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DATE	August 9, 2021
TO	Board Members
FROM	Marie Cordeiro, MN, RN Supervising Nursing Education Consultant (SNEC)
SUBJECT	Education Division Report

COVID-19 Pandemic

The Nursing Education Consultants (NEC’s) are back on the road conducting much needed site visits. The NEC’s are scheduled to complete 52 site visits by the end of the year, most related to a program’s continued approval process, Program Records Survey (PRS).

Issues and Challenges During the Pandemic

Programs continue to experience residual challenges post COVID-19 pandemic. Many programs have returned to clinical sites, either partially or fully, while others express concerns about the lack of clinical sites to provide hands-on-learning for students. The NECs continue to communicate with program directors to ensure that clinical and theory objectives are met.

Proposed Program Backlog

The current wait list for proposed school programs exceeds 50. A number of factors have contributed to this backlog. First and foremost, nothing more than a simple letter of interest has been required for proposed school programs to be placed on the wait list. Many of the proposed school programs that submit a letter of interest have done little if anything to secure program resources before being placed on the wait list. Once on the wait list, many of them do nothing further to secure program resources to be prepared to move forward with the application process when they are assigned an NEC. In addition, the length of time between being placed on the wait list and being assigned an NEC has often resulted in changes in staff at the proposing entity without any notification to the board, making it difficult to identify a point of contact when an NEC is assigned. This further stalls the approval process. The general increase in the workload of the NEC’s has diluted the resources that can be devoted to new school approvals further exacerbating the delay in assigning an NEC to a proposed school program on the wait list. The state of emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has further diluted the resources that could be devoted to new school program approvals.

We are working with the legislature to explore ways and means of improving the initial application process to reduce our backlog of over 50 proposed programs currently on our wait list. Staff is working diligently to develop a fair, equitable, comprehensive, and transparent plan to ensure program readiness. Our new proposed rubric for the revised approval process includes factors such as clinical site availability, program expansion, community partners, saturation, geography, program affordability and sustainability.

Staff Updates

Retired Annuitants, Ann Shuman and Suellen Clayworth fully retired on June 30, 2021. We thank them for their many years of dedicated service to the BVNPT and wish them well in their second retirement from state service.

Staff Training

Division staff collectively attended the following trainings:

- SOLID WebEx Training,
- SOLID Basic MS Teams,
- Next Generation NCLEX: Writing Next Generation NCLEX Test Items
- NCSBN NCLEX Item Review
- Teaching Online; A student Centered-Approach
- Teaching and Organizing a Virtual Learning Experience
- Role of the Nursing Regulatory Board
- Power Dynamics of Negotiation.
- Preparing for the Next Generation (NGN) NCLEX
- Writing NGN test items
- NCSBN NCLEX Item Review Subcommittee
- Teaching Online: A Student-Centered Approach
- Teaching and Organizing a Virtual Learning Environment

Directors Forum

The Fall 2021 Directors Forum is scheduled for October 12 and October 13 via WebEx. Our format changed, and in addition to the general assembly, we are conducting several breakout sessions. Each director can attend the breakout sessions of their choice. Breakout session topics are based on feedback from previous Director's Forum interests.

Updating Forms

The NEC's completed updating all Education Division forms prior to converting them to a format compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



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Education Division Statistical Data

January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021

Executive Summary

Approved Active Programs – VN

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	123	128	131	132
Feb	124	128	126	132
Mar	126	130	127	132
Apr	126	129	126	129
May	129	129	127	129
June	131	125	120	129
Jul		124	130	129
Aug		122	129	128
Sep		125	129	128
Oct		123	129	128
Nov		123	130	127
Dec		123	129	127

Approved Active Programs – PT

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	12	13	13	12
Feb	12	13	13	12
Mar	12	13	13	12
Apr	12	13	14	13
May	12	14	12	13
June	12	12	12	13
Jul		12	13	13
Aug		12	13	13
Sep		12	13	13
Oct		12	13	13
Nov		12	13	13
Dec		12	13	13

Provisionally Approved Active Programs – VN

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	14	11	10	11
Feb	14	10	13	11
Mar	12	10	13	11
Apr	12	13	13	11
May	11	13	9	11
June	9	12	7	11
Jul		12	8	11
Aug		14	9	13
Sep		14	16	13
Oct		13	9	13
Nov		14	9	14
Dec		14	11	14

Provisionally Approved Active Programs – PT

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	1	1	1	1
Feb	1	1	1	1
Mar	1	1	1	1
Apr	1	2	1	1
May	1	2	1	1

June	1	1	1	1
Jul		1	1	1
Aug		1	1	1
Sep		1	1	1
Oct		1	1	1
Nov		1	1	1
Dec		1	1	1

Assigned Proposed Programs – VN

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	10	20	11	22
Feb	9	19	11	22
Mar	9	17	10	22
Apr	9	16	13	21
May	18	16	13	24
June	18	16	20	24
Jul		16	22	24
Aug		14	21	24
Sep		17	21	24
Oct		14	22	12
Nov		13	21	11
Dec		13	20	15

Assigned Proposed Programs – PT

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	0	1	0	1
Feb	0	0	0	1
Mar	0	0	0	1
Apr	0	0	0	1
May	0	0	0	1
June	0	0	0	1
Jul		0	2	1
Aug		0	1	1
Sep		2	1	1
Oct		0	1	0
Nov		0	1	0
Dec		0	1	0

Unassigned Proposed Programs – VN

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	43	33	32	27
Feb	52	32	32	27
Mar	57	32	32	27
Apr	58	33	24	28
May	42	34	24	28
June	47	35	24	28
Jul		35	24	28
Aug		37	27	28
Sep		38	29	28
Oct		41	31	19
Nov		41	33	20
Dec		41	33	22

Unassigned Proposed Programs – PT

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	2	1	2	0
Feb	2	1	2	0
Mar	3	1	2	0
Apr	3	1	1	1
May	3	1	1	1
June	3	1	1	1
Jul		1	1	1
Aug		1	1	1
Sep		1	1	1
Oct		1	1	2
Nov		1	1	2
Dec		1	1	2

**These eight categories are captured on a monthly basis and do not accumulate into yearly totals.

Complaints Received Regarding Approved Programs

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	10	5	7	11
Feb	16	8	10	7
Mar	10	7	8	7
Apr	5	2	9	7
May	3	16	7	5
June	7	1	5	5
Jul		10	3	4
Aug		10	5	5
Sep		7	6	6
Oct		10	19	8
Nov		12	16	6
Dec		7	9	10
Total	51	95	104	81

Change Requests from Programs (# of times reviewed)

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	784	460	341	375
Feb	532	425	286	126
Mar	644	548	295	126
Apr	665	632	253	126
May	832	556	302	170
June	1,056	545	418	171
Jul		614	470	171
Aug		581	435	275
Sep		496	461	276
Oct		610	453	333
Nov		523	488	206
Dec		610	426	271
Total	4,513	6,600	4,628	2,626

Faculty Approval Applications (# of times reviewed)

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	219	196	174	286
Feb	218	197	123	122
Mar	309	119	160	122
Apr	306	88	203	122

May	260	100	196	228
June	230	202	155	229
Jul		287	232	128
Aug		247	218	196
Sep		242	183	196
Oct		243	205	222
Nov		227	184	176
Dec		213	208	173
Total	1,542	2,361	2,241	2,200

Facility Approval Applications (# of times reviewed)

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	183	280	141	228
Feb	286	171	147	111
Mar	480	178	162	111
Apr	440	31	157	112
May	421	69	232	96
June	313	212	216	97
Jul		266	155	97
Aug		341	150	181
Sep		314	165	182
Oct		333	190	146
Nov		302	199	125
Dec		250	208	109
Total	2,123	2,747	2,122	1,595

Reports for Executive Officer Review

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	10	20	19	26
Feb	6	15	9	15
Mar	5	11	13	15
Apr	8	5	14	15
May	11	15	15	13
June	19	12	15	13
Jul		20	13	13
Aug		8	16	16
Sep		13	17	16

Oct	20	10	13
Nov	6	11	9
Dec	11	10	13
Total	59	156	177

Reports for Board Meetings

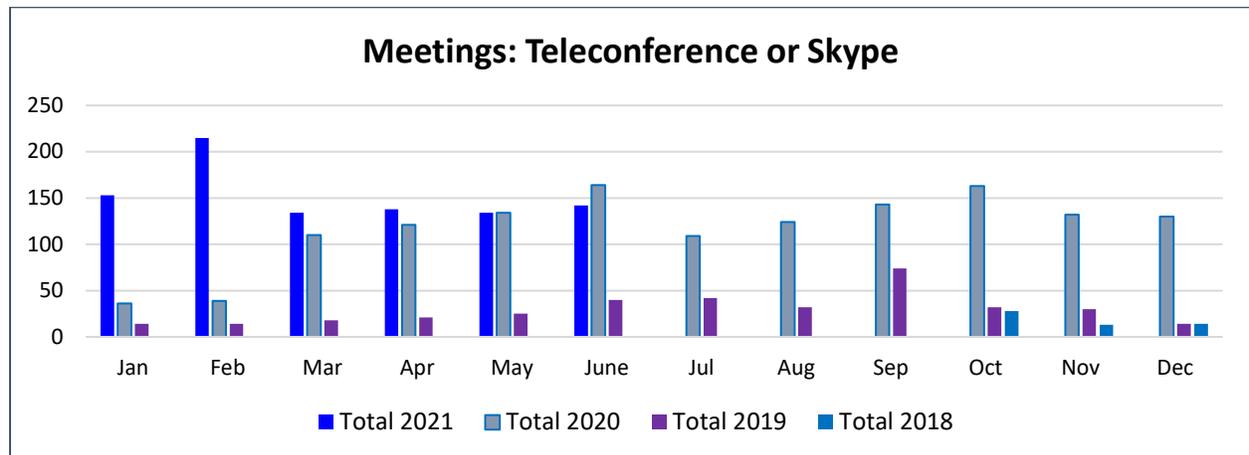
Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	9	8	7	8
Feb	8	9	10	2
Mar	1	6	6	2
Apr	2	8	5	3
May	12	9	11	3
June	3	4	8	3
Jul		9	10	3
Aug		10	8	4
Sep		4	6	4
Oct		8	6	10
Nov		8	6	7
Dec		8	5	6
Total	35	91	88	55

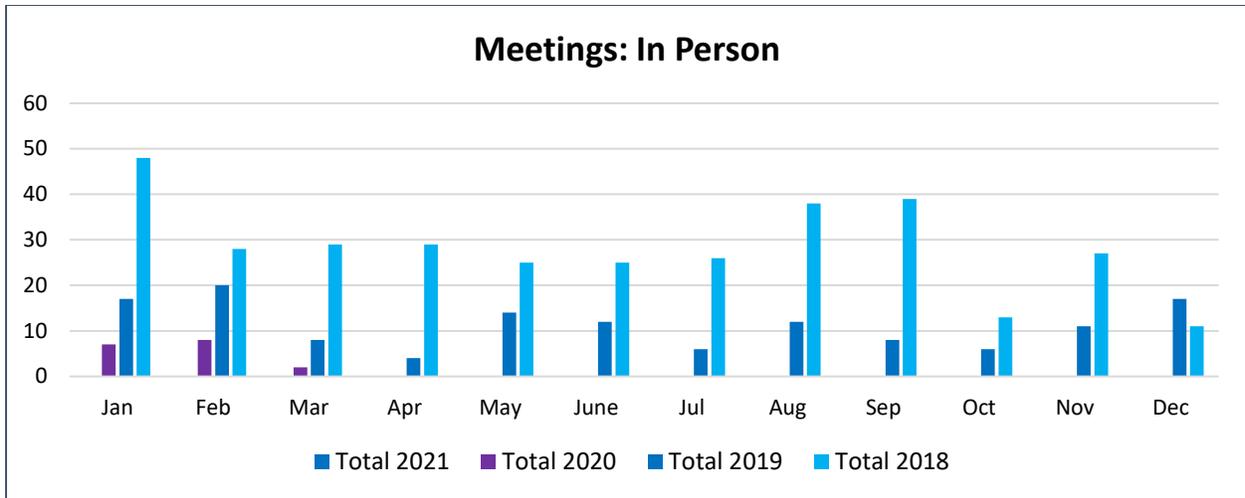
Inspections: Onsite

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	1	4	6	6
Feb	1	3	1	3
Mar	1	2	4	4
Apr	4	0	5	4
May	1	0	4	1
June	3	0	3	2
Jul		1	4	2
Aug		1	4	3
Sep		1	3	3
Oct		0	4	6
Nov		0	3	4
Dec		0	4	1
Total	11	12	45	39

Inspections: Program Record Surveys completed

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	7	11	7	8
Feb	5	3	3	4
Mar	5	7	3	5
Apr	5	7	5	5
May	2	1	6	3
June	2	1	6	3
Jul		5	3	3
Aug		3	1	6
Sep		1	8	7
Oct		3	6	6
Nov		3	9	2
Dec		7	2	6
Total	26	52	59	58





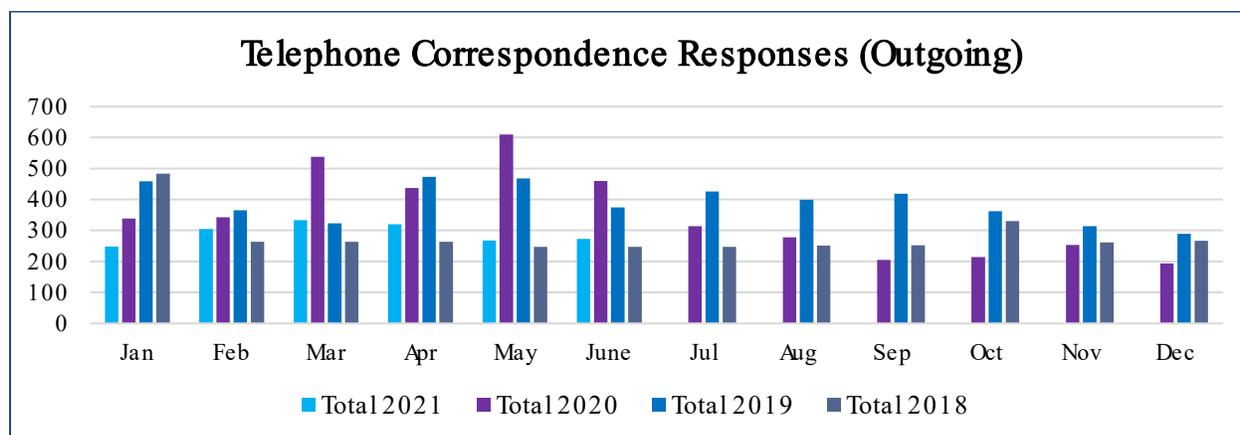
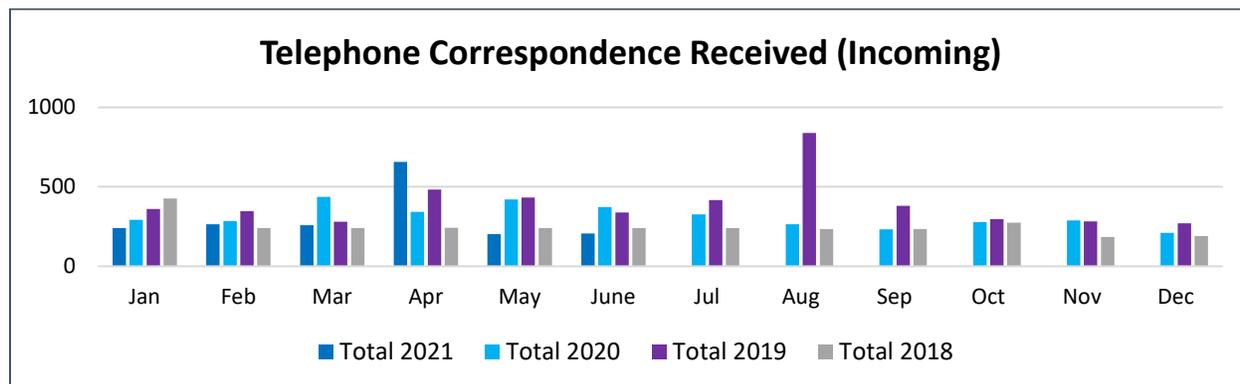
Written Correspondence Received (Incoming)

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	3,655	2,729	1,407	2,509
Feb	4,393	2,593	1,338	1,465
Mar	3,737	3,717	989	1,465
Apr	3,426	3,328	1,129	1,466
May	3,334	3,322	1,353	1,317
June	3,545	2,588	1,496	1,318
Jul		2,518	2,015	1,317
Aug		2,688	1,918	1,444
Sep		2,514	2,377	1,445
Oct		2,875	1,984	1,359
Nov		2,690	1,827	1,244
Dec		2,741	1,684	1,212
Total	22,090	34,303	19,517	17,561

Written Correspondence Responses (Outgoing)

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	3,065	1,957	930	1,631
Feb	3,565	1,952	1,018	991
Mar	2,998	2,942	857	992
Apr	2,141	2,864	1,015	992
May	2,557	2,556	1,272	733
June	2,835	2,262	1,299	734
Jul		2,708	1,754	734
Aug		2,365	1,135	946

Sep	2,374	2,048	947
Oct	2,602	1,823	976
Nov	2,368	1,641	855
Dec	2,282	1,487	887
Total	17,161	29,232	16,279



Scope of Practice Questions

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	67	90	62	143
Feb	110	78	62	81
Mar	92	90	133	81
Apr	104	74	138	81
May	105	95	139	82
June	120	96	115	83
Jul		96	66	83
Aug		60	104	96
Sep		78	89	96

Oct	51	111	85
Nov	61	101	52
Dec	63	80	35
Total	598	932	1,200

Psychiatric Technician Examination Development Session Preparation

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	0	10	20	5
Feb	0	19	10	1
Mar	0	1	8	0
Apr	0	2	16	0
May	1	2	0	1
June	0	0	1	0
Jul	0	9	1	
Aug	0	6	11	
Sep	0	6	11	
Oct	0	12	0	
Nov	0	0	0	
Dec	0	12	4	
Total	1	34	100	34

Intravenous Therapy/Blood Withdrawal Course Certification and CE Provider Applications

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	34	22	27	42
Feb	39	18	10	30
Mar	24	12	6	31
Apr	8	10	9	31
May	29	10	5	17
June	18	27	5	18
Jul	22	44	17	
Aug	19	8	32	
Sep	42	21	32	
Oct	55	12	26	
Nov	39	19	12	
Dec	40	25	4	
Total	152	316	191	292

Intravenous Therapy/Blood Withdrawal Approved License Certifications Issued in Breeze

Month	Total 2021	Total 2020	Total 2019	Total 2018
Jan	269	353	362	244
Feb	297	295	309	270
Mar	313	375	274	530
Apr	407	248	370	447
May	576	155	254	370
June	522	254	335	510
Jul		368	519	353
Aug		380	557	508
Sep		434	185	617
Oct		462	507	285
Nov		313	306	325
Dec		421	574	414
Total	2,384	4,058	4,552	4,873

*Education Division team assumed responsibility for IV/BW certifications in March 2019