

# *Annual Report*

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## *Fiscal Year 2019*

### **ALASKA BOARD OF NURSING**



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

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**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

July 1, 2018 -Jan 25, 2019

Board Member	Duty Station	Date Appointed	Term Expires
<b>Jennifer Stukey, LPN</b> Chairperson, LPN member	Wasilla, AK	Mar 01, 2016	Mar 01, 2020 <i>Replaced 2/15/19</i>
<b>Wendy Thon MSN, APRN</b> APRN seat, Secretary	Eagle River, AK	Mar 01, 2016	Mar 01, 2020 <i>Replaced 1/25/2019</i>
<b>Joseph Lefleur, MSN, Ed, RN</b> Nurse Educator Chairperson 4/17/19	Ketchikan, AK	Mar 01, 2017	Mar 01, 2020 <i>Replaced 4/24/19</i>
<b>Sharyl Toscano PhD, MS, RN-CPN</b> RN Member	Anchorage, AK	Mar 01, 2015	Mar 01, 2019
<b>Starla Fox, MSN, MBA, RN</b> RN Member	Dillingham, AK	May 26, 2017	Mar 01, 2022 <i>Replaced 1/25/19</i>
<b>Linda Hutchings</b> Public Member	Soldotna, AK	Jan 24, 2018	Mar 01, 2022 <i>Replaced 1/25/19</i>
<b>Vacant</b> Public Member	na	na	Mar 01, 2020

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 January 25, 2019 - May 24, 2019

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Duty Station</b>	<b>Date Appointed</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>Joseph Lefleur MSN, Ed, RN</b> Chair, Nurse Educator	Ketchikan, AK	Mar 01, 2017	Mar 01, 2021
<b>Emily Henry, LPN</b> LPN member	Anchorage, AK	Feb 15, 2019	Mar 01, 2020
<b>Wendy Monrad, APRN</b> APRN member	Anchorage, AK	Jan 25, 2019	Mar 01, 2020
<b>Danette Schloeder</b> RN Member	Anchorage, AK	Mar 01, 2019	Mar 01, 2023
<b>Shannon Connelly</b> Public Member	Palmer, AK	Jan 25, 2019	Mar 01, 2022
<b>Julie Tisdale</b> Public Member	Anchorage, AK	Mar 01, 2019	Mar 01, 2023
<b>Vacant</b> RN Member	City Location	na	Mar 01, 2022

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**Identification of the Board (continued)**  
May 25, 2019

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Duty Station</b>	<b>Date Appointed</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>Emily Henry, LPN</b> LPN member, Secretary	Anchorage, AK	Feb 15, 2019	Mar 01, 2020
<b>Wendy Monrad, APRN, MSN, CRNA</b> APRN member	Anchorage, AK	Jan 25, 2019	Mar 01, 2020
<b>Danette Schloeder MSN, RNC-OB</b> RN Member	Anchorage, AK	Mar 01, 2019	Mar 01, 2023
<b>Shannon Connelly</b> Public Member	Palmer, AK	Jan 25, 2019	Mar 01, 2022
<b>Julie Tisdale</b> Public Member	Anchorage, AK	Mar 01, 2019	Mar 01, 2023
<b>Lena Lafferty, RN, ADN</b> RN member	Anchorage, AK	May 24, 2019	Mar 01, 2022
<b>Catherine Hample, RN, CCRN, BSN, MSN, MHA, MBAHCA</b> Educator Seat	Wasilla, AK	May 24, 2019	Mar 01, 2021

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**Gail Bernth –APRN, MSN, RN Executive Administrator July 1, 2018 to February, 2019 - Presently vacant**

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### Identification of Staff (continued)

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**Beth Farnstrom, RN ,BSN -Nurse Consultant II March 2019-June 30, 2019**

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## FY 2019 Narrative Statement

The Annual Report reflects the Alaska Board of Nursing's continued attention and support for acceptable standards in nursing practice and nursing education in Alaska. The members of the Board take their responsibility to protect the public seriously and look forward to another year of service to the Alaskan consumers of nursing care.

*The Board of Nursing notable accomplishments during FY 2019 include:*

- Telehealth regulations and notification of APRN loss of prescriptive authority to the DEA and PDMP draft regulations are proceeding to public comment with anticipated adoption prior to December 2019.
- Continuing to explore / review the Nurse License Compact (eNLC)
- Continue with implementing corrective actions to the four recommendations cited in the April 2018 Sunset audit. BON sunset extended to June 30, 2025.
- Continue support of the Department as the development and implementation of an on-line licensing application process is progressing.
- Education: continue to look at an LPN apprenticeship, review of UAA, Charter, and Alaska Paicfic University nursing programs, support for RN to BSN programs beginning in the state, analysis of military medical programs and Alaska eduational requirements for NCLEX-PN, continue to work with the stakeholder to establish an in state LPN program.
- Reviewed and updated discipline guidelines and civil fines for not meeting the continuing competency requirements.
- Regulation updates in progress for herbal and non-herbal nutritional supplements.

*Board Member activities:*

- NCSBN Core Committee: Sharyl Toscano ended March 2019
- NCSBN APRN Roundtable: Wendy Thon ended March 2019
- Alaska State Department of Labor regarding LPN apprenticeship program: Jennifer Stukey and Joe Lefleur.
- Met with state School Nurses Association and Anchorage School District Nurses – working towards implementing LPNs into the school setting as an assistant to the school nurse in a safe manner – Jennifer Stukey and Gail Bernth.
- NCSBN NCLEX Item Review Subcommittee (NIRSC): Joe Lefleur ended May 2019

Five New Board members appointed, confirmed, and board orientation completed: Emily Henry, Wendy Monrad, Danette Schloeder, Shannon Connelly, Julie Tisdale. Marisha Dieters was appointed, attended one meeting but not confirmed. Lena Lafferty and Catherine Hample appointed May 24, 2019 with anticipate board orientation in June 2019. All 7 Board members are new in the past 6 months.

*Executive Administrator in representing the BON activities until February 2019:*

- Met with graduating class of RN students at UAA and Charter through February 2019
- Presentation and meetings with Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association
- NCSBN 2018 Annual meeting -participated in August
- Attended and participated in Alaska Nursing Action Coalition

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**Budget Recommendations for FY 2020**

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 7-9,2019	Anchorage	1	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$300.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$1,000.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$100.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Lunch for 7 board members for 3 days(\$16)			\$336.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost:</b>			<b>\$1,736.00</b>

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
November 13-15, 2019	Anchorage	1	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare: 1 travel			\$300.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$1,000.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$100.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Lunch for 7 board members for 3 days(\$16)			\$336.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost:</b>			<b>\$1736.00</b>

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
Feb 2020	Anchorage	1	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare: 1 travel			\$300.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$1,000.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$100.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Lunch for 7 board members for 3 days(\$16)			\$336.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost:</b>			<b>\$1,736.00</b>

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#### Budget Recommendations for FY 2020

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Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
May 2020	Anchorage	1	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare: 1 travel			\$300.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$1,000.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:			\$100.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Lunch for 7 board members for 3 days(\$16)			\$336.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost:</b>			<b>\$1,736.00</b>

#### Travel Required to Perform Examinations

Not applicable

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
<b>Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:</b>			
Quarterly meeting of the Board			

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### Budget Recommendations for FY 2020 (continued)

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

#1 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
August 20-23, 2019	Chicago,IL	2	1

**Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:**

The conference discusses regulatory, practice, education, and discipline issues. Alaska has two delegates for voting for NCSBN leadership positions, attendees network with member board form the same geographic area and community practice (knowledge network). Will ask NCSBN for additional board member to attend making a total of 3.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):meals				
<b>Net Total:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,400.00</b>	<b>\$5,400.00</b>

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

#2 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
March 3-5, 2020	Boston	1	1

**Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:**

NCSBN Midyear meeting. Alaska's voice by voting on issues that pertain to National nursing issues. Current information that affects nursing in Alaska. Networking. Education.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):				
<b>Net Total:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,200.00</b>	<b>\$6,200.00</b>

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

#3 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
June 23-24, 2020	unknown		1	
<b>Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:</b>				
1. NCSBN offering for executive administrators. conference discusses regulatory, practice, education, and discipline issues and networking. Estimated costs due to location details not known at this time.				
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	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<input checked="" 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):				
<b>Net Total:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

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

#4 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
October 2-4, 2019	Atlanta, GA	1		
<b>Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:</b>				
NCSBN Leadership and Public Policy				
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):				
<b>Net Total:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,300.00</b>	<b>\$2,300.00</b>

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

#5 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
September 9, 2019	Phoenix, AZ	1		
<b>Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:</b>				
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):				
<b>Net Total:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,400.00</b>	<b>\$1,400.00</b>

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

#6 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
April 7, 2020	Rosemont, IL	1		
<b>Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:</b>				
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):				
<b>Net Total:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,150.00</b>	<b>\$2,150.00</b>

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

#7 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
Jan 9-10, 2020	Chicago	1		
<b>Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:</b>				
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):				
<b>Net Total:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>

## 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	
<b>Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:</b>				
2020 NCSBN Discipline case management conference. The 2019 will be taking place the 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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):				
<b>Net Total:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,300.00</b>	<b>\$2,300.00</b>

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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
<b>Total Requested:</b>	<b>\$7,544.00</b>

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**Legislation Recommendations Proposed Legislation for FY 2020**

**No Recommendations**

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

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**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.

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**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

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

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

## Sunset Audit Recommendations (continued)

<b>Audit Recommendation:</b>	The DCBPL chief investigator should ensure nurse investigations are adequately documented and performed timely.
<b>Action Taken:</b>	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.
<b>Next Steps:</b>	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
<b>Date Completed:</b>	ongoing

<b>Audit Recommendation:</b>	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.
<b>Action Taken:</b>	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.
<b>Next Steps:</b>	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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