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Alaska Board of Nursing Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2023



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Identification of the Board

Board Member	Duty Station	Date Appointed	Term Expires
Lena M. Lafferty Registered Nurse (RN)	Anchorage	May 24, 2019	March 1, 2026
Jody Miller Practical Nurse (LPN)	Haines	March 23, 2022	March 1, 2024
Wendy Monrad Advanced Nurse Practitioner (APRN)	Anchorage	January 25, 2019	March 1, 2024
Danette Schloeder Chair, Registered Nurse (RN)	Anchorage	March 1, 2019	March 1, 2027
Vianne Smith RN / Baccalaureate Education	North Pole	August 3, 2022	March 1, 2025
Julie Tisdale Public Member	Anchorage	March 1, 2019	March 1, 2023
Vacant Public Member			

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Narrative Statement

The Annual Report reflects the Alaska Board of Nursing's ("Board") 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. The number of nursing applications received each year continues to rise. This increase coupled with continual board staffing shortages and turnover presented many challenges this past year. However, the Board looks forward to another year of service to the Alaskan consumers of nursing care.

The Board of Nursing has over 20,000 total active licensees in six distinct categories: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), Registered Nurses (RNs), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), Certified Nurse Aides (CNAs), 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's notable accomplishments during Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 include:

Regulation Projects

- Development of an Alternative Probationary Program
- Streamlining licensing requirements
- Reducing and streamlining requirements for a temporary permit
- Updating telehealth regulations to align with new telehealth law
- Inclusion of civil fines for disciplinary matters
- Inclusion of LPN scope of practice
- CNA regulations revisions

Supported Legislation

- Continued support of Nurse Licensure Compact HB 149
- Add telehealth bill to this section
- Active support of HB 392 which passed in the 32nd Legislative session to allow APRNs to sign death certificates and other end of life care
- Chair Schloeder served as Area 1 representative on NCLEX Exam Committee
- APRN member, Wendy Monrad participated in the APRN Alliance Telehealth Working Group
- Participation in Alaska PDMP work group, Board Chairs meeting, & APRN Alliance meetings
- Vianne Smith and Lena Lafferty participated in board member review of NCLEX questions
- Board representation on Nurse Tech workgroup by Vianne Smith
- Facilitated 12th annual Nurse Aide Instructor conference
- Completed 43 decisions on investigative cases

Narrative Statement (continued)

The Board of Nursing conducted 5 videoconference meetings during FY 2023:

- August 3-4, 2022
- August 22, 2022
- October 31-November 1, 2022
- February 1-2, 2023
- March 24, 2023 (adjourned due to lack of quorum)
- May 10-11, 2023

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.

Budget Recommendations for FY 2024

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 2-3, 2023	Anchorage, AK	7	2
	\$200.00		
⊠ Hotel:			\$350.00
□ Ground: □			\$50.00
\boxtimes Other (Please Specify): Lunch for 7 board members for 2 days (16 x 7 x 2 = 224)			\$224.00
Total Estimated Cost:			Cost: \$824.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
November 8-9, 2023	Anchorage, AK	7	2
⊠ Airfare:	\$200.00		
			\$350.00
□ Ground: □			\$50.00
\boxtimes Other (Please Specify): Lunch for 7 board members for 2 days (16 x 7 x 2 = 224)			\$224.00
Total Estimated Cost:			Cost: \$824.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
February 7-8, 2024	Juneau, AK	7	2
			\$1,000.00
			\$950.00
⊠ Ground:			\$150.00
\boxtimes Other (Please Specify): Lunch for 7 board members for 2 days (16 x 7 x 2 = 224)			\$224.00
Total Estimated Cost:			Cost: \$2,324.00

Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
May 8-9, 2024	Anchorage, AK	7	2
⊠ Airfare:	\$200.00		
			\$350.00
⊠ Ground:	\$50.00		
\boxtimes Other (Please Specify): Lunch for 7 board members for 2 days (16 x 7 x 2 = 224)			\$224.00
Total Estimated Cost:			Cost : \$824.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
December, 2024	Anchorage, AK		2
⊠ Airfare:*			\$400.00
⊠ Hotel:	\$350.00		
⊠ Ground:	⊠ Ground:		\$50.00
			\$200.00
 Cost of nurse consultant to fl conference. 	y from Ketchikan to Anchorage for 2-day	Total Estimated	Cost: \$1,000.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
September 25, 2023	Anchorage, AK	7	1
			\$200.00
⊠ Hotel:		\$150.00	
⊠ Ground:		\$50.00	
⊠ Other (Please Specify): Meals		\$0.00
		Total Estimated	Cost: \$400.00

Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)

Travel Required to Perform	Site Visits				
☐ Not Applicable					
Date	Location # Board # Staff				
April, 2024	Cities Listed Below	0	1		
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:					
- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		person site visits of CNA trainin anks, Sitka, Valdez, Soldotna, H			
			\$2,750.00		
⊠ Hotel:			\$1,950.00		
⊠ Ground:			\$1,200.00		
☐ Conference:					
○ Other (Please Specify):	Meals		\$750.00		
		Total Estimated Co	ost: \$6,650.00		
Travel Required to Perform	Examinations				
⋈ Not Applicable					
Date	Location	# Board	# Staff		
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Description of meeting and	l its role in supporting the m	nission of the Board:			
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Airfare:	l its role in supporting the n	nission of the Board:			
☐ Airfare:	l its role in supporting the n	nission of the Board:			
☐ Airfare: ☐ Hotel: ☐ Ground:	l its role in supporting the n	nission of the Board:			

Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel		(Rank in order o	of importance)		
Date	Location	# Board	# Staff		
August 15-17, 2024 Chicago, IL		1	1		
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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.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
			\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
⊠ Hotel:			\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
☑ Ground:		\$200.00		\$200.00
☐ Conference:				
☑ Other:		\$200.00		\$200.00
Describe "Other" (break	out all sections): Meals			
Net Total:		\$400.00	\$2,700.00	\$3,100.00

Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)

Out-of-State Meetings an	(Rank in order	of importance)	
⊠ #2 Rank in Importance or □ Not Applicable			
Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
March 26-28	1	1	

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

2023 NCSBN Midyear Meeting NCSBN meeting of all Board Chairs and Executive Officers. Regulatory issues, practice, education and discipline issues are discussed. Opportunity for sharing solutions to common problems.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
			\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
⊠ Hotel:			\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
☑ Ground:		\$200.00		\$200.00
☐ Conference:				
⊠ Other:		\$300.00		\$300.00
Describe "Other" (break o	out all sections): Meals			
Net Total:		\$500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00

Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)

Out-of-State Meetings an #3 Rank in Importance	(Rank in order	of importance)	
Date Location		# Board	# Staff
June 21-23, 2023	Newport Beach, CA	0	1

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

Executive Officer Summit Annual meeting of Executive Officers to discuss regulatory, programmatic, and licensing issues and solutions.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
⊠ Airfare:			\$600.00	\$600.00
⊠ Hotel:			\$600.00	\$600.00
⊠ Ground:		\$100.00		\$100.00
☐ Conference:				
⊠ Other:		\$100.00		\$100.00
Describe "Other" (break	out all sections): Meals			
Net Total:		\$200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,400.00

Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)

Out-of-State Meetings an ⋈ #4 Rank in Importance	(Rank in order	of importance)	
Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
January 16-17, 2024 Chicago, IL 1 0			
January 16-17, 2024	1	0	

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

 ${\sf NCLEX}$ Exam Committee Danette Schloeder is the area 1 representative on this committee .

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
			\$600.00	\$600.00
⊠ Hotel:			\$400.00	\$400.00
⊠ Ground:		\$100.00		\$100.00
☐ Conference:				
⊠ Other:		\$200.00		\$200.00
Describe "Other" (break	out all sections): Meals			
Net Total:		\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00

Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)

Out-of-State Meetings an	(Rank in order	of importance)	
Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
April 16-17, 2024 Chicago, IL 1 0			

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

NCLEX Exam Committee Danette Schloeder is the area 1 representative on this committee.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
☑ Airfare:			\$600.00	\$600.00
⊠ Hotel:			\$400.00	\$400.00
☑ Ground:		\$100.00		\$100.00
☐ Conference:				
⊠ Other:		\$200.00		\$200.00
Describe "Other" (break	out all sections): Meals			
Net Total:		\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00

Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)

Out-of-State Meetings an ⊠ #6 Rank in Importance	(Rank in order	of importance)	
Date Location		# Board	# Staff
September 14-15, 2024	Chicago, IL	1	0

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

NCLEX Item Review Subcommittee Chair Schloeder is the Chair of the NCLEX Item Review Subcommittee which meets annually to review NCLEX questions.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
⊠ Airfare:			\$600.00	\$600.00
⊠ Hotel:			\$400.00	\$400.00
⊠ Ground:		\$100.00		\$100.00
☐ Conference:				
⊠ Other:		\$200.00		\$200.00
Describe "Other" (break	out all sections): Meals			
Net Total:		\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00

Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)

Out-of-State Meetings an	(Rank in order	of importance)	
⊠ #7 Rank in Importance			
Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
May 31-June 2, 2024	1	0	

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

NCLEX Item Review Subcommittee

Chair Schloeder is the Chair of the NCLEX Item Review Subcommittee which meets annually to review NCLEX questions.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
			\$600.00	\$600.00
⊠ Hotel:			\$400.00	\$400.00
⊠ Ground:		\$100.00		\$100.00
☐ Conference:				
⊠ Other:		\$200.00		\$200.00
Describe "Other" (break	out all sections): Meals			
Net Total:		\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00

Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)

Out-of-State Meetings and	(Rank in order	of importance)	
$oxtimes$ #8 Rank in Importance or \oornightarrow Not Applicable			
Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
May 23-25, 2024	Chicago, IL	0	2

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

Discipline Case Management Conference/Discipline Training

This meeting provides training specific to Board of Nursing investigators.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
⊠ Airfare:			\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
⊠ Hotel:			\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
⊠ Ground:		\$200.00		\$200.00
☐ Conference:				
⊠ Other:		\$300.00		\$300.00
Describe "Other" (break	out all sections): Meals			
Net Total:		\$500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00

Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel			of importance)
Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
October 10-11, 2023	Chicago, IL	1	0

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

NCLEX Exam Committee. Danette Schloeder is the area 1 representative on this committee.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
⊠ Airfare:			\$600.00	\$600.00
⊠ Hotel:			\$400.00	\$400.00
⊠ Ground:		\$100.00		\$100.00
☐ Conference:				
⊠ Other:		\$200.00		\$200.00
Describe "Other" (break	out all sections): Meals			
Net Total:		\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00

Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel (Rank in order of importance)			of importance)
oxtimes #10 Rank in Importance or $oxtimes$ Not Applicable			
Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
April 11-12, 2024	Chicago, IL	1	0

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

APRN Roundtable.

APRN member Wendy Monrad will attend the national meeting for APRNs hosted by NCSBN.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
⊠ Airfare:			\$500.00	\$500.00
⊠ Hotel:			\$600.00	\$600.00
⊠ Ground:		\$100.00		\$100.00
☐ Conference:				
⊠ Other:		\$200.00		\$200.00
Describe "Other" (break	out all sections): Meals			
Net Total:		\$300.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,400.00

Budget Recommendations for FY 2024 (continued)

Non-Travel Budget Requests			
oxtimes Not Applicable $oxtimes$ F	Resources	☐ Examinations	
☐ Membership ☐ T	raining	☐ Other	
Product or Service	Provider		Cost Per Event
Description of item and its role in supporting	the mission of the Board:	<u> </u>	
Other Items with a Fiscal Impact			
☑ Not Applicable		Cost Per Event:	
		Number of Events	:
Product or Service	Provider		Cost Per Event
Description of item and its role in supporting	the mission of the Board:	1	
Summary of FY 2024 Fiscal Requests:			
Board Meetings and Teleconferences:			\$6,196.00
Travel for Exams:			\$6,650.00
Out-of-State and Additional In-State Travel:			\$18,100.00
Dues, Memberships, Resources, Training:			\$0.00
Total Potential Third-Party Offsets:		-	\$18,100.00
Other:			\$0.00
Total Requested:			\$12,846.00

Legislative Recommendations - Proposed Legislation for FY 2024

	No Recommendations The Board has no recommendations for proposed legislation at this time.
×	Recommendations The Board has the following recommendations for proposed legislation:
	se Licensure Compact slation to add members to the Alaska Board of Nursing and reassign mandatory seats

Regulation Recommendations - Proposed Regulations for FY 2024

	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:
	navy to LPN education regulation ech regulations
	ope of practice
• CNA pr	ogram requirement regulation

Goals and Objectives

Part I

FY 2023's goals and objectives and how they were met:

- (1) Continued efforts to advance the NLC submitted statement of support, provided testimony to legislature.
- (2) Implement ADP program continued work on regulations, completed law review, public comment, changed name to Alternative Probation Program.
- (3) Reviewing and updating advisory opinion work sessions each board meeting to update advisory opinions. Determined if archived, updated or made no change.
- (4) Improve communication between board and licensee held CNA Instructor Conference, NexGen Presentation at board member, presentations to schools of nursing, AHHA CNO conference, school nurse conference, Vianne's work on nurse tech task force, Wendy on APRN Alliance telehealth work group.

Goals and Objectives (continued)

Part II

FY 2024's goals and objectives, and proposed methods to achieve them.

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

- (1) Licensure: continued support of NLC, continuing to look for efficiencies in the licensing process, CNA certification requirements regulation project.
- (2) Practice: update disciplinary matrix, LPN scope of practice regulation.
- (3) Education: update site visit plan, reviewing nursing school regulations and requirements.
- (4) Communication: public board book (agenda, presentations).
- (5) Governance: Create a formal strategic plan, engage with stakeholders.
- (6) Organizational: support legislation to add additional board member seats (APRN & CNA or switch a public member to one of those).

Strengths – Works well together, mission focused, regulations work, excellent support from regulations team, staff and LAW, very engaged public members.

Weakness – Initiating legislation, two vacant seats (inability to recruit/retain public members).

Opportunities – Engagement with other professional nursing organizations and stakeholders and other boards and other boards of nursing.

Threats – Lack of consensus among key stakeholders, lack of complete board, delays in process (bureaucracy in moving things forward), political threat to passage of NLC.

Resources – Additional board members, regulations specialists, department of law, legislators willing to support legislation, board of nursing staff.

Sunset Audit Recommendations

Date of Last Legislative Audit: 4/27/2018

Board Sunset Date: 6/30/2025
Audit Recommendation:
The board should adopt regulations to address the distance delivery of nursing services through technology.
Action Taken:
Completed in previous year(s), see FY20 Annual Report.
Next Steps:
N/A
Complete: No Yes If yes, date completed: 5/6/2020
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:
Completed in previous year(s), see FY20 Annual Report.
Next Steps:
N/A
Complete: ☐ No ☒ Yes If yes, date completed: 8/31/2020

Sunset Audit Recommendations (continued)

Audit Recommendation:		
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.		
Action Taken:		
Completed in previous year(s), see FY20 Annual Report.		
Next Steps:		
N/A		
Complete: No Yes If yes, date completed: 6/6/2020		