistency in theory and clinical content, provide a "pre-determined" number of weeks for all content areas and present content in a simple to complex progression. Additionally, the program has revised its philosophy and conceptual framework (see Attachment A). The proposed curriculum revision would decrease the hours of instruction from the current 1544, including 590 theory hours and 954 clinical hours to 1539 total curriculum hours, including 579 theory hours and 960 clinical hours.

The EO **approved** the program's curriculum revision as follows: a) Decrease overall program hours from 1544 to 1539; Decrease theory hours from 590 to 579; Increase clinical hours from 954 to 960; **issued** a Notice of Violation for noncompliance with the following: a) California Code of Regulations Section 2527(c); b) California Code of Regulations Section 2530(k); c) California Code of Regulations Section 2533 (f); **required** the program to submit written documentation setting forth its plan to prevent reoccurrences of the violation by **September 8, 2011**; and **required** the program to submit a new Instructional Plan by **September 30, 2011**.

Rationale: The programs history of poor licensure pass rates is of concern to the Board. During the 19 quarter period the program has had licensure data recorded, the program had 11 quarters of licensure data ten (10) percentage points or greater **below** state average annual pass rates.

Initially the program started out with licensure pass rates as high as 92% in October 2006. After that time, the pass rates steadily declined. The lowest reported licensure pass rate of 56% was recorded in October 2008 and again July 2010.

The program had eight (8) consecutive quarters of low licensure pass rates prior to the most recent quarter, in which a 72% average annual pass rate was recorded. Given, the increase in licensure pass rate, the program was removed from the September Board agenda for consideration of placement on Provisional Accreditation.

As noted previously, the program is requesting to revise their curriculum to increase their licensure pass rates and to provide a consistency of content minimizing inconsistencies and progressing in a simple to complex format.

During a review of submitted documents, the NEC identified the program was noncompliant with three (3) critical regulatory requirements. Such noncompliance supports issuance of a Notice of Violation. Further noncompliance could result in the program being placed on the agenda of the next scheduled Board meeting to address the issue.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of current and proposed students. Board staff will continue to monitor the program closely by tracking by tracking class admissions, the program's licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing the program's Annual Reports, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

10. California Career Institute, Garden Grove, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students; Noncompliance Relative to Unauthorized (Director: Abdel R. Yosef, Garden Grove, Orange County, Private)

The California Career Institute, Garden Grove, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit 30 students into a part – time class commencing September 13, 2011, and graduating March 26, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** the part – time class that graduate August 30, 2011.

The EO **approved** the California Career Institute, Garden Grove, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students into a part – time class commencing September 13, 2011, and graduating March 26, 2012, to **replace** the part – time class that graduated August 30, 2011; and **continued** to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: Based on the most recent reported examination statistics, the program's average **quarterly** pass rate is **50%**; the average **annual** pass rate is **67%**. The state average pass rate for the most recent **quarter** is **71%**; the state average **annual** pass rate is **76%**. The program's average annual pass rate is nine (9) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. Such pass rates support the recommendation to approve the program's request to admit new students.

However, it is noted that the program's average annual pass rates have declined progressively from 75% to 67% over the period December 2010 through June 2011. **The program is strongly recommended to develop and implement strategies to improve its average annual pass rates.** Failure to do so will negatively impact the analysis of program requests for approval to admit additional students.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

11. North-West College, Pasadena, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey; Request to Admit a Class; and Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Vicki Lapre, Pasadena, Los Angeles County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the North-West College, Pasadena, Vocational Nursing Program. On January 10, 2011, the Board received the completed document.

The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The director requests Board approval to admit a full-time evening class of 30 students with three (3) alternates, on October 10, 2011, graduating January 21, 2013 to **replace** a class that graduated on September 6, 2011.

Additionally, the program requests approval to admit a class of 30 students with three (3) alternates on January 30, 2012, graduating on April 29, 2013 to **replace** a class that will graduate on January 9, 2012.

The director also requests Board approval for ongoing admissions of two (2) classes per year, to **replace** graduating classes.

The EO **approved** continued full accreditation for the North-West College, Pasadena, Vocational Nursing Program for the period August 1, 2011, through July 31, 2015, and issue a certificate accordingly; **approved** the program's request to admit a full-time evening class of 30 students with three (3) alternates, on October 10, 2011, graduating January 21, 2013, only, to **replace** a class that graduated on September 6, 2011; **approved** the program's request to admit a class of 30 students with three (3) alternates on January 30, 2012, graduating April 29, 2013, only, to **replace** a class that will graduate on January 9, 2012; **required** the program to submit a written plan to decrease attrition rates by **October 21, 2011**; **denied** the program's request for ongoing admissions at this time; and **required** the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of students.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rates have risen during the last three (3) reporting periods. However, the Board is concerned relative to the low number of candidates testing each quarter for which these statistics are based.

The program has enrolled 150 students since July 2006. Of the enrolled students, 67 graduated and 25 remain in the program. Based on the enrollment information above, the program has a 39% rate of attrition. Requiring the program to submit a written plan to decrease the attrition rate is prudent.

Based on the average annual pass rate of **82%**, approving the program's request to admit 30 students with three (3) alternates is appropriate. However, in light of the recent quarter statistic of 50%, it is advisable to wait on approving ongoing admissions at this time.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources, including faculty and facilities to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

12. Oxman College Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Program Closure (Director: Terrell Clima, San Francisco, San Francisco County, Private)

Oxman College Vocational Nursing Program has notified the Board that the program has had no students in excess of two (2) years (see Attachment A).

The Executive Officer granted initial approval of Oxman College's request to commence a vocational nursing program on November 8, 2007. On May 5, 2009, the program was granted initial full accreditation for the four (4) year period May 5, 2009 through May 4, 2013. Additionally, the program was approved to admit 45 students on June 8, 2009, only, to **replace** students graduating on May 19, 2009.

On February 17, 2011, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence to the director advising the director that the program's average annual pass rates had been noncompliant with regulatory requirements for four consecutive quarters. The Director was requested to submit documentation relative to actions taken to improve program pass rates by March 4, 2011.

On March 22, 2011, the Board received correspondence from the director relative to the program's plan of correction.

On May 16, 2011, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence advising the director that the program's average annual pass rates had been noncompliant with regulatory requirements for five (5) consecutive quarters. Of the program's 32 initial graduates, 26 completed the NCLEX/PN; ten (10) passed; sixteen (16) failed. Therefore, 38% of the program's graduates passed; 62% failed.

On June 6, 2011, the assigned consultant received electronic correspondence dated June 3, 2011, from Lana Dvorkin, Administrator, Oxman College. Ms. Dvorkin stated that the program had enrolled and graduated the initial class only. As reported, the program did not admit the second class of 45 students. Currently, the program has no students enrolled. The administrator reported the program's intent to admit new classes at some time in the future. However, an exact date has not been determined. This is a result of a reported decrease in available employment for LVNs in the San Francisco area,

The director and administrator have been contacted and advised that the program will be officially closed. Should the school wish to offer a vocational nursing program in the future, the submission of a new proposal with a new curriculum will be required.

The EO **removed** the Oxman College Vocational Nursing Program from the Board's *List of Accredited Vocational Nursing Schools*.

13. Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Placement on Provisional Accreditation (Director: Minnie Douglas, South Gate, Los Angeles County, Private)

On February 25, 2011, the Board placed the Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program on Provisional Accreditation for the two – year period from February 25, 2011 through February 28, 2013, and directed issuance of a notice to the program to identify specific areas of non compliance and requirements for correction as referenced in Section 2526.1 (e) of the California Code of Regulations. That action was taken due to the program's noncompliance with Section 2530 (l) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations which states:

“The program shall maintain a yearly average minimum pass rate on the licensure examination that does not fall below 10 percentage points of the

state average pass rate for first time candidates of accredited vocational nursing schools for the same period.

- (1) Failure to maintain the required yearly average minimum pass rate for two years or eight consecutive quarters may be cause to place a program on provisional accreditation.”

The program was required to bring its average annual pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate for four (4) consecutive quarters by **February 28, 2013**. The Board **rescinded** the program’s approval for **ongoing admissions**, including the admission of three (3) classes each year with a maximum admission of 45 students per class; **approved** the program’s admission of 45 students on May 23, 2011 only, graduating May 17, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 22, 2011, and required the program to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.

Additionally, the program was required to show documented progress by submitting follow-up reports in 10 months, but no later than **December 1, 2011**, and 22 months, but no later than **December 1, 2012**. The Board specified that failure to show progress may be cause for reconsideration of the program’s provisional accreditation.

The Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit 45 students commencing October 17, 2011, and graduating September 21, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** the part – time class that graduated in August 2011.

The EO deferred action on the Advanced College Vocational Nursing Program’s request to admit 45 students commencing October 17, 2011, for consideration by the full Board at the –February 2012 meeting. The program is required to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: Based on the most recent reported examination statistics, the program’s average **quarterly** pass rate is **45%**; the average **annual** pass rate is **39%**. The state average pass rate for the most recent **quarter** is **71%**; the state average **annual** pass rate is **76%**. The program’s average annual pass rate is 37 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. Such pass rates support the recommendation to defer action on the program’s request for consideration by the full Board.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.