

Agenda Item #12.A.4.



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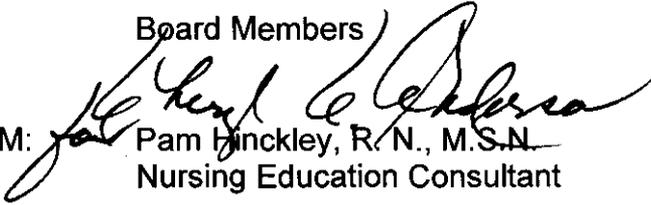
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DATE: August 17, 2012

TO: Board Members

FROM:  Pam Linckley, R. N., M.S.N.
Nursing Education Consultant

SUBJECT: Advanced Computing Institute, Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Placement on Provisional Approval; Request to Admit Students (Director: Elizabeth Ngassa, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Private)

Advanced Computing Institute Vocational Nursing Program is presented to the Board for consideration of placement on provisional approval¹.

/ In accordance with Section 2526.1(c) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations,

“The Board may place any program on provisional accreditation when a program does not meet all requirements as set forth in this chapter and in Section 2526...”

Section 2530(l) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations 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 following table shows the variance of the program’s pass rates from the state average annual pass rates of first time graduates of approved vocational nursing programs over the past eighteen (18) quarters. This data substantiates the program’s noncompliance with Section 2530(l) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

¹ Prior to January 1, 2012, references in article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act and article 4 of the Psychiatric Technicians Law provided that the Board accredits all vocational nursing and psychiatric technicians programs. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 2883 and 4532 (Senate Bill 539, Chapter 338, Statutes of 2011), **accredit** was changed to **approve**. There was no change to the Board’s authority or jurisdiction.

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The program is requesting to admit a full-time day class of 30 full-time students on September 24, 2012, graduating on August 30, 2013, to **replace** a class that graduated July 29, 2011.

The program is requesting approval to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing on September 17, 2012, graduating April 18, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated July 14, 2012.

History of Prior Board Actions

- On November 1, 2005, the Executive Officer approved Advanced Computing Institute's request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial class of 36 students on January 16, 2006, only, and approved the program curriculum for 1560 hours, including 600 theory, and 960 clinical hours.
- On August 1, 2007, the Executive Officer approved initial full accreditation for the Advanced Computing Institute Vocational Nursing Program for the period from August 1, 2007, through July 31, 2011, and issued a certificate accordingly; approved the program's request to admit a part-time class of 36 students beginning September 17, 2007, only, to **replace** students graduating on August 3, 2007, with a projected graduation date of May 22, 2009; and approved the program's admission of a second part-time class of 36 students beginning January 21, 2008, only, with a projected graduation date of September 5, 2009.
- **On May 13, 2008, a new program director was approved.**

- On August 28, 2008, the director was notified that the program's average annual pass rate had fallen below more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for two (2) quarters. The consultant advised a careful review of program processes and policies, to identify areas for quality improvement.
- On November 13, 2008, the director was requested to review the curriculum, evaluate faculty effectiveness, and perform other quality improvement activities to address the program's low pass rates.
- On December 8, 2008, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a part-time class of 36 students beginning January 5, 2009, only, to **replace** students graduating on September 5, 2008, with a projected graduation date of August 31, 2010; and approved the program's request to admit a second part-time class of 36 students beginning April 6, 2009, only, with a projected graduation date of November 30, 2010.
- On March 18, 2009, the program was notified that its average annual pass rates had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below state average annual pass rates for four (4) quarters.
- On May 14, 2009, the program was notified that its average annual pass rates had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below state average annual pass rates for five (5) quarters.
- **On October 29, 2009, a new program director was approved.**
- On November 19, 2009, the assigned consultant met with the program director and administrator relative to the program's requests for additional classes.
- On January 7, 2010, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a full – time class of 36 students on January 11, 2010 only, with a projected graduation date of January 7, 2011; **and** required the program to submit a report by January 30, 2010, to include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions to improve program pass rates, and timeline for implementation. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis.
 - a. Current Student Enrollment.
 - b. Admission Criteria.
 - c. Screening and Selection Criteria.
 - d. Terminal Objectives.
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- m. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
 - n. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
 - o. Evaluation of Student Achievement.
- On March 30, 2010, the Board received the director's preliminary analysis of the program and a proposed curriculum.
 - On June 22, 2010, the Board received additional modifications of the proposed curriculum.
 - On June 28, 2010, the Board received the director's program analysis and plan of correction.
 - On July 8, 2010, the Executive Officer approved the Advanced Computing Institute Vocational Nursing Program's revised curriculum for 1560 hours, including 600 theory hours and 960 clinical hours; **and**, approved the program's request to admit a full – time class of 30 students on July 6, 2010 only, graduating July 29, 2011; **and**, approved the program's request to admit a part – time class day of 30 students on August 2, 2010 only, with a projected graduation date of February 17, 2012, to **replace** full – time students who graduated February 11, 2010; **and**, required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.
 - On March 21, 2012, the Board received correspondence from the director relative to implemented components of her plan to increase program pass rates.
 - On July 24, 2012, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting submission of eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents, plan, and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire Board members to consider.

Enrollment

Board approval is required prior to the admission of each class. The program offers full – time classes that are 48 weeks in length. Additionally, the program offers part – time classes that are 60 weeks in length. The pattern of admissions for current classes is seen in the enrollment table below.

The following table represents **current** and **proposed** student enrollment based on current and proposed class starts and completions. The table indicates a **maximum enrollment of 65 students** for the period from **January 2006 through September 2012**.

ENROLLMENT DATA				
CLASS DATES		#Students Admitted	#Students Current or Completed	Total Enrolled
Start	Complete			
1/06		13	12	12
	8/07 (01/06 Class)		-12	12 – 12 = 0

ENROLLMENT DATA				
CLASS DATES		#Students Admitted	#Students Current or Completed	Total Enrolled
Start	Complete			
10/07 (PT)		11	11	0 + 11 = 11
2/08 (PT)		12	12	11 + 12 = 23
1/09 (PT)		23	23	23 + 23 = 46
	5/09 (10/07 PT Class)		-11	46 - 11 = 35
8/09 (PT)		23	23	35 + 23 = 58
	10/09 (2/08 PT Class)		-12	58 - 12 = 46
7/10		21	19	46 + 19 = 65
	8/10 (1/09 PT Class)		-23	65 - 23 = 42
11/10 (PT)		16	12	42 + 12 = 54
	4/11 (8/09 PT Class)		-23	54 - 23 = 31
	7/11 (7/10 FT Class)		-19	31 - 19 = 12
	7/12 (11/10 PT Class)		-12	12 - 12 = 0
9/12 (FT) (Proposed) Replaces 7/11 Class	8/13	30		0 + 30 = 30
9/12 (PT) (Proposed) Replaces 7/12 Class	4/14	30		30 + 30 = 60

Licensing Examination Statistics

The following statistics, furnished by Pearson VUE, and published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing as "Jurisdictional Summary of All First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdiction," for the period January 2008 through June 2012, specify the pass percentage rates for graduates of the Advanced Computing Institute Vocational Nursing Program on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical/Vocational Nurses (NCLEX-PN®).

NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination Data						
Quarterly Statistics					Annual Statistics*	
Quarter	# Candidates	# Passed	% Passed	State Quarterly Pass Rate	Program Average Annual Pass Rate	State Average Annual Pass Rate
Jan - Mar 2008	5	3	60%	75%	60%	75%
Apr - Jun 2008	5	0	0%	70%	30%	74%
Jul - Sep 2008	1	0	0%	74%	27%	74%
Oct - Dec 2008	No Candidates Tested			73%	27%	73%
Jan - Mar 2009	1	1	100%	70%	14%	72%
Apr - Jun 2009	No Candidates Tested			71%	50%	70%
July-Sep 2009	No Candidates Tested			74%	100%	72%
Oct - Dec 2009	No Candidates Tested			76%	100%	73%
Jan - Mar 2010	4	2	50%	76%	50%	74%
Apr - Jun 2010	5	3	60%	74%	56%	75%
Jul - Sep 2010	8	2	25%	75%	41%	75%
Oct - Dec 2010	8	4	50%	77%	44%	76%
Jan - Mar 2011	10	3	30%	80%	39%	77%
Apr - Jun 2011	4	1	25%	71%	33%	76%
Jul - Sep 2011	2	1	74%	74%	38%	75%
Oct - Dec 2011	7	6	86%	74%	48%	75%
Jan - Mar 2012	5	2	40%	77%	56%	74%
Apr - Jun 2012	6	3	50%	72%	60%	74%

The Annual Pass Rate changes every quarter. It is calculated by dividing the number of candidates who passed during the current and previous three-quarters by the number of candidates who tested during the same period. If no data is available for the relevant period, the statistic is carried over from the last quarter for which data is available.

Based on the most recent data available (April to June 2012), the program's average annual pass rate is **60%**. The California average annual pass rate for graduates from approved vocational nursing programs who took the NCLEX-PN® for the first time during the same period is 74%. The pass rate for the Advanced Computing Institute Vocational Nursing Program is 14 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

Faculty and Facilities

Section 2534(d) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

"For supervision of clinical experience, there shall be a maximum of 15 students for each instructor."

The total number of Board-approved faculty is nine (9), including the program director. The director has 90% administrative and 10% teaching duties. Of the total faculty, nine (9) are approved to teach in the clinical area.

Based on a maximum enrollment of 65 students, five (5) instructors are needed. Therefore, the number of faculty is adequate for the current and proposed enrollment.

Section 2534(b) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

“Schools shall have clinical facilities adequate as to number, type, and variety of patients treated, to provide clinical experience for all students in the areas specified by Section 2533. There must be available for student assignment, an adequate daily census of patients to afford a variety of clinical experiences consistent with competency-based objectives and theory being taught.”

The program's clinical facilities are adequate as to type and variety of patients treated to enable current and proposed students to meet clinical objectives in accordance with Section 2534(b) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. This information has been verified by the consultant.

Other Considerations

Since the program began in January 2006, 119 students have been enrolled. Of the 119 enrolled students, 112 have graduated and seven (7) students did not complete the program. Of the 112 program graduates, 71 have taken the licensure examination. A class of 12 students graduated July 14, 2012. It is anticipated these graduates will be eligible to take the licensure examination, at the earliest, during quarters three (3) and four (4) 2012. No students are currently enrolled in classes.

The program has eighteen (18) quarters of licensure data recorded, since the first class. For sixteen (16) of the eighteen (18) quarters, the program's licensure pass rates have fluctuated **14 to 58** percentage points **below** state average annual pass rates. There are currently **ten (10) consecutive** quarters in which the program's average annual pass rates are significantly **below** state average annual pass rates. The program's current quarterly pass rate is **50%** and the average annual pass rate is **60%**. This is **14** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

Based on an analysis of published examination statistics, the following violation is identified.

Section 2530(l) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations 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.”**

Violation #1: The program’s average annual pass rates for first time graduates have been noncompliant with regulatory requirements for sixteen (16) of the past eighteen (18) quarters. For the past ten (10) consecutive quarters, the program’s average annual pass rate has been more than ten (10) percentage points **below** state average annual pass rates.

Plan of Correction #1: This violation is **not corrected**. The violation will be corrected when the program’s pass rates improve consistent with regulatory requirements.

In an attempt to bring the program’s licensure pass rates up, the program has been working on revising their instructional plan. The following table summarizes the proposed curriculum for the full-time program.

CONTENT	CURRENT CURRICULUM		PROPOSED CURRICULUM	
	THEORY HOURS	CLINICAL HOURS	THEORY HOURS	CLINICAL HOURS
Anatomy and Physiology	57		54	
Nutrition	(18)		16	
Psychology	25 (8)	46	24	
Growth and Development	(16)		16	
Nursing Fundamentals	128	184	83	240
Nursing Process	(33)		(4)	
Communication	(10)		2 (6)	
Patient Education	(14)		8	
Pharmacology	60 (10)		60	
Medical-Surgical Nursing	240 (15)	528	238	664
Communicable Diseases	(14)		24	
Gerontological Nursing	(16)	32	24	
Rehabilitation Nursing	(9)	24	16	
Maternity Nursing	25	42	16 (10)	48
Pediatric Nursing	25	40	16 (14)	48
Leadership	20	32	8	16
Supervision	20	32	8	16
Ethics & Unethical Conduct			3	
Critical Thinking			(8)	
Culturally Congruent Care			(3)	

CONTENT	CURRENT CURRICULUM		PROPOSED CURRICULUM	
	THEORY HOURS	CLINICAL HOURS	THEORY HOURS	CLINICAL HOURS
End of Life Care			(2)	
Total Hours	800	960	616	1032
Note: Integrated hours are indicated in parentheses and are not counted in total hours.				

Total Theory Hours: 616
Total Clinical Hours: 1032
Total Program Hours: 1648

On March 21, 2012, the director submitted her plan to increase the licensure pass rates. Included in that plan were the following elements:

- Utilization of ATI exams.
- Pre-Nursing courses in which students must attain 75% or better to be considered for the VN program.
- NCLEX review

On July 24, 2012, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting submission of eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents, plan, and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire Board members to consider (see Attachment A).

Recommendations:

1. Approve Advanced Computing Institute Vocational Nursing Program's full-time curriculum revision for 1648 hours, including 616 theory hours and 1032 clinical hours.
2. Require the program to submit the part-time curriculum revision by December 14, 2012.
3. Place Advanced Computing Institute Vocational Nursing Program on provisional approval for the two-year period from September 6, 2012, through September 30, 2014, and issue a notice to the program to identify specific areas of noncompliance and requirements for correction as referenced in Section 2526.1 (e) of the California Code of Regulations (see Attachment B).
4. Require the program to bring its average annual pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.
5. Deny the program's request to admit a day class of 30 full-time students on September 24, 2012, graduating on August 30, 2013, to **replace** a class that graduated July 29, 2011.

6. Approve the program's request to admit a day class of 20 full-time students on September 24, 2012, only, graduating on August 30, 2013, to **replace** a class that graduated July 29, 2011.
7. Deny the program's request to admit an evening, part-time, class of 30 students on September 17, 2012, graduating April 18, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated July 14, 2012.
8. Require the program to admit no additional classes without prior approval by the full Board.
9. Require the program to submit follow-up reports in nine (9) months, but no later than **June 1, 2013**, and 21 months, but no later than **June 1, 2014**. The reports must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve program pass rates, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis.
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10. Require the program to comply with all accreditation standards in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing at Business and Professions Code Section 2880, and Article 5 of the Board's Regulations, commencing at California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2526.
11. Require the program to demonstrate incremental progress in correcting the violations. If the program fails to satisfactorily demonstrate incremental progress, the full Board may revoke the program's accreditation.
12. Failure to take any of these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's accreditation.
13. Place the program on the **September 2014** Board agenda for reconsideration of provisional approval.

Rationale: Since its inception, the program has admitted seven (7) classes. A total of 119 students have been enrolled in classes. One-hundred twelve (112) students have graduated. No students are currently enrolled in classes.

The program graduated its initial class in August 2007. Pass rates for the initial class were reported for Quarter 1 2008.

Published program statistics confirm that the program's pass rates have been significantly below state average annual pass rates for sixteen (16) of eighteen (18) quarters. During the six (6) quarters from January - March 2008 through April - June 2009, the program's average annual pass rates ranged from 15 to 58 percentage points **below** state average annual pass rates. During the next two (2) quarters, July – September 2009 and October – December 2009, the program's average annual pass rates were within the required ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate, however, this was due to **one (1) student** testing and achieving a 100%. Over the last ten (10) consecutive quarters, January – March 2010 through April – June 2012, the program's average annual pass rates have ranged from 14 to 43 percentage points **below** state average annual pass rates.

Such performance statistics support the recommendation to place the program on provisional approval. The program director reviewed the program's instructional plan and found it to be inadequate and has revised it in an attempt to bring up the programs licensure pass rates.

The demonstrated lack of achievement of program graduates on the licensure exam supports the recommendation to deny the program's request to admit two (2) replacement classes of 30 students each. Approving a smaller class size of 20 students, for the full-time class, only, to **replace** students that graduated on July 29, 2012, is recommended. This will allow the director time to focus on the newly enrolled students, implement the revised curriculum, perform the in-depth comprehensive analysis and evaluation in order to identify deficiencies in students' knowledge, and implement relevant corrective action.

Attachment A: Board Correspondence Dated July 24, 2012.

Attachment B: Draft Notice of Change in Accreditation Status.

Agenda Item #12.A.4.Attachment A



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CERTIFIED MAIL

July 24, 2012

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Re: Consideration of Placement on Provisional Approval

Dear Ms. Ngassa:

The Board is scheduled to consider **Advanced Computing Institute, Vocational Nursing Program's** relative to consideration of placement on provisional approval at its meeting scheduled September 6, 2012. That meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel LAX, in Los Angeles, California.

To ensure dissemination and review by individual Board members and relevant staff for timely consideration prior to the February Board meeting, please submit the following written information by **Friday, August 3, 2012:**

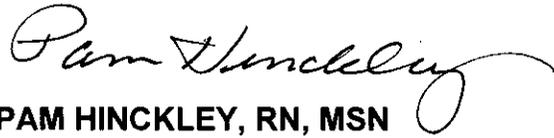
- Eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents related to subsequent actions taken by the program to correct identified problems ***that you desire Board members to consider***. Please remember existing statutes require that any document considered by the Board will become a public record. Accordingly, please redact all names of students.
- In addition, please provide information on a compact disc (CD) for Board use. Again, please remember to redact any student names prior to copying information onto the CD.

Although the primary purpose of this letter is to convey the Board's need for the copies, please be assured that, if timely submitted, any correspondence and attachments will be reviewed and, if appropriate, information submitted may be included in the report of the assigned consultant.

The Board strongly recommends that you plan to attend the meeting and be prepared to respond to questions from Board members relative to your program.

Please contact the Board at (916) 263-7843 should further clarification be needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam Hinckley".

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September XX, 2012

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Subject: Notice of Change in Approval Status

Dear Ms. Ngassa:

Pursuant to the action of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) on September 6, 2012, the status of the Advanced Computing Institute Vocational Nursing Program has been changed from full approval to provisional approval for the two – year period from September 6, 2012 through September 30, 2014.

The purpose of this letter is to explain the areas of non-compliance found and the corrections required of your program to avoid losing accreditation completely.

Once you have reviewed this letter, please sign and return the enclosed "Acknowledgement of Change in Accreditation Status" form by **Friday, September XX, 2012.**

AREAS OF NON-COMPLIANCE [VIOLATION(S)]

In accordance with Section 2526.1(c) of title 16 of the California Code of Regulations,

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The program pass rates of the Advanced Computing Institute Vocational Nursing Program for the past seventeen (18) quarters are set forth in the following table.

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Based on this data, the program failed to meet the average annual pass rate requirement.

REQUIRED CORRECTION(S)

1. Place Advanced Computing Institute Vocational Nursing Program on provisional approval for the two-year period from September 7, 2012, through September 30, 2014, and issue a notice to the program to identify specific areas of noncompliance and requirements for correction as referenced in Section 2526.1 (e) of the California Code of Regulations.
2. The program shall bring its average annual pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate.
3. The program shall submit follow-up reports in nine months, but no later than **June 1, 2013**, and 21 months, but no later than **June 1, 2014**. The reports must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve program pass rates, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis.
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4. The program shall comply with all accreditation standards in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing at Business and Professions Code Section 2880, and Article 5 of the Board's Regulations, commencing at California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2526.
 5. The program shall demonstrate incremental progress in correcting the violations. If the program fails to satisfactorily demonstrate incremental progress, the full Board may revoke the program's approval.
 6. Failure to take any of these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval.
 7. The program shall admit no additional classes without prior approval by the full Board.
 8. In the event additional violations of the accreditation standards are identified, such violations may result in further corrective action or revocation of provisional accreditation.

FUTURE BOARD ACTION

Your program will be placed on the **September 2014** Board Meeting agenda for reconsideration of your approval status. If you have additional information that you wish considered beyond the required corrections listed on pages 2 and 3, you must submit this documentation by the fifteenth day of the second month prior to the Board meeting.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please be advised that, pursuant to the Board's regulations, the program will not be authorized to admit new classes beyond the established pattern of admissions previously approved by the Board. The established pattern of admissions approved by the Board is as follows: Prior Board approval is required to admit classes.

In the event your program is required to submit any report(s) as a corrective action pursuant to this notice, such reports are required in addition to any other reports required pursuant to 2527 of the Board's regulations.

The program may no longer advertise that it has full approval, and should take steps to correct any ongoing advertisements or publications in that regard.

A copy of title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 2526.1, regarding provisional accreditation is attached for your reference. A complete copy of the Board's laws and regulations can be found on the Board's web site at www.bvnpt.ca.gov.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board.

Sincerely,

TERESA BELLO-JONES, J.D., M.S.N., R.N.
Executive Officer

Enclosures

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cc: Board Members