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Welcome New Board Member Patricia R. Johnson

The Honorable Kathleen B. Blanco, Governor of Louisiana, recently appointed a new Board member, Patricia R. Johnson, MN, RN, CNA, which fills the vacancy created by the term completion of Frankie Rosenthal, MSN, RN, CNS, CNA. In addition, the Governor reappointed Deborah Olds, MS, RN, CPHRM, who was eligible to serve another term. Welcome to Mrs. Johnson in her new appointment and congratulations to Mrs. Olds on her reappointment. The Louisiana State Board of Nursing commends Frankie Rosenthal for her years of outstanding service and dedication as a board member.

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Legislative Highlights 2007

The following bills were enacted in the 2007 Legislative Session and may be of interest to you:

HB 246 (became Act 293)

Provides for the certification of medication attendants to work in licensed nursing homes. This bill establishes a pilot program that shall authorize certification of medication attendants to perform certain functions in licensed nursing homes until August 1, 2011. Provides for the authorization of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to certify medication attendants to work in licensed nursing homes.

New law authorizes certified medication attendants to deliver and administer certain medications under the supervision of a licensed nurse by the following methods:

- (1) Orally.
- (2) Topically.
- (3) Drops for eye, ear, or nose.
- (4) Vaginally.
- (5) Rectally.
- (6) Transdermally.
- (7) Via oral inhaler.

New law prohibits certified medication attendants from administering controlled dangerous substances; medications by intramuscular, intravenous, or subcutaneous routes; medications by the oral inhalant aerosol route; and medications ordered on an as-needed basis.

New law further prohibits certified medication attendants from receiving or assuming responsibility for reducing to writing oral or telephone orders, performing a task involving the administration of medication if the medication requires an assessment of the patient's physical status, and performing a task involving the administration of medication if the patient is unstable.

New law requires the department, in conjunction with an advisory committee, to promulgate rules and regulations by March 31, 2008, for the enforcement of new law, including an establishment of an administration course which contains a minimum of one hundred hours. Members of the advisory committee include one representative of each of the following:

- Louisiana State Nurses' Association,
- Louisiana Board of Pharmacy,
- Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners,
- Louisiana State Board of Nursing,
- Louisiana State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program,

HB 246 (Cont...)

Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, and Louisiana Nursing Home Association.

New law requires that a permanent register of all certified medication attendants be maintained by the department. Further requires any nursing home utilizing a medication attendant to verify the attendant's current certification in the registry.

New law provides for the qualifications an applicant for the medication administration course must meet.

New law terminates on August 1, 2011.
Effective upon signature of governor (July 9, 2007).
(Adds R.S. 37:1026.1-1026.9)

HCR 202

Request the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to study the scope of practice of registered nurses to work as qualified medical personnel to perform medical screening examinations(MSE) in rural hospitals and report its findings to the House and Senate Health and Welfare Committees by March 1, 2008. The current interpretation of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing is that only APRNs are authorized to perform MSEs. Rural hospitals brought forth this resolution in a concern that rural hospital settings can ensure that rural residents have access to hospitals with sufficient personnel consistently available to meet EMTALA regulations. The resolution charges the Board to conduct a study of this matter with a committee comprised of a representative from each of the following:

- Louisiana State Nurses Association
- Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners
- Rural Hospital Coalition
- Medicaid director of the DHH
- Louisiana State Medical Society

SCRI09

Request the Senate and House committees on health and welfare to study and make recommendations with respect to a process for dealing with issues of the scope of practice for various medical and health care disciplines. Requires written report by 1/1/08.

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SB282 (Became Act 274)

Provides for the timely reporting of impaired health care professionals

New law finds that impaired health care professionals represent a threat to the public and that it should be an important function of professional licensing boards to protect the public from health care professionals who are or may be impaired.

New law provides definitions to be used in new law, including a definition of the term "professional licensing board" as the La. State Board of Medical Examiners, La. State Board of Nursing, the La. State Board of Dentistry, or the La. State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

New law provides that, except in certain circumstances, a health care entity shall report each instance in which the health care entity takes an adverse action against a health care professional due to impairment or possible impairment or accepts the surrender of clinical privileges, the resignation of employment or a contractual relationship, or the withdrawal from participation in a health care training program of or by a health care professional under certain conditions.

New law provides that a report shall not be required when a health care professional is granted a leave of absence for evaluation or treatment of impairment or possible impairment provided specified conditions are met.

New law provides that the reports shall be in writing and shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) The name, address, telephone number, and category of license of the health care professional.
- (2) The date and nature of the action taken and a description of the acts or omissions or other reasons for action.
- (3) Other information regarding the circumstances of the action as the department or the professional licensing board deems appropriate.

New law provides the reports shall be made to the appropriate professional licensing board within 72 hours of the adverse action, surrender, resignation, or withdrawal.

New law provides for the confidentiality of such reports and specifies such reports received by the professional licensing boards shall not be deemed to be or be treated as public records.

SB282 (Cont...)

New law further provides a reference to such new law exemption in the laws relative to public records.

New law for the limitation of liability for mandatory reporters (health care entities and employees and agents of such entities), unless the reporter knew of the falsity of the information.

New law provides that any information reported by a health care entity is intended to be used solely by the professional licensing board in furtherance of their statutory obligation.

Effective August 15, 2007.

SCR97

Requests Senate and House committees on health and welfare to jointly study the medical staffing agency industry in Louisiana to ascertain the effect of medical staffing agencies on the delivery of quality health care in this state and to determine whether the industry should be subject to registration, licensure, or other regulation, and report its findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to the governor and the legislature by 12/31/07. Requires the joint committee to hold its first meeting on the study no later than 7/31/07 and charges the committee to seek the advice, input, and recommendations of the following:

Department of Health and Hospitals
Louisiana Health Care Commission
Louisiana Hospital Association
Louisiana State Board of Nursing
Louisiana Staffing Association
Louisiana State Medical Society
Louisiana State Nurses Association
Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners

These are just a few of the bills the Board tracked during the 2007 legislative session, thought to be of interest of you. Information on the 2007 Legislative Session and other bills that may be of interest to you can be found at <http://www.legis.state.la.us>.

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2007 State Holidays

Labor Day (statute)	Monday, September 3, 2007
Veterans' Day (statute)	Monday, November 12, 2007
Thanksgiving Day (statute)	Thursday, November 22, 2007
Acadian Day (by proclamation)	Friday, November 23, 2007
Christmas Day (statute)	Tuesday, December 25, 2007

* Holidays listed "by proclamation" are not legal holidays until proclaimed by the governor of Louisiana.

Lost and Stolen Licenses

The list of lost and stolen licenses for 2007 is located at the LSBN website at

<http://www.lsbn.state.la.us/Documents/Examiners/ExaminerSummer2007LostLicenses.pdf>

Board Meeting Dates

Board meeting and the bi-annual meeting of the Advisory Council will held on the following dates:

Committee Meeting

(Administrative, Credentialing, Education, Compliance, and Practice Committees)

All scheduled for first day when possible. If a second day is needed it will be noted on the posted agenda.

October 23-24, 2007

January 22-23, 2008

Board Meeting

September 10, 11, & 12, 2007

December 10, 11, & 12, 2007

March 10, 11, & 12, 2008

Advisory Council Meeting

September 10, 2007

Update Your Personal Information

Updates to your personal information should be done periodically to keep contact information current. Use the "Online Services" link on our website to access the following areas:

"My Profile" – allows you to change e-mail address and your secret question.

"Address Change" – allows you to change your home and/or business addresses and phone numbers.

Name changes should be done immediately as they occur. To change your name with LSBN, you are required to submit a hard copy of documents that support the name change (court orders, marriage licenses, etc.).

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Notifications

ATTENTION Nurses Who Have Student Loans

If you borrowed money for your nursing education through the Louisiana Education Loan Program (Lela) anytime on or after July 1, 2001, you may be eligible for 0% interest.

The HELP Nurses (Higher Education Loan Program) is being introduced by Lela to help retain nurses and nurse educators in Louisiana by providing them with interest-free federal education loans. HELP Nurses is funded and administered by Lela at no cost to the state. Lela, a division of the Louisiana Public Facilities Authority, is Louisiana's non-profit student loan provider.

If Lela is your lender and you are still repaying your loan, go to their website (www.lela.org) or call them at 1-800-228-4755 to see if you qualify for an interest waiver or for more information.

ATTENTION Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Administrative Simplification Standard. The NPI is a unique identification number for covered health care providers. Covered health care providers and all health plans and health care clearinghouses will use the NPIs in the administrative and financial transactions adopted under HIPAA. The NPI is a 10-position, intelligence-free numeric identifier (10-digit number). This means that the numbers do not carry other information about healthcare providers, such as the state in which they live or their medical specialty. Beginning May 23, 2007 (May 23, 2008, for small health plans), the NPI must be used in lieu of legacy provider identifiers in the HIPAA standards transactions.

According to the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, if you are a health care provider who bills for services, you probably need an NPI. If you bill Medicare for services, you definitely need an NPI. Getting an NPI is free. For additional information, refer to:
www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/

The Recovering Nurse Program

What Is The Recovering Nurse Program?

The Recovering Nurse Program (RNP) may be a confidential, voluntary alternative to formal disciplinary action for registered nurses who may be impaired due to the habitual or regular use of drugs and/or alcohol. Nurses may also be ordered into the RNP for monitoring when there is disciplinary action.

Why Was The Recovering Nurse Program Established?

It is estimated that 10 to 14% of nurses are dependent on alcohol and/or mood altering drugs.

A registered nurse who habitually or regularly uses alcohol and/or other drugs presents a potential danger to his/her patients because the use of chemicals can impair the nurse's ability to safely practice nursing.

There are currently 395 participants in the Recovering Nurse Program. Of the 395, 236 voluntarily entered the program; they are in the program confidentially with an active, unencumbered license.

In 2006, 28 participants successfully completed the program.

If you have any questions or believe that you may be a candidate for the Recovering Nurse Program please contact Cathy Storm at 504-838-5422.

On occasion, registered nurses are reported to the Board for submitting a positive drug screen without a prescription. If a facility has a positive drug screen and the nurse is unable to produce a legitimate prescription, the facility reports this to the Board. Please be aware that if a nurse takes a family member's prescribed narcotic or takes a narcotic from an outdated prescription, and tests positive, he/she may be contacted by RNP to determine if there is a substance problem.

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Disciplinary Actions from the June 11-13, 2007 Board Meeting

The files of 104 registrants were reviewed with a total of 109 following actions taken (some individuals had more than one action):

Reinstatements

Granted/Stipulations/Active	5
Granted/Inactive	1

Discipline Actions

Summary Suspension (Ratify)	1
Suspended/Stipulations	3
Voluntary Surrender	2
Automatic Suspension/Ratify Staff Action	20
Suspend with Stay/Probate	6
Reprimand	11

Endorsement

Applicant: NCLEX Approved/Probation/Stipulations	4
Applicant: Deny/Delay/Stipulations	1
Applicant: Approved/Stipulations	1
Student: Clinical Approve/Probation/Stipulations	18
Student: Clinical Deny/Delay/Stipulations	9

Special Statistics Included in Above

Consent Orders	42
Settlement Orders	9
Applicant: NCLEX	5
Student's Clinical	26

Major Motions of the June 11-13, 2007 Board Meeting

Administrative Issues

Approved to direct board staff to implement the distribution of "The Examiner" via electronic format to all licensees for whom the board has email addresses.

Approved budget adjustments for Fiscal Year July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007.

Adopted and signed the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for audit engagements of government entities.

Online Licensure Renewal

Online Licensure Renewal starts October 1st, 12:00am. Online renewal of licensure is **mandatory** this year. To renew online, visit <http://www.lsbm.state.la.us> and select "Online Services" to begin the process.

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Education Issues

Approved the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center BSN Program Major curriculum change.

Accepted notification that the Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing (ICMSN) has changed structure to include only three schools: McNeese State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and approved the ICMSN request that the three schools be referenced as one entity for all Louisiana State Board of Nursing matters, including annual reports.

Recommended appointment of a task force and invite chairs and/or department heads or the appropriate resource person from the schools to a meeting to revise the annual report form and that is subsequently be reproduced in an electronic format. Further, the task force should include Dr. Donnie Booth as the representative from the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission and the President of LaCane (or their representative).

Recommended to initiate rulemaking for use of a 60 minute period to equal one (1) contact hour of continuing education.

Approved policy and procedure for "Conditional Approval for Programs in Nursing".

Other Issues

Accepted update of the 2007 Regular Legislative Session and tracking report of all bills currently being monitored by Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

Accepted the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing regarding licensing and registration of health professionals in a disaster and authorized the Executive Director of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to enter into an agreement with DHH.

Approved the addendum for Datacenter Virtual Hosting Services proposal as a component to ensure business continuation in the event of a disaster.

Compliance Issues

Approved the policy on Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) in the Recovering Nurse Program (RNP) and changes to the RNP program specifications.

Nurse Practice Issues

Recommended the establishment of a Task Force to identify the RN role in the assessment to determine/certify false labor. The Task Force will include:

- Board Member as Chair, and two Board Members (Gerald Bryant, James Harper, and Deborah Olds)
- One (1) RN from Woman's Hospital
- Two (2) APRNs, one a Women's Healthcare Nurse Practitioner (WHNP) and the second a Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)
- One (1) RN from LSNA
- One (1) Obstetrical staff Registered Nurse
- One (1) Obstetrician, recommended by Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS)
- One (1) MD, recommended by the LA Medical Board
- One (1) Nursing Administrator, recommended by Louisiana Organization of Nurse Executives (LONE)

NCSBN Issues

Approved to assign Deborah Olds, President and Barbara Morvant, Executive Director and their designees as delegates for the NCSBN's Annual Meeting.

Unfinished Business

Adopted revisions to LAC 46:XLVII.3515 Faculty and Faculty Organizations.

Accepted report and update of rulemaking of LAC 46:XLVII.4513 Authorized Practice.

Credentialing Issues

Approved the Hospice and Palliative Nurse certification from the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN) as a Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) approved Continuing Education requirement.

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Legend

Charges

- AJ** : Action in Another Jurisdiction
CA : Criminal Arrest
CC : Criminal Conviction
DA : Drug Abuse
DE : Documentation Errors
DL : Denial of License Based on Previous Convictions
DR : Other Drug-Related Charge
F : Fraud
FA : Failure to Disclose
FD : Falsifying Documentation
FM : Failure to Maintain Minimum Standards
FR : Falsifying Records
FT : Failure to Complete Drug Test
FV : Failure to Report Violations
LD : Leaving Duty Station
NC : Non-Compliant with RNP
ND : Narcotics Discrepancies
PB : Prior Board Action
PC : Prior Criminal Action
PD : Positive Drug Screen
PS : Practicing Beyond Scope
PL : Practicing Without a Permit or License
UP : Unsafe Practice

Actions

- CO** : Consent Order
S : Student
R : Ratified
SO : Settlement Order
A : Applicant
RNP : Recovering Nurse Program

Abel, Kelly Nicole (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/advance/continue in clinical nursing courses with probation minimum 18 months with stipulations.
Charges: PC

Allen, Ebonyaeda Sade (R) (S)

Delayed approval to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses until the court ordered probation is completed.

Anderson, Monica King (R)

Suspended license for minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Armand, Kenneth Gerald (R)

Suspended license for minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

Bergeron, Elizabeth Lee (R) (S)

Delayed approval to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses until all pending criminal charges are resolved.

Berry, Matthew John (S)

6/8/07 Denied approval to enter/continue in clinical nursing courses based on a crime of violence, Possession of Dangerous Weapons.
6/13/07 Approved to enter/continue in clinical nursing courses with probation minimum 3 years with stipulations.
Charges: CC

Boogaerts, Bridget Catherine (SO)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct

Blansett, Geoffrey Norris (CO)

License suspended with a stay of said suspension, probated 36 months with stipulations.
Charges: Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance Abuse.

Bordelon, Dianne Patricia (CO)

License reinstated to active status, probated minimum 24 months with at least 12 months of supervised employment during probation period with stipulations.

Brai, Rose Marie (CO)

License suspended with a stay of said suspension, probated 18 months with stipulations.
Charges: DR, ND; FM; Failure to Assess; FD

Brewer, Thomas Riordan (CO) (A)

Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN and licensure with probation minimum 1 year with stipulations.
Charges: PC

Brown, Merriel Gamble (R)

Suspended license due to Action in Another Jurisdiction.

Brown, Trenese (SO)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct

Brumfield, Brittany Lynn (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/advance/continue in clinical nursing courses with probation minimum 1 year with stipulations.
Charges: PC

Caceres, Robin Pizzo (SO)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct

Chapman, Diana Steed (R)

Suspended license due to Action in Another Jurisdiction.

Chen, Haley Roberts (R) (S)

Denied approval to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Coleman, Felicia D. (R) (S)

Denied approval to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses based on the conviction of a crime of violence, Aggravated Assault.

Culver, Ernie Duane (CO) (A)

Approved for licensure with reprimand, stipulations and fine.
Charges: PC; FA; PL

Cureau, Timothy L (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/advance/continue in clinical nursing courses with probation minimum 2 years with stipulations.
Charges: PC

Dopson, Bobby Ray (CO)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.
Charges: CC: Misdemeanor

Doyle, Kimberly Mechen (SO)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct

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Edwards, Shamecka Sharelle (R) (S)

Delayed approval to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses until all pending criminal charges are resolved

Espino, Harett Ortega (SO)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct

Estle, Craig Matthew (CO)

License suspended with a stay of said suspension, probated 18 months with stipulations.
Charges: PD

Fisher, Marti O'Banion (R)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Fontenot, Mark Patrick (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/advance/continue in clinical nursing courses with probation minimum 2 years with stipulations.
Charges: PC

Golen, Judy Visser (R)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Grant, Katina Deshun (R) (S)

Denied approval to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses based on the conviction of a crime of violence, Aggravated Assault.

Harris, Zabrina Dishelle (CO) (A)

Approval granted to take the NCLEX-RN, to be issued a probated temporary permit, and receive a probated license for minimum 8 months upon passing the NCLEX-RN, with stipulations.

Henson, Vicki Mecham (CO)

Suspension is stayed, eligible for reinstatement after completing the application process, with probation/RNP minimum of 5 years with stipulations.

Hess, Theresa Boyer (CO)

License is reinstated to an inactive status with stipulations to complete prior to reinstatement. Upon reinstatement to active status, license will be probated minimum 24 months with at least 12 months of supervised employment with stipulations.

Hester, Anne Williams (R)

Suspended license for minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

Hutson, Mary Elizabeth (CO)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.
Charges: PL

Jackson, Keione Wilson (R)

Suspended license for minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Jenkins, Patricia Allen (SO) (S)

Approved to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses with probation minimum 2 years with stipulations.
Charges: CC

Johnson, Amanda Laurie (SO)

Eligible for reinstatement with probation minimum 2 years with stipulations.

Joseph, Penny Pense (CO) (A)

Approval granted to be issued temporary permit, take the NCLEX RN and be licensed with probation minimum 13 months and RNP 3 years with the effective date July 26, 2005 with stipulations.

Kirkpatrick, Charles Anthony (R)

Suspended license for minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

Lamke, Daniel Burton (CO)

License suspended with a stay of said suspension, probated 2 years with stipulations.
Charges: DR

Lamm, Erika Ney (CO)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.
Charges: PL

Larkin, Danneel Marie (R)

Suspended license minimum 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

Leger, Lisa Michelle (CO)

4/27/07 Summarily suspended license due to narcotic discrepancies.
6/4/07 Voluntary Surrender of license minimum 2 years with stipulations for reinstatement.

McClanahan, Tamara Lynn Crappel (R)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

McDaniel, Chad Edward (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/advance/continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 1 year with stipulations.
Charges: PC

McNeal, Damita Jenkins (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/advance/continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 18 months with stipulations.
Charges: PC; FA

Macmurdo, Stacie Meador (R)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Meaux, Myla Sue (CO)

Suspension is stayed, eligible for reinstatement with probation/RNP minimum 5 years with stipulations.

Merridy, Karen Range (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/continue/progress in clinical nursing courses with letter of reprimand and stipulations.
Charges: FA

Miller, Amy Michelle Swiniarski (CO)

License suspended with a stay of said suspension, probated 18 months with stipulations.
Charges: Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Physical Illness or impairment; FM

Miller, Karl Matthew (R) (S)

Denied approval to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses based on the conviction of a crime of violence, 2nd Degree Battery.

Nezat, Ronald Steven (CO)

License suspended with a stay of said suspension, probated 1 year with stipulations.
Charges: PS

Nichols, Janine Christa (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/advance/continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 1 year with stipulations.
Charges: PC

Parks, Laverne Womack (CO)

Voluntary Surrender of license minimum 2 years with stipulations for reinstatement.

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Pearson, Carrie Camille (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/advance/continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 1 year with stipulations
Charges: CC

Peveto, Glenda Sherry Forbito (R)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Pyles, Michael Clay (R) (S)

Delayed approval to enter/progress in clinical nursing courses until the court ordered probation is completed.

Reed, Diana (CO)

License suspended minimum 6 months with stipulations prior to requesting reinstatement.
Charges: Medication Error; Unsafe Act; FM

Roberts, Roxetta Charlene (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/advance/continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 1 year with stipulations.
Charges: PC

Rougeau, Rae Simonson (CO)

Suspension continues, unable to request reinstatement until satisfaction of reinstatement application requirements and completion of stipulations. Upon reinstatement, suspension is stayed and probated minimum 3 years with additional stipulations.
Charges: FM, Medication Errors, and Wastage Errors; Misconduct: Other: DR

Rule, Jarrett Frank (CO)

Suspension continues, unable to request reinstatement for minimum 6 months with stipulations and fine. Then after successful completion of the reinstatement process, stipulations and approval by evaluators and board staff, suspension is stayed and probated minimum 36 months with stipulations.
Charges: Unable to Practice Safely by Reason of Alcohol or Other Substance Abuse

Russo, Jennifer Maria (R)

Suspended license minimum 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

Sasser, Courtney Rachelle (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/advance/continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 1 year with stipulations.
Charges: PC

Seets, Courtney N. (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/advance/continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 1 year with stipulations.
Charges: PC

Simmons, Rhonda Burnette (R)

Suspended license minimum 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

Smith, Velva Brown (SO)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct

Soileau, Seth Scanlon (CO) (A)

Approved to retake NCLEX but denied licensure at this time until stipulations met. After stipulations met and licensure is approved; license will be suspended with a stay of said suspension, probated minimum 3 years with additional stipulations.
Charges: Failure to Comply with the Requirements of the Recovering Nurse Program

Swysgood, Darcy Ellen (R)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Thevis, Suzanne Desoto (R)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Thomas, Iona Marie (SO) (A)

Approved to take the NCLEX-RN, to be licensed after successfully passing with probation for a minimum of 3 years with stipulations.
Charges: CC; Prior Disciplinary Action; FA; PS

Thomas, Sheila Alexander (CO)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.
Charges: PL

Thornton, Elizabeth Jane McGraw (R)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Agreement.

Trahan, Cheryl Folsie (CO)

Suspension is stayed, eligible for reinstatement with probation/RNP minimum 4 years with stipulations.

Trammell, Sandra (CO)

Reprimand issued with stipulations and fine.
Charges: FA

Valdes, Matthew L. (CO) (S)

Approved to enter, advance or continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 1 year with stipulations.
Charges: PC

Vidaurre, Jason William (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/advance/continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 18 months with stipulations.
Charges: PC

Walker, Tori Lynette (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/advance/continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 2 years with stipulations.
Charges: PC

Wiggins, Kissley Renee (CO) (S)

Approved to enter/advance/continue in clinical nursing courses with probation for a minimum of 1 years with stipulations.
Charges: PC

Wilson, Stephanie Darlene (R)

Suspended license minimum 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

Woods, Sarah Ann (R)

Suspended license minimum 1 year due to non-compliance with Board Order.

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