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**STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND  
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
Atwood Building  
550 West Seventh Ave. Room 102  
Anchorage, AK  
Alaska Board of Nursing Minutes  
January 31 & February 1, 2024**

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the professions of AS 44/62, Article 6, a meeting of the Board of Nursing was held in the Atwood Building 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 102, Anchorage, AK.

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Danette Schloeder called the meeting to order at 9:00am Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

**Agenda Item 1: Roll Call**

Those present constituting a quorum were Board members:

- Chair RN Member: Danette Schloeder, RN, Anchorage
- Educator Member, Vianne Smith, RN, Fairbanks
- LPN Member: Jody Miller, LPN, Haines
- APRN Member: Wendy Monrad, APRN, RN, Anchorage
- Public Member: Michael Collins, Public Member, Wasilla
- RN Member: Lena Lafferty, RN, Anchorage

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All Board members present.

Staff present from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing:

- Patty Wolf, MSN, RNC-OB, Executive Administrator
- Sonia Lipker, Investigations
- Joy Hartlieb, Investigations
- Kelly Olson, Nurse Consultant

**Members of the Public in attendance in person or via Zoom:**

- Elizabeth Blair
- Beth Farnstrom
- Gloria Ketchens
- Klaudine Pires
- LeMay Hupp
- Maddie Borah
- Susan Robinson
- Jason Sanders
- Martha Fisher
- Colleen Bridge
- Iva Evans
- Cristan McLain
- Margaret Grasse
- Jennifer Fielder
- Alician Cole
- Ashley Lescanec

**Agenda Review**

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the

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Alaska Board of Nursing approve the agenda for the January 31 & February 1, 2024, meeting.

**Ethics Disclosures:** None

**Report of Board Activities:**

- Danette Schloeder Attended the NCSBN board meeting and the Institute of Healthcare Improvement Forum as a representative of the NCSBN Board of Directors.
- Vianne Smith spoke at the annual nurse aid instructor training conference in December 2023
- Patty Wolf attended the NCSBN Scientific Symposium in January 2024

**Agenda Item 2:** Review draft Implementation plan for the Alternative to Probation Program within regulation.

- Patty Wolf and Sonia Lipker worked on the wording of the 12 AAC 44.740 Alternative to Probation program within regulation.
- Sonia Lipker clarified the any discipline action for a person would not qualify them for the alternative to discipline program.
- Danette Schloeder recommends putting who is eligible before the not eligible section.
- Wendy Monrad asked who the daily check ins are with
  - Sonia Lipker clarified it is with investigations, that the person calls in daily or as determined by their consent agreement.,
- Confidential notations are submitted to NURSUS, this is not visible to the public.
- The BON will review each consent agreement before it is adopted. Each case will be different.
- What are the next steps after this is approved by the board?
  - Investigations is ready to start implementing this program.
  - Website will be updated with this information.
- Thank you to all that have worked on this, including Riley.

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On a motion made by Lena Lafferty, seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska Board of Nursing approve the standard operating procedure for the Alternative to Probation program.

### **Agenda Item 3: APU Program update: NCLEX Passing Rates**

- Dr. Marianne Murray DNP, RN, CHSE
- The previous cohort was not part of the APU campaign to raise NCLEX pass rates.
- **ADN**
  - Cohort graduated in Dec.
  - 24 students graduated
- Dr. Murray explained the curriculum changes to the students
  - Largest curriculum change was requiring ATI into the program
  - If a student was not successful in achieving 73% on the comprehensive exam in ATI, then the student had the opportunity to redo the exam.
- Changed the admission process, must have a 3.0 GPA.
- Implemented NGN questions in exams
- Clinical judgement model in clinical and lab
- Board member questions and answers:
  - 24 graduated in Dec 2023, 10 have taken the exam, and passed, as of Jan 22, 2024
  - Next graduating class LPN's in May 2024
  - Next group for ADN RN graduation is Dec 2024
  - RN program started in 2020, first graduates 2022
  - LPN program started in 2021, first graduates in 2022
- Dr. Murray discussed that many accrediting bodies are looking at different aspects of nursing education programs besides just NCLEX pass rate due to small class sizes.
- ATI is a benchmark exam that assesses students' potential for passing the NCLEX.
- Will continue to monitor progress and report at future board meetings.

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#### **Agenda Item 4: Doctor of Nursing Education program**

- Dr. Murray stated that staff reached out to Ohio State University about a Doctor of Nursing Education (DNE). Alaska would not recognize this doctorate as a doctorate. At the time of that communication, the State of Alaska did not have an agreement with the school and that agreement is now in place.
- The board discussed the education and stated that there were many types of advanced educational programs and agree that the agreement in place clears up any previous confusions to potential students.

**Break: 9:56 am**

**Return: 10:15am**

#### **Agenda Item 5: 2024 Annual Report**

- Patty Wolf, updated the annual report based on last meeting
- May 2024 Board meeting annual report will be finalized
- Wendy Monrad – APRN seat and Jody Miller – LPN seat, last meeting
- 1 public seat still vacant
- Recruiting licensing examiners
- Discussed adding an APRN and CNA seat to the board which would require a Statute change
- Board of Nursing Sunset will be up for renewal in 2025
- Under Needs: Board requested to hold board meetings in different meetings such as Juneau or Fairbanks.

#### **Agenda Item 6: Colorado Nurse Refresher Program**

- Previous board meeting, Colorado Center for Nursing Excellence presented the Nurse Refresher Program and would like to be added to the approved refresher program list.
- Increased to 14 other states approved program lists.
- Patty Wolf reached out to other states, with no complaints or concerns from other states.

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On a motion made by Lena Lafferty seconded by Vianne Smith and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska Board of Nursing approve the addition of the Colorado Nurse Refresher program to the approved list of programs maintained by the board.

### **Agenda Item 7: DEA portion of the APRN Application**

- Patty Wolf –Per a recommendation from LAW; change the APRN application has the same acknowledgement as the Med board application.
  - Med Board has a check box for DEA registration number and acknowledgement for prescription history
- Discussion about dispensing/prescribing and administering as a APRN.
- Discussion requested with Law about an exemption. And more discussion with the PDMP manager.
- Discussion regarding that this should mirror other prescribing practices.
- Will hold this topic to tomorrow to review with PDMP manager for further direction and clarifications.

### **Agenda Item 8: Reciprocity Discussion**

- Lena Lafferty discussed other board's reciprocity from state to state
  - Med Board has a statute that allows the board to take action against a licensee state based on another state's actions
  - Sonia Lipkar – discussed if the nurse is still licensed in this state but license gets suspended in another state, Alaska gets a notification.
    - Currently we open a full investigation instead of a reciprocity of the other state's decision
  - Would make it legally defendable to suspend the nurse's license.
  - What does the process look like?
    - The case would be brought to the board
    - The investigator would reach out to the nurse to respond
    - Much faster process
  - Med Board has a statute.

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- Discussion about asking Law if this can be statute or regulation as it is not currently in our statute or regulations

**Agenda Item 9:** HB 237 – Representative Prax has introduced language regarding the allowance for a temporary permit to be issued to a person seeking reinstatement as discussed at the November Board Meeting

- Rep. Prax came to the board with a constitute who had an expired license.
- Wording for statute:
- Sec. 08.68.210. Temporary permits.
  - (a) The board may issue a temporary permit, nonrenewable and valid for a period not exceeding six months, to an applicant for a license by endorsement if the applicant
    - (1) submits proof satisfactory to the board that the applicant is currently licensed in another state under AS 08.68.200(a);
    - (2) meets the requirements of AS 08.68.170; and
    - (3) pays the required fee.
  - (b) The board may issue a nonrenewable permit to an applicant for license by examination if the applicant meets the qualifications of AS 08.68.170. The permit is valid for a period not to exceed six months or the date on which the results of the licensing examination taken by the applicant are received by the applicant, whichever is sooner. If the applicant does not take the examination for which the applicant is scheduled, the permit lapses on the day of the examination.
- This would help the workforce and licensing process for people who have had a lapsed license
- BON would provide a letter of support for HB 237
- Danette Schloeder will be online to offer verbal support for letter of support on Friday's hearing.

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska Board of Nursing approve that the Board of Nursing provide a letter of support for HB 237

**Lunch: 11:14am**

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**Return: 1:01pm**

**Agenda Item 10: Regulations Projects in progress**

- Opening project questionnaire must be completed for each regulation project:
  - LPN
  - English Language Proficiency
  - Delegation of the Administration of Medication CMA
  - CNA – Classroom Curriculum
  - CNA – Application for Certification
- The board worked together to fill out each of the required forms to submit to the regulation's specialists.

**Break: 1:52 pm**

**Return: 2:15 pm**

**Agenda Item 11: Advisory Opinion**

- Request an advisory opinion be developed, recognizing that a nurse can delegate the administration of medication to CMA's with criteria in 12 AAC 44.965 while the regulation project is in progress.
  - Board members actively assisted EA with verbiage and criteria to include in the advisory opinion.
- Home and community settings, school settings, residential supported living settings are already included in the regulation.
- Develop timeline for assigned advisory opinions to be updated.
  - All board members were reminded of their assigned topics and to have the drafts to the EA by April 1<sup>st</sup> to be included on the May board meeting agenda.

**Agenda Item 12: Review/Assign Action item Assignments and due dates for Board Members**

- APU to remain on BON agenda to review NCLEX pass rates
- Annual report to remain on the BON agenda for next meeting.



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- Agenda item 7 will discuss with legal.
- Approved the support letter and sent to Rep. Prax.
- Regulations projects questionnaires completed. Will review next steps in May.
- All Board staff: Previously assigned advisory opinions to be reviewed and updated by April 1<sup>st</sup> to be in the May 2024 meeting.
- Reciprocity discussion will be sent to legal for further discussion.
- Review of Agenda for Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

**Adjournment: 2:51pm**

**Thursday, February 1, 2024**

**Call to Order: 9:00am Thursday Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

Chair Danette Schloeder called the meeting to order at am Thursday February 1, 2024.

**Roll Call:**

Those present constituting a quorum were Board members:

- Chair RN Member: Danette Schloeder, RN, Anchorage
- Educator Member, Vianne Smith, RN, Fairbanks
- LPN Member: Jody Miller, LPN, Haines
- APRN Member: Wendy Monrad, APRN, RN, Anchorage
- Public Member: Michael Collins, Public Member, Wasilla
- RN Member: Lena Lafferty, RN, Anchorage
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6 board members present, quorum to conduct business

Staff present from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing:

- Patty Wolf, MSN, RNC-OB, Executive Administrator

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- Kelly Olson, RN, Nurse Consultant
- Karina Medina, Investigations
- Joy Hartlieb, Investigations
- Marilyn Zimmerman, Paralegal
- Christina Bond, Investigations
- Chase Evans, Investigations

**Members of the Public in attendance in person or via Zoom:**

- Elizabeth Blair
- Martha Fischer
- Maddie Borah
- Iva Evans
- Klaudine Pires
- Cristin McLain
- LeMay Hupp
- Colleen Bridge
- Alicia Cole
- Jason Sanders
- Beth Farnstrom

**Agenda Item 13: Enter Executive Session and reading of the orders:**

On a motion made by Danette Schloeder seconded by Lena Lafferty and carried with no opposed, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska Board of Nursing enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), Jody Miller recused.

**Let the record reflect that the Board of Nursing moved into Executive Session at 9:04 a.m. The door is locked, only Board members, Board staff and the investigative team are present.**

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**Back in public session: 9:09 a.m.**

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 5 Ayes and 1 recusal it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska board of Nursing to accept the voluntary surrender for **Satorie Batiste**, license number 183325, pursuant to AS 08.68.340(c), and 12 AAC 44.770(10).

On a motion made by Danette Schloeder seconded by Lena Lafferty and carried with no opposed, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska Board of Nursing enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c).

**Enter Executive Session: 9:10 a.m.**

**Back in public session: 10:06 a.m.**

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 6 NAYES, motion failed to pass, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska board of Nursing to deny the request for **Samantha Bell**, license number NURP6872 and reduce the frequency of urinalysis testing as required of her consent agreement.

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty seconded by Jody Miller and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska board of Nursing to accept *the modification of the consent agreement for **Jodi Wolcuff**, license number 110551 and release her from Paragraph L of her consent agreement.*

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska board of Nursing to accept the voluntary surrender for **Rosemarie Habeich** license number NURR22208, pursuant to AS 08.68.276 and 12 AAC 44.600 et seq.

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty seconded by Jody Miller and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska board of Nursing to accept the voluntary surrender for **Katherine Hall** license number NURR34011, pursuant to AS 08.68.276 and 12 AAC 44.600 et seq.

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On a motion made by Lena Lafferty seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska board of Nursing to accept *the consent agreement for **Jeremiah Hassemer**, registered nurse license number 143501, pursuant to AS 08.68.276 and 12 AAC 44.610.*

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty seconded by Jody Miller and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska board of Nursing to accept *the consent agreement for **Jeffrey Johnston** license number NURR19218, pursuant to 12 AAC 44.600(2)(A) and 12 AAC 44.610(a)(1).*

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska board of Nursing to accept *the consent agreement for **Jaime Lehman** license number NUAA4375, pursuant to 12 AAC 44.825(a)*

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty seconded by Vianne Smith and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska board of Nursing to accept the revocation for **Gabriela Yatchmenoff** license number 127050, pursuant to AS 08.68.331(1)(6); 12 AAC 44.815; 12 AAC 44.825(a); and 12 AAC 08.900.

**All original orders were signed by the Chair.**

## **Agenda Item 14: Investigative Reports**

### **Probation Report**

- Joy Hartlieb, Investigator reports number of open cases 102, 81 closed.

### **Investigations Report**

- 35 licensees on probation since Oct. 10, 2023
- 2 requests move forward today

On a motion made by Danette Schloeder seconded by Lena Lafferty and carried with no opposed, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska Board of Nursing enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c).

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**Enter Executive Session: 10:15 a.m.**

**Back in public session: 10:27 a.m.**

**Break: 10:27 a.m.**

**Return: 10:45 a.m.**

### **Agenda Item 15: Licensing Reports**

Presenter: Kelly Olson, RN, Nurse Consultant – CNA

- 32 approved Nurse Aide Training Programs in Alaska
- Instructor update:
  - Denali Center: 1 new instructor
  - Charter College: 3 new instructor
  - UAA: 1 new instructor
- Program Pass rates
  - 55 exams in FY24 Q2
    - 15 programs had test takers
    - 8 programs had a quarterly overall pass rate above 80%
    - 7 programs fell below 80% pass rate
    - 6 programs had a 100% pass rate
- 1 New program request from Alaska Native Medical Center
  - Meets requirements, recommend it be approved
- Charter College
  - Follow up, remain on probation until Summer of 2024 during their first tentative first course offering
- Credentia Data
  - Nurse Aide Skills Exam Pass Rate: 83.0%
  - Nurse Aide Written Exam Pass Rate: 93.41%

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- Nurse Aide Written (oral) English Exam Pass Rate: 83.3%
- Nurse Aide Skills Exams Passed: 210/253
- Nurse Aide Written Exams Passed: 241/258
- Nurse Aide Written (oral) English Exams Passed: 5/6
- Need test site coordinators go to [HTTPS://CREDENTIALIA.COM/TEST-TAKERS/AK/](https://credentia.com/test-takers/ak/)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Nurse Aide Instructor Conference held in Anchorage December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>
- CNA renewals
  - All CNA certifications expire 3/31/2024
- Upcoming site visits
  - Alaska Job Corps
  - Alaska CNA
  - Alaska Technical Center
  - Denali Center
  - UAF Fairbanks
  - Heritage Place
  - Kachemack Bay Campus/KPC- Homer
  - KPC/KPSD- Soldotna
  - Mat-Su CNA
  - Prestige Care
  - Providence Seward Mountain Haven
  - Providence Valdez
  - SEARHC Sitka

Alaska Native Medical Center:

- Mary Martin had questions about offering to external candidates and becoming a testing center. Kelly Olson answered questions and directed to credentia.

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On a motion made by Lena Lafferty seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 6 Ayes, it was RESOLVED that Alaska Board of Nursing approve the Alaska Native Medical Center to become a new CNA program site.

Presenter Patty Wolf:

Education Program Summary:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter NCLEX pass rate:
  - UAA AAS 100%
  - UAA BSN 75%
  - Charter ADN 88%
  - APU ADN n/a
  - APU LPN n/a
- 2023 NCLEX Pass rate
  - UAA AAS 83% (67/81)
  - UAA BSN 87% (102/117)
  - Charter ADN 80% (61/76)
  - APU ADN 60% (12/20)
  - APU LPN 78% (7/9)

Licensing Summary Fiscal 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024

- RN total active: 20,297
- LPN total active: 738
- APRN total active: 2,206

Current timeline: Applications are reviewed in order of the date they are submitted and currently in approximately 4 weeks (rather than 9-11 weeks from May 2023). If all required documents are submitted and correct, then the license can be issued same day.

**Agenda Item 16: Strategic Planning – PT 1**

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Presenters: Patty Wolf, MSN, RNC-OB, Executive Administrator BON

- Review updated work sheet.
  - Last meeting Mission, Vision, Values, and guiding Principles were accepted at Nov. 2023 Meeting
- Goal to review and complete strategies and objectives for the draft initiatives 1 & 2.
  - Licensing/Certification
    - To license qualified persons for the practice of nursing and certify qualified nurse aides.
      - Support NLC
      - Identify barriers in regulation and other opportunities for efficiency
      - Reduce license application turnaround time
      - CNA certification regs project
      - Review types of licenses offered
      - Review requirements for renewal and continuing education to identify additional efficiencies
  - Practice
    - To determine, communicate, and enforce nursing practice as established in statute and regulations.
      - Update disciplinary matrix
      - LPN scope of practice
      - Review process to address scope of practice questions (matrix? algorithm?)
      - Review regulation and develop guidelines for delegation
      - Discuss IV hydration clinics and related prescribing
  - Education
    - To approve, communicate, and enforce standards for the education of nurses and nurse aides for practice at all levels.
      - Update site visit plan
      - Review site visit requirements
      - Review nursing school regulations and requirements
      - Discuss online education and clinicals



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- LPN apprenticeship/education programs
- Governance
  - To assure the governance framework and culture supports the board's Values and Guiding Principles and accomplishment of its Mission, Vision, and Goals.
    - Create formal strategic plan
    - Board member education and onboarding
- Communication
  - To facilitate information exchange between the board and its colleagues, stakeholder groups, the public, and other agencies.
    - Public board book
    - Engage with stakeholder (APRNA, AaNA, AHHA)
    - Engage with licensees beyond listserv
- Organization
  - To assure the organizational infrastructure supports the board's Mission, Vision, and Goals.
  - Support legislation to add APRN and CNA seats
  - Identify and advocate for additional education for licensing and investigative staff
- Develop action items for next meeting
  - Identifying a key person on the board to help move a section forward.
  - Place all the draft goals and information in the goal template for easier viewing. Review at the next board meeting.

### **Agenda Item 17: IV Functional Therapy and the need for guidelines**

Sarah Slater CRNA-APRN, AK Live Well

- Sarah brings concerns about IV hydration clinics that do not have patients have a physical assessment prior to being administered IV hydration (medication).
  - Recommendation to have patients file complaints to the various boards; Nursing, Medicine, Pharmacy, etc.
  - There is currently no specific regulation

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- Discussion about advisory opinion and possible future workgroup
- Sarah available to collaborate and offers to share her policies and procedures and research as needed.

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**RETURN: 12:00 p.m.**

### **Agenda Item 18: Division Update**

Nurse License Compact (NLC) Legislative Update - Sylvan Robb, Director

- House Bill 149
  - Several co-sponsors have picked up the Bill
- Senate Bill 130
  - Senator Olson is the sponsor but requested a sponsor change.
  - First time this Bill will be heard is during this legislative session.
    - Bills may not be heard the first time they are introduced.
    - Bills have to be heard then passed to move forward.
- This is a high priority for many key stakeholders for NLC.
- This was introduced to legislature 5 years ago
- Discussed other bills that may affect nursing such as temporary permits and sunset bill.
- The board of nursing continues to support the NLC
  - Recommendations for constituents to reach out to their legislators with their opinions on this bill.
    - Any Alaska can reach out house labor and commerce committee members in support of the NLC
  - Every Alaskan is impacted by the nursing shortage
- Washington state and Rhode Island have joined the NLC
- Pending legislation in Alaska, Hawaii, New York, Maine, Minnesota, Michigan, Washington D.C., Illinois.

NLC 2023 AK Survey Snapshot – Glenn Saviers, Deputy Director

- Survey Distributed Oct. 30, 2023 – Nov. 30, 2023
  - 4,593 completed the survey (22%)
  - 95% of respondents hold a RN license

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- 98% of respondents reported practicing nursing in the past 24 months
- 23% of respondents were members of a union
  - The union has been an opposition of the NLC in Alaska
- 92% of respondents are in favor of Alaska joining the compact
- 5% of respondents oppose Alaska joining the compact
- 3% of respondents expressed “no opinion” on Alaska joining the compact
- 89% of respondents with a primary residence in Alaska support Alaska joining the compact
- 85% of respondents who are members of a union support Alaska joining the compact
- 95% of respondents who hold a nursing license in at least one additional state support Alaska joining the compact
- Very similar to results seen in 2019
- These survey results and fact sheets are on the website

### **Agenda Item 19. PDMP Update**

Presenter Lisa Sherrell, PDMP Manager

- Demo will be available next board meeting
- Mandatory registration applies to those that have a DEA and prescribe controlled substance
  - Mandatory reporting for those that are prescribing
  - 1,356 is the number APRN registered in PDMP (not all numbers reflected due to INHS, Military, etc.)
  - Compliance is reviewed
- Gateway
  - Increase to 64% of reviews through Gateway
  - Launched another marketing campaign related to Gateway
  - Issues with military health system (MHS) and gateway, getting really close to integrating with the MHS
- Discussion about the APRN application if it should mirror what is on the medical application
  - Consider adding to the APRN application similarly with what the medical boards, adding unless qualified for an exemption on the I acknowledge section for those that only prescribe in the inpatient setting.

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- Dental and optometry also participate in the PDMP
  - Dental does not have a specific question about PDMP on their application
- Trying to become more uniform across the Boards
- Lisa will bring language to the next board meeting, to review for the next application process.

On a motion made by Danette Schloeder seconded by Lena Lafferty and carried with no opposed, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska Board of Nursing enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c).

**Enter Executive Session: 1:57 p.m.**

**Back in public session: 2:10 p.m.**

On a motion made by Lena Lafferty seconded by Wendy Monrad and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska board of Nursing accept the temporary 12-month suspension in lieu of a voluntarily suspension of licensure for case 2023-001191, pursuant to AS 08.68.270(7) and 12 AAC 44.770(9)(10)(12).

**Break: 2:11 p.m.**

**Return: 2:30 p.m.**

**Agenda Item 20: Public Comment/Testimony at 2:35pm**

Public testimony can be offered during a select time during the board meeting. The board will not take any action but may be considered for future board meetings.

- Beth Farnstrom – Alaska Nurses Association.
  - Thanks the board of nursing for the alternative to probation program.
    - Question that this being confidential and reported to NURSYs?
  - Has the board inquired to NCSBN about educational programs and small cohorts and what the criteria is for small cohorts?
  - Is there any increase in staff for the Board of Nursing?
  - Doesn't support the Board of Nursing traveling to other locations

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- The board is responsible for certifying CNA's not CMA's. The board should prioritize CNA's
- Consider changing the LPN seat to a CNA/LPN seat instead of adding another APRN
- Recommends that there should not be a fee increase for CNA, LPN, and RNs
- Thanks Jody Miller and Wendy Monrad for their service to the Board of Nursing
- Jeannie Monk – Senior VP for the Alaska Hospital Association
  - New Data AHA recently completed a survey
    - Overall, of growth and turnover creates a need for over 8,000 healthcare workers throughout Alaska
    - 1,400 RNs throughout the state
    - Alaska is on track to have the highest number of RN vacancies
    - 2022 almost 8,000 RNs who worked in Alaska (DOL data)
    - 2022 produced 324 statewide nursing graduates
    - Appreciates the role the Board of Nursing plays in the nursing workforce
    - Wonders if a goal on the strategic plan could include nursing workforce?
    - Discussed CNA's in the workforce, that Alaska needs about 800 new CNA's to work in Alaska.
      - 20% decrease in CNA's over the last 2 years
    - AHA has promoted CNA training and bonuses to increase the workforce
      - Concerned about the CNA workforce and wondering what the board is doing to increase the CNA workforce?
    - Concerned with the CNA notary requirement that is a burden to the CNA's to get into the workforce
  - Jason Sanders – RN working in Fairbanks, AK
    - Recent licensee in Alaska
    - Working on a proposal to bring to the next meeting
    - What the board of nursing stance is on delegating controlled substances that are scheduled?
      - Previously has been archived
      - Alaska School Medication Training which was last approved by the board in 2021, did state that nurses can delegate scheduled controlled substances which conflicts with the BON regulations
    - Clarification which patient Bill of Rights needs to be included

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**Public testimony closed at 2:54p.m.**

**Agenda Item 21:** Board of Nursing Acknowledgements:

Publicly recognize Wendy Monrad – APRN seat for 5 years and Jody Miller – LPN seat. Both have a very specialized group represented on the Board. The improvements that Wendy and Jody have brought forward have been amazing and greatly appreciated.

- The new member for the APRN seat is April Erickson. LPN seat and Public Member are currently open.
- Micheal Collins thanks Wendy and Jody for the efforts in moving the board forward for the profession of nursing.
- Wendy thanks the board for working together with the public and stakeholders.
- Jody thanks the board for the work and working together.

**Agenda Item 22: For the Good of the Order:**

- Assign/Review action items
  - Patty will work on reformatting our Strategic Plan
- Any further topics to cover
  - IV functional therapy
  - Continue to support Legislation
- Agenda ideas for future meetings
  - Lisa to come back with more information about the PDMP on the APRN application.

On a motion made by Wendy Monrad seconded by Jody Miller and carried with 6 Ayes, it was **RESOLVED** that the Alaska Board of Nursing adjourn until May 15, 2024.

**Adjournment. 3:02 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted.

Vianne Smith RN, Secretary, Alaska Board of Nursing

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Executive Administrator, Alaska Board of Nursing

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