

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2019

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.

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

#5 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
September 9, 2019	Phoenix, AZ	1		
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
2019 NCLEX conference NCSBN offering provides educators with the most current NCLEX program updates, offered by the experts who develop and administer the examinations. Joe Lefleur, our board member, has been chosen to be on the 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	\$600.00	\$600.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<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	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00

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

#6 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
April 7, 2020	Rosemont, IL	1		
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
APRN roundtable meeting. Discusses APRN consensus model and any changes-Alaska has adopted the national standards for the consensus model so any update would be very important for Alaska and well as input from Alaska delegate. (approximate costs)				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.00	\$2,150.00

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

#7 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
Jan 9-10, 2020	Chicago	1		
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
This meeting provides educators with the most current NCLEX program updates, offered by the experts who develop and administer the examinations.				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<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	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00

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

#8 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
June 2020 (2 day)	Not announced yet		1	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
2020 NCSBN Discipline case management conference. The 2019 will be taking place the 2 nd week in June so the 2020 conference isn't confirmed. Plan is to send one investigator.				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2020 (continued)

Non-Travel Budget Requests

- Not Applicable Resources Examinations
 Membership Training Other

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
		\$350.00

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

Montana Nurses Association CEU application fee for the annual CNA Instructor Conference.

Non-Travel Budget Requests

- Not Applicable Resources Examinations
 Membership Training Other

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
		\$250.00

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

Annual Continuing Education Meeting for the nurse consultant to attend.

Other Items with a Fiscal Impact

Cost Per Event: \$0.00

- Not Applicable

Number of Events: 0

Product or Service	Provider	Total Cost
		\$0.00

Summary of FY 2020 Fiscal Requests

Board Meetings and Teleconferences:	\$6,944.00
Travel for Exams:	\$0.00
Out-of-State and Additional In-State Travel:	\$21,750.00
Dues, Memberships, Resources, Training:	\$600.00
Total Potential Third-Party Offsets:	-\$21,750.00
Other (potential to change due to one vacant board position	\$0.00
Total Requested:	\$7,544.00

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Legislation Recommendations Proposed Legislation for FY 2020

No Recommendations

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

Recommendations

The Board has the following recommendations for proposed legislation:

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Regulation Recommendations Proposed Legislation for FY 2020

No Recommendations

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

Recommendations

The Board has the following recommendations for proposed regulations:

Telehealth - in progress

Notification to DEA and PDMP when an APRN's prescriptive authority has been revoked or suspended. In progress.

Closing an APRN office - what to do with records? In progress.

Military education pathway to sit for NCLEX-PN in compliance with Alaska LPN educational requirement-research and discussion phase by the Board with anticipated regulation changes.

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Goals and Objectives

Part I

FY 2019's goals and objectives, and how they were met:

- 1) Review of the Sunset Auditor's report and implementation of the recommendations. *4 recommendations:*
 - The board should adopt regulations to address the distance delivery of nursing services through technology.
 - The board should take steps to ensure the appropriate entities are notified when a licensee's prescriptive authority is suspended, revoked, or surrendered.
 - The DCBPL chief investigator should ensure nurse investigations are adequately documented and performed timely.
 - The board chair should take steps to ensure the required certified nursing aid (CNA) on-site training program reviews and self-evaluations are conducted prior to reapproving the programs.

- 2) Continue with regulatory projects and updating regulations related to telemedicine, board approved medication courses, and APRNs. Time will be set aside at each board meeting to discuss potential regulation changes and proposed regulation changes in process.

- 3) Active attendance and participation in NCSBN conferences, educational sessions, committees.

- 4) Nurse License Compact – continue due diligence in determining if this is best for the state. It will require statute change and expenses related to implementation.
 - The cost analysis is continuing. Rough numbers have been developed and it may be difficult to get it to pass with the recent licesing fee increase.
 - Major stakeholders / employers would like the eNLC to pass.

- 5) Consideration and possible implementation of an LPN apprenticeship program in the state.

- 6) Complete and update/review of the board approved medication course for unlicensed assistive personnel.

Goals and Objectives

Part II

FY 2020's goals and objectives, and proposed methods to achieve them.

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

Implement on going corrective measures identified in the Sunset Auditor's report for the Board of Nursing dated April 27, 2018.

The Board is currently working on a plan to implement change for the ***four recommendations:***

- 1) **The Board should adopt regulations to address the distance delivery of nursing services through technology.**

Draft regulations for telehealth are in the final stage. The board anticipates public comment will be completed before the August 2019 Board meeting. The board anticipates adoption by the end of 2019. No anticipated obstacles to implement.

- 2) **The Board should take steps to ensure the appropriate entities are notified when a licensee's prescriptive authority is suspended, revoked, or surrendered.**

Draft regulations pertaining to this recommendation were approved at the May 2019 meeting. These draft regulations are being sent for public comment. The board anticipates adoption of these regulations by the end of 2019. No anticipated obstacles to implement.

- 3) **The DCBPL chief investigator should ensure nurse investigations are adequately documented and performed timely.**

The division now has a standard operating procedure (SOP) to require investigative staff to enter case notes explaining any gaps between meaningful investigative activities greater than 60 days. The senior investigator will review any matters greater than one year to determine if adequate progression is being made and there are no unwarranted delays. The Board will receive quarterly updates from the investigative team. A regulation project is in progress to further complete the corrective measure the division's new SOP is implemented and reports are being received by the board. No anticipated obstacles to implement.

- 4) **The Board chair should take steps to ensure the required CNA on -site training program reviews and self-evaluations are conducted prior to reapproving the programs.**

The nurse consultant I position is filled to administer the Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) program review. Quarterly reports are made to the board at each of their meetings. The nurse consultant makes on site visits to each program every 2 years as required by federal regulations and a self-assessment of the program the other year. Documentation of the nurse consultant's evaluation of all CNA programs are available for review. No obstacles are anticipated if the nurse consultant position is filled.

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Sunset Audit Recommendations

Date of Last Legislative Audit: 4/27/18

Board Sunset Date: 6/30/25

Audit Recommendation:	The board should adopt regulations to address the distance delivery of nursing services through technology.
Action Taken:	Draft regulations are being reviewed prior to being put out for public comment
Next Steps:	Continue with the regulatory process
Date Completed:	On going

Audit Recommendation:	The board should take steps to ensure the appropriate entities are notified when a licensee’s prescriptive authority is suspended, revoked, or surrendered.
Action Taken:	Draft regulations are being reviewed prior to being put out for public comment
Next Steps:	Continue with the regulatory process so the DEA and NPDM will be notified when an APRN has had their prescriptive authority revoked or suspended.
Date Completed:	On going

Sunset Audit Recommendations (continued)

Audit Recommendation:	The DCBPL chief investigator should ensure nurse investigations are adequately documented and performed timely.
Action Taken:	The Chief Investigator is responsible for this recommendation. The number of cases from the Board of Nursing has not slowed as the BON continues to license or certify more applicants. The number of applicants in general has dramatically increased thus impacting investigations. Cases are prioritized. The system is a 1-4 system with 1 being the highest priority which would be cases of great potential for public harm and 4 being cases with low potential such as falsified applications.
Next Steps:	Prioritize cases where there is the possibility of patient harm. Continue to make the BON cases a priority by assigning available resources to the complaints and cases
Date Completed:	ongoing

Audit Recommendation:	The board chair should take steps to ensure the required CNA on site training program reviews and self-evaluations are conducted prior to reapproving the programs.
Action Taken:	The position is administered by a nurse consultant I. The position has been filled since December of 2017 to the present. The nurse consultant is keeping the site visits up to date, instituting new training requirements and is developing procedures and forms for long term management of the program.
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Date Completed:	The position is administered by a nurse consultant I. The position has been filled since December of 2017 to the present. The nurse consultant is keeping the site visits up to date, instituting new training requirements and is developing procedures and forms for long term management of the program.