

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2021

Alaska Board of Nursing



**Department of Commerce, Community
and Economic Development**

**Division of Corporations, Business
and Professional Licensing**

This annual performance report is presented in accordance with
Alaska statute AS 08.01.070(10).

Its purpose is to report the accomplishments, activities, and the
past and present needs of the licensing program.

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Identification of the Board

Board Member	Duty Station	Date Appointed	Term Expires*
Emily Schubert LPN Member *Resigned	Anchorage, AK	Feb 15, 2019	Jan 01, 2021
Danette Schloeder Registered Nurse, Chair	Anchorage, AK	Mar 01, 2019	Mar 01, 2023
Shannon Connelly Public Member, Secretary	Palmer, AK	Jan 25, 2019	Mar 01, 2022
Catherine Hample RN/Baccalaureate Education	Palmer, AK	Mar 01, 2021	Mar 01, 2025
Lena Lafferty Registered Nurse	Anchorage, AK	May 24, 2019	Mar 01, 2022
Wendy Monrad Advanced Nurse Practitioner	Anchorage, AK	Mar 01, 2020	Mar 01, 2024
Julie Tisdale Public Member	Wasilla, AK	Mar 01, 2019	Mar 01, 2023
Michael Wilcher LPN	Fairbanks, AK	Feb 17, 2021	Mar 01, 2024

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Identification of Staff

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Narrative Statement

The Annual Report reflects the Alaska Board of Nursing's support for acceptable standards in nursing practice and nursing education in Alaska. The members of the Board take their responsibility to protect the public very seriously. This year especially the Board's actions reflect their commitment to ensuring Alaskans have access to care in the face of a global health pandemic. The Board looks forward to another year of service to the Alaskan consumers of nursing care.

The Board of Nursing has over 20,847 total active licensees in six distinct categories: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses and Certified Nurse Aides, Retired Registered Nurses and preceptorship approval for Advanced Practice Nursing students. The Board grants various types of annual approval to three schools of nursing in Alaska and ensures that nursing education standards are maintained to ensure safe healthcare for the citizens of Alaska.

The Board of Nursing's notable accomplishments during FY 2021 include:

- Continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency declaration called by Governor Dunleavy.
- The Board Chair participated with other health board chairs and met bi-weekly to discuss how to best help interprofessionally and participated in rewriting health mandates and guidance to ensure safety of the citizens of Alaska.
- The Board Chair participated in bi-weekly calls with other health board members to actively improve compliance with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- Made emergency regulations telehealth 12 AAC 44.770(36), 12 AAC 44.925 and 12 AAC 44.990(33) permanent. The Board worked with key stakeholders, including ASHNHA and the APRN Alliance, on these regulations.
- Resolved that the certified nurse aide training program reviews could be completed virtually during the pandemic.
- Resolved to allow CNA programs in Alaska to work together to provide CNA students didactic and clinical training with an appropriate memorandum of agreement.
- Resolved to approve CNA programs to use simulation or primary care clinics as clinical options during a time period declared by the Governor as a disaster that impacts clinical practice.
- Waived CNA pass rate requirements until November 15, 2020.
- Provisionally approved the Alaska Pacific University Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Program.
- Expanded emergency courtesy licenses under 12 AAC 44.318 to assist facilities to meet staffing needs during the pandemic.
- Revised 12 AAC 44.315 to allow the department to set the license renewal date.
- Improved the ability for CNA programs to select instructors under 12 AAC 44.840(a).
- Increased the CNA competency evaluations under 12 AAC 44.850(e)(f).
- Delegated the creation and maintenance of a medication administration course to the State of Alaska Pioneer Home under 12 AAC 44.965.
- Emergency regulation to allow APRN's to prescribe, dispense, and administer buprenorphine via telehealth without an in person visit during an urgent situation.
- Adopted a low dose Ketamine Advisory Opinion.

FY 2021 Narrative Statement (continued)

- The Board reaffirmed its support of the Nurse License Compact (NLC). Director Sara Chambers and Chair Danette Schloeder testified during hearings for SB 67. Unfortunately, the bill did not pass out of committee. There is still NLC legislation in the House under HB 14 and HB 83.
- The Board engaged with both the public and the licensees by speaking at events. Chair Danette Schloeder spoke at the Certified Nurse Aide Instructor Conference.
- The Board made decisions on over 100 investigative cases this FY 2021.
- Chair Danette Schloeder serves as the Area 1 representative for the National Council of State Board of Nursing (NCSBN) NCLEX Examination Committee. Catherine Hample serves as a member of NCSBN's NCLEX Item Review Subcommittee.
- The board streamlined the meeting agendas and created templates for motions. This work has reduced the quarterly board meetings from three days to two days.
- During 10 months of FY 2020, the board did not have an Executive Administrator. The absence of this position resulted in additional responsibilities for both board members and staff. The Chair participated in interviewing prospective candidates. The current statutes specifically state that this position must have a Master's in Nursing. This job qualification reduced the qualified applicant pool. The Division hired an outstanding candidate who will begin in July 2021.

The Board of Nursing conducted (8) videoconference meetings during FY 2020:

- July 13, 2020 (Videoconference)
- August 19-20, 2020 (Videoconference)
- September 20, 2020 (Videoconference)
- November 4-5, 2020 (Videoconference)
- February 3-4, 2021 (Videoconference)
- April 5, 2021 (Videoconference)
- May 5-6, 2021 (Videoconference)
- May 18, 2021 (Videoconference)

After approval, the meeting minutes are posted on the Board of Nursing website: BON Meeting Minutes. An extensive range of issues were addressed by the Board of Nursing at its meetings which are detailed in the minutes and this report.

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2022

The Budget Recommendations section anticipates the board’s fiscal priorities for the upcoming year. Please complete all parts of this section with details about anticipated meetings, conferences, memberships, supplies, equipment, to other board requests. Meeting expenses that are being funded through third-party reimbursement or direct booking must be identified separately from expenses paid through license fees (receipt-supported services or RSS). Be sure to explain any items listed as “other” so they may be tracked appropriately.

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
August 4-5, 2021	Anchorage	7	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Lunch for 7 board members for 2 days (\$16)			\$224.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$224.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
November 4-5, 2021	Anchorage	7	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Lunch for 7 board members for 2 days			\$224.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$224.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
February 2-3, 2021	Juneau	7	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$1,000.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$1,500.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$120.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Lunch for 7 board members for 2 days			\$224.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$2,844.00

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Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
May 4-5, 2021	Anchorage	7	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Lunch for 7 board members for 2 days			\$224.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$224.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			\$0.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$0.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			\$0.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$0.00

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2022 (continued)

Travel Required to Perform Examinations

Not applicable

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare: \$0.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel: \$0.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Ground: \$0.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Conference: \$0.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Other: \$0.00 Describe "Other" (break out all sections):			
Total Estimated Cost:			\$0.00

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel (Rank in order of importance)

#1 Rank in Importance or Not Applicable

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
August 18-19	Virtual	1	1	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly of the National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). Regulatory, practice, education, and discipline issues. Alaska has two delegates for voting. This year this meeting is virtual.				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

#2 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
January 25, 2022	Scottsdale, AZ		1	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board: <i>2020 Executive Officer Forum</i> Executive Officers from around the country meet to exchange information, share strategies, and help solve problems the EOs face. It is a unique position for only 50 EOs in the entire country.				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections): meals				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$1,600.00	\$2,000.00

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

#3 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
March 15-17, 2022	St. Louis	1	1	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board: <i>2022 NCSBN Midyear Meeting</i> NCSBN meeting of all Board Chairs and Executive Officers. Regulatory issues, practice, education and discipline issues are discussed. Opportunity for sharing of solutions to common problems.				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections): meals				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$4,200.00	\$4,700.00

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

#4 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
January 20-21, 2022	Chicago	1		
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
Danette Schloeder serves as the Area 1 Member on this committee.				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):		meals		
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,450.00

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

#5 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
April 11-12, 2022	Chicago	1		
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
Danette Schloeder serves as the Area 1 Member on this committee.				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):		meals		
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,450.00

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

#6 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
May 5-6, 2022	St. Petersburg, FL		1	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
<i>IT/Operations Conference</i> NCSBN's conference for IT and Operations				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):		meals		
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,950.00

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

#7 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
4/12/2022	Rosemont, IL	1	1	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
<i>APRN Roundtable</i> Meeting of regulators, national certifications, and stakeholders in the APRN consensus model that Alaska is in the process of implementing.				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):		meals		
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2022 (continued)

Non-Travel Budget Requests

- Not Applicable Resources Examinations
 Membership Training Other

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
Continuing Education Update	Montana Nurses Association	\$600.00

Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

CNA Conference continuing education fee. \$400
 Nurse aide conference meets the Board objective that education programs meet adopted standards and prepare graduates for safe practice. This conference educates the CNA proctors and CNA instructors. Sharing of best practice ideas and concepts .

Non-Travel Budget Requests

- Not Applicable Resources Examinations
 Membership Training Other

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
		\$0.00

Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

Non-Travel Budget Requests

- Not Applicable Resources Examinations
 Membership Training Other

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
		\$0.00

Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2022 (continued)

Other Items with a Fiscal Impact		Cost Per Event:	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable		Number of Events:	0
Product or Service	Provider	Total Cost	
		\$0.00	
Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:			

Other Items with a Fiscal Impact		Cost Per Event:	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable		Number of Events:	0
Product or Service	Provider	Total Cost	
		\$0.00	
Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:			

Summary of FY 2022 Fiscal Requests	
Board Meetings and Teleconferences:	\$3,516.00
Travel for Exams:	\$0.00
Out-of-State and Additional In-State Travel:	\$12,850.00
Dues, Memberships, Resources, Training:	\$600.00
Total Potential Third-Party Offsets:	-\$12,850.00
Other:	\$0.00
Total Requested:	\$4,116.00

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Legislation Recommendations Proposed Legislation for FY 2022

No Recommendations

The Board has no recommendations for proposed legislation at this time.

Recommendations

The Board has the following recommendations for proposed legislation:

The board supports legislation to adopt the Nurse Licensure Compact.

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Regulation Recommendations Proposed Legislation for FY 2022

No Recommendations

The Board has no recommendations for proposed regulations at this time.

Recommendations

The Board has the following recommendations for proposed regulations:

- Alternative to Discipline Program
- APRN licensing and practice review
- Buphreorphine by telehealth
- Military LPN licensing

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Goals and Objectives

Part I

FY 2021's goals and objectives, and how they were met:

1. Update mission vision and values statements.

The Board made no changes to the mission, vision, or values statements.

2. Evaluate and update current strategic plan that is reflective of the updated mission vision and values.

The board reviewed the strategic plan and updated its 2021 goals at the May 2020 meeting.

3. Create a strategic plan dashboard to monitor progress toward the goals.

This continues to be ongoing work.

4. Continue legislative quest to become a member of the national Nurse Licensure Compact.

The board reaffirmed its support of the NLC and provided testimony during legislative hearings.

5. Create a quarterly newsletter that will highlight the history and success of Alaskan Nurses.

The board published its first newsletter in August 2020. Subsequent issues are on hold as work for the pandemic response took priority.

6. Completed PDMP multiple regulation projects to be in compliance and support evidenced based practice.

The board actively discussed the PDMP and strategized ways to improve compliance.

7. APRN application updates to coincide with new PDMP regulations.

The renewal application is not linked to PDMP registration.

8. Continue to engage with licensees through webinars, attending conferences, guest speaking in Alaska at events, participating in joint ventures with the Department of Health and Social Services and being available to answer questions in a timely fashion for licensees.

The board engaged licensees through response to questions, public testimony, and collaboration with key stakeholders such as the APRN Alliance and ASHNHA.

9. Ensure all nursing applications are online including the Certified Nurse Aide Application.

Ongoing.

10. Create a FAQ page on website for each license type so that the licensee can find what they need in a timely fashion.

Simplification of the website continues to be an ongoing project.

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Goals and Objectives

Part II

FY 2022's goals and objectives, and proposed methods to achieve them.

Describe any strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and required resources:

1. Support joining the Nurse Licensure Compact.
2. Investigate statute and regulation changes necessary to create an alternative to discipline program.
3. Review and update all advisory opinions.
4. Engage stakeholders on telehealth regulations.
5. Review APRN licensing requirements.
6. Adopt regulations on opioid prescribing to mirror other health professions.
7. Review the number of hours for professional activities on the renewal application.
8. Adopt regulations to allow members of the military with specific qualifications to take the LPN exam.
9. Collaborate with other health profession boards to standardize practice.
10. Support nursing education programs.

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Sunset Audit Recommendations

Date of Last Legislative Audit: 4/27/2018
Board Sunset Date: 6/30/2025

Audit Recommendation: The board adopted regulations to comply with all Sunset Audit Recommendations.

Action Taken:

Next Steps:

Date Completed: