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To: Board Members

From: Elaine Yamaguchi, Executive Officer

Subject: Executive Officer Review Decisions Report of Board Nursing Education Consultant Program Reports from October 28, 2025, to January 6, 2026.

The Executive Officer took the following actions related to vocational nursing and psychiatric technician programs (Programs).

Effective October 28, 2025:

- **Aberdeen Institute Vocational Nursing Program – Requests Approved**

The Program requested a change in the curriculum from a full-time curriculum of 52 weeks to a revised full-time curriculum of 44 weeks. The Program will have four 11-week terms. The proposed curriculum consists of 576 theory hours and 954 clinical hours, totaling 1530 hours.

The program further requested approval of a part-time 64-week curriculum consisting of 576 theory hours and 954 clinical hours, totaling 1530 hours. The Program will have four 16-week terms.

The program further requested to admit a part-time class of 30 students to commence on November 11, 2025, with a graduation date of January 31, 2027, to replace the cohort that graduated on July 18, 2025.

- **California Nurses Educational Institute Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested to increase the class size from 30 to 40 students four times a year, to replace graduating classes only, to start with the cohort on January 12, 2026, graduating March 17, 2027, that is replacing the class graduating on January 26, 2026.

- **Coalinga Community College Psychiatric Technician Program– Requests Approved**

The Program requested to admit a full-time class of 20 students to commence on January 12, 2026, with a graduation date of May 21, 2027, to replace the students who graduated on May 22, 2025.

The Program requested to admit 10 additional students to term two to commence on August 12, 2026, with a graduation date of May 21, 2027. All additional students will be Vocational Nurses enrolling in the Psychiatric Technician program.

- **Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Sacramento, Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested continued Program Approval.

- **North-West College, Pomona, Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requests a full-time evening class of 35 students to commence on January 7, 2026, that will graduate on April 2, 2027, to replace the class that graduated on December 12, 2025.

- **Southeast College, San Bernardino, Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requests to admit a full-time class of 20 students to commence on December 8, 2025, with a graduation date of November 27, 2026, to replace the class that graduated on November 21, 2025.

Effective November 11, 2025:

- **Career Care Institute, Moreno Valley, Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested to admit a full-time day class of 35 students to commence on December 15, 2025, with a graduation date of March 20, 2027. The class will replace the class that graduated on July 29, 2025.

- **Career Care Institute, Oxnard, Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested to admit a full-time day class of 30 students to commence on December 8, 2025, with a graduation date of April 18, 2027. The class will replace the class that graduated on November 9, 2025.

- **Downey Adult School Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested to admit a full-time class of 30 students to commence on January 5, 2026, with a graduation date of December 17, 2026, to replace the class that graduated on December 18, 2025.

- **Glendale Career College Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested continued Program Approval.

- **Hartnell College Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested to increase the class size from 35 to 50 students, one time per calendar year, to start with the January 26, 2026, class.

- **MiraCosta College Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested continued Program Approval.

- **North-West College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested to admit a full-time class of 45 students to commence on February 23, 2026, with a graduation date of June 2, 2027, to replace the class that graduated on November 5, 2025. This will be the second class for this program.

- **Platt College, Riverside, Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested to admit a full-time class of 24 students to commence on February 22, 2026, with a graduation date of May 10, 2027. This will be an additional class.

- **Stanbridge University, Riverside, Vocational Nursing Program – Requests Approved**

The Program requested to change the approved part-time class start date from September 29, 2025, to February 9, 2026, graduating January 14, 2028.

The Program further requested to admit a full-time class of 45 students to commence the prerequisite courses on November 10, 2025, and the VN program on February 16, 2026 with a graduation date of May 28, 2027.

- **Unitek College, Concord, Vocational Nursing Program – Requests Approved**

The Program requested to admit a class of 40 part-time evening students to commence on November 24, 2025, with a graduation date of June 12, 2027. This is an additional class to be added to the pattern of admission.

The Program further requested to increase the class size of each class from 36 to 40 students to start with the November 24, 2025, class.

The Program further requested to change the pattern of admission from 12 classes consisting of six full-time day, two full-time evening, and four part-time evening and weekend classes of 36 students to 13 classes consisting of six full-time day, two full-time evening, and five part-time evening and weekend classes of 40 students.

Effective December 16, 2025:

- **Community Enhancement Services Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested voluntary removal from the list of approved schools effective November 30, 2025.

- **College of the Siskiyous Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested continued program approval.

- **Cypress College Psychiatric Technician Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested to admit a full-time day class of 20 students to commence on February 2, 2026, with a graduation date of May 25, 2027, which will replace the class that graduated on December 11, 2025.

- **Northern California Nursing Academy Vocational Nursing Program – Requests Approved**

The Program requested to admit a full-time day class of 30 students to commence on January 6, 2026, with a graduation date of February 21, 2027, to replace the class that graduated on December 12, 2025.

The Program further requested to admit a full-time evening class of 30 students to commence on January 6, 2026, with a graduation date of February 21, 2027, to replace the class that graduated on November 28, 2025.

- **North-West College, San Diego, Vocational Nursing Program – Requests Approved**

The Program requested to admit a full-time day class of 50 students to commence on February 25, 2026, with a graduation date of April 30, 2027.

The Program further requested to increase the class size from 45 to 50 students four times a year, to replace graduating classes only, to start with the cohort on February 25, 2026.

The Program further requested a pattern of admission for four full-time classes of 50 students a year, to replace graduating classes only, starting with the February 25, 2026 class.

- **Prestige Career College Vocational Nursing Program – Requests Approved**

The Program requested to be granted initial approval to the Prestige Career College Vocational Nursing Program for the four-year period beginning December 16, 2025, and issue certificate accordingly.

The Program further requested approval of the Program's 52-week, five term, full-time curriculum, with a total of 1530 hours, including 576 theory hours and 954 clinical hours.

- **Regan Career Institute Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested to admit a full-time class of 25 students to commence on January 5, 2026, with a graduation date of December 22, 2026. This is the second class.

- **Smith Chason School of Nursing, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested voluntary removal from the list of approved schools effective December 21, 2025.

- **Ukiah Adult School Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested voluntary removal from the list of approved schools effective December 1, 2025.

- **Unitek College, Hayward, Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested to admit a full-time day class of 36 students to commence on February 23, 2026, with a graduation date of February 12, 2027. This replaces the class that graduates on February 13, 2026.

- **Unitek College, Ontario, Vocational Nursing Program – Requests Approved**

The Program requested to be granted initial approval to the Unitek College, Ontario, Vocational Nursing Program for the four-year period beginning December 2, 2025, and issue certificate accordingly.

The Program further requested approval of the Program's 42-week, three term, full-time day curriculum, with a total of 1620 hours, including 660 theory hours and 960 clinical hours.

Effective January 6, 2026:

- **Pacific College, Lakewood, Vocational Nursing Program – Request Deferred to the Board**

The Program requested to admit a class of 30 students to commence on March 2, 2026, with a graduation date of January 9, 2028. The class replaced the class that graduated on October 5, 2025.

- **Carrington College, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested to admit a full-time class of 30 students to commence on January 26, 2026, with a graduation date of January 8, 2027. This replaced the class graduating on January 23, 2026.

- **CNI College Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested to admit a full-time class of 30 students to commence on February 23, 2026, that will graduate on May 3, 2027. This replaced the class that graduated on December 7, 2025.

- **LAUSD, Maxine Waters Employment Preparation Center, Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested to admit a full-time class of 15 students to commence on January 2, 2026, with a graduation date of April 9, 2027. This replaced the class that graduated on November 6, 2025.

- **LAUSD, North Valley Occupational Center, Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested to admit a full-time class of 15 students to commence on February 2, 2026, with a graduation date of April 9, 2027. This replaced the class that graduated on June 13, 2025.

- **Merced College Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested continued Program Approval.

- **Pacific College, Lakewood, Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested a change in the curriculum from a full-time curriculum of 74 weeks to a revised full-time curriculum of 80-weeks, effective March 2, 2026, to be started with the next requested class. The proposed curriculum consists of 576 theory hours and 954 clinical hours totaling 1530 hours.

- **Pacific College, Ontario, Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested a change in the curriculum from a full-time curriculum of 74 weeks to a revised full-time curriculum of 80-weeks, effective March 2, 2026, to be started with the next requested class. The proposed curriculum consists of 576 theory hours and 954 clinical hours totaling 1530 hours.

- **Rio Hondo College Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested continued Program Approval.

- **St. Raphael Nursing School Vocational Nursing Program – Request Approved**

The Program requested to admit a full-time evening class of 24 students to commence on February 3, 2026, with a graduation date of April 25, 2027. This is an initial class.