



Implementation of Required Prescription Monitoring Program Checks Delayed Until March



House Bill (HB) 3284, by Representative J. D. Sheffield, was passed by the 86th Texas Legislature. One of the key elements of the bill delayed the implementation of the requirement for prescribers to check the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) prior to prescribing opiates, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, or carisoprodol. Under the previous law, the requirement to check the prescription monitoring program prior to prescribing any of these types of drugs was set to go into effect on September 1, 2019. Representative Sheffield's bill delays implementation of that requirement until March 1, 2020.

All advanced practice registered nurses who prescribe opiates, benzodiazepines, barbiturates, or carisoprodol must check the PMP before prescribing any of these types of drugs beginning March 1, 2020. Although Board Rules state the requirement becomes effective September 1, the Board will delay implementation consistent with the provisions of HB 3284.

Optimal Regulatory Board System Coming in 2020!

The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) is fully engaged in the process of mapping current BON processes to the ORBS (Optimal Regulatory Board System) platform. The new licensing system will provide more efficient online services for our stakeholders through a customized "Texas Nurse Portal" for all licensees and applicants. This new system will require a valid email address for all users. The next issue of the *Bulletin* will have more comprehensive information on the user experience including implementation date and what to expect as we transition from the current system to ORBS.



Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Updates

The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PMP) has been updated with new features as a result of funding provided following the 86th legislative session. Among the new features is NarxCare[®], an advanced analytic and patient support tool. NarxCare[®] will aggregate and analyze prescription information from providers and pharmacies and present visual, interactive information, as well as advanced analytic insights, machine learning risk scores, and more to help physicians, pharmacists, and care teams to provide better patient safety and outcomes up front, for every patient, every time. NarxCare[®] also provides tools and resources that support patients' needs and connects them to treatment, when appropriate. To learn more about NarxCare[®], please visit: <https://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/PMP/Narxcare.asp>



Another significant enhancement is the ability for the PMP to integrate directly with any electronic health record (EHR). While many EHRs have already integrated the PMP, some have not. In order to request integration, providers should request their current EHR vendor to contact the PMP Vendor to request statewide integration. For complete information and instructions, please visit the Texas State Board of Pharmacy webpage on Texas PMP Statewide Integration at: <https://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/PMP/PMP-Integration.asp>

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Optional Report by a Nurse

Patient protection is central to the mission of the Texas Board of Nursing (BON). The Nursing Practice Act or NPA (Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 301 et. seq.) and Board Rules and Regulations are written broadly so they can be applied by every nurse, at any licensure level, and in any practice setting and specialty across Texas. The BON regulates nursing practice and requires nurses to make a report when seeing a nurse engaged in conduct subject to reporting [please see **NPA Sec. 301.401(1) & 301.402**]. This article will address the optional report a nurse may make.

In many practice settings, the nurse is pivotally placed to be aware of any threats to patient safety. The Standards of Nursing Practice, located in Board Rule 217.11, sets forth the minimum requirements to be met in any practice setting. This includes compliance with all laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the practice setting; ensuring a safe environment; protecting confidential information; and preventing exposure to communicable conditions, as a few examples [22 TAC §217.11 (1)(A), (1)(B), (1)(E) and (1)(O)]. The nurse interacts with members of the multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals, including unlicensed persons, in the provision of health care related services to patients, clients, and individuals in health care settings and in the community.

While a nurse is required to report another nurse whose practice may harm patients or place patients at risk of harm, there is not a requirement to report when practices by another type of licensed professional, or of a facility harm patients or pose a risk of harm to patients or others. However, when a nurse has reasonable cause to suspect a patient has been exposed to a substantial risk of harm as a result of failing to provide patient care that conforms to minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing professional practice, a nurse may make an optional report to the appropriate licensing agency [NPA 301.4025 (a)]. Additionally, a nurse may report to the employer “any situation the nurse has reasonable cause to believe exposes a patient to substantial risk of harm as a result of a failure to provide patient care that conforms to minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing professional practice or to statutory, regulatory, or accreditation standards” [NPA 301.4025 (b)]. When a nurse reports in good faith then there is what is commonly referred to as “whistleblower” protection [please see **NPA Section 301.4025 (c) and (d)**].

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Summary of Actions



A regular meeting of the Board of Nursing was held July 23-24 2019, in Austin. The following is a summary of Board actions taken during this meeting.

In the August 2, 2019, edition of the *Texas Register*:

The Texas Board of Nursing (BON or Board) published as adopted amendments to 22 *Tex. Admin. Code* §223.1 relating to *Fees* without changes to the proposed text published in the June 14, 2019, issue of the *Texas Register* (44 *Tex-Reg* 2908). Due to legislation passed in the 86th Legislative Session (86th), the Board determined that it needed to raise licensed vocational nurse renewal fees by \$3, making the fee \$45; registered nurse (RN) fees by \$3, making the fee \$68; and advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) fees by \$4, making the fee \$54. The amendments also clarify that more than one fee may apply depending on an individual's situation, such as APRNs who must renew their APRN and RN license at the same time. Amended §223.1 became effective August 6, 2019.

In the August 23, 2019, edition of the *Texas Register*:

The BON proposed amendments to 22 *Tex. Admin. Code* §217.12 concerning *Unprofessional Conduct*. Due to passage of Senate Bill 37 in the 86th, the Board will be removing "failure to repay a student loan" as a disciplinable offense. Specifically, the proposal eliminates the failure of an individual to repay a student loan from the enumerated list of acts that constitute unprofessional conduct, for which an individual may be disciplined.

The Board also proposed amendments to §222.5, concerning *Prescriptive Authority Agreement*. The Board is removing requirements for face-to-face meetings, as well as the language that allows quarterly meetings, pursuant to passage of House Bill (HB) 278 in the 86th. HB 278 simplifies the existing statutory requirements related to prescriptive authority agreements by eliminating the necessity of face-to-face meetings between a delegating physician and an APRN and requiring monthly meetings between the parties. The proposed amendments are necessary to conform to these statutory changes.

A prescriptive authority agreement is still required to specify the general process for communication and sharing of information between the parties related to the care and treatment of patients. Further, the periodic meetings between the parties must still include the sharing of information related to patient treatment and care, needed changes in patient care plans, issues relating to referrals, and discussion of patient care improvement. However, HB 278 allows the parties to determine the manner in which the meetings will take place and only mandates monthly meetings. Parties are still permitted to meet face-to-face and more frequently than once a month if they choose to do so. The earliest possible date of adoption for amendments to §217.12 and §222.5 is September 22, 2019.

In the August 30, 2019, edition of the *Texas Register*:

The BON proposed amendments to 22 *Tex. Admin. Code* §216.3 concerning *Continuing Competency Requirements*. Due to passage of House Bills (HB) 2454, 2059, 3285, and 2174, enacted in the 86th Texas Legislative Session, edits were needed to §216.3. Three of the bills, HB 2454, HB 2059, and HB 3285, apply only to APRNs who meet certain criteria while HB 2059 applies to all nurses, regardless of level of licensure, who provide direct patient care. For further information, see related article on page four.

The Board also proposed amendments to 22 *Tex. Admin. Code* §217.20 concerning *Safe Harbor Nursing Peer Review and Whistleblower Protections*. Following passage of HB 2410 (86th, effective September 1, 2019), which amended *Texas Occupations Code* §303.005, proposed conforming amendments to §217.20 allow a nurse to orally request a peer review determination if the nurse is unable to complete a written form due to immediate patient care needs. Upon receiving the nurse's oral notification, HB 2410 requires the nurse's supervisor to record the request in writing. The nurse is still required to file a more comprehensive written report before leaving the practice setting at the end of the work period, regardless of the manner (in writing or orally) the nurse initially invokes the request for review. The earliest possible date of adoption for amendments to §216.3 and §217.20 is September 29, 2019.

Nursing Education Actions - July 2019 Board Meeting

Reviewed Reports on:

Status Report on Programs with Sanctions;

Status Report on New Nursing Education Programs and Currently Active and Potential Proposals; and

Report on Communication Activities with Nursing Education Programs.

Approved Reports of Survey Visits:

San Jacinto College South – Vocational Nursing (VN) Education Program in Houston,

Schreiner University – VN Education Program in Kerrville,

St. Philip's College – Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Education Program in San Antonio,

Temple College – VN Education Program in Temple,

Texas State Technical College – ADN Education Program in Sweetwater, and

Texas State Technical College – VN Education Program in Sweetwater.

Proposals to Establish New Nursing Education Programs:

Edwin's Healthcare Institute – VN Education Program in Stafford - Approved,

West Coast University – ADN Education Program in Dallas – Not Approved, and

American Medical Institute – VN Education Program in Houston – Denied.

Report of Application for a New Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Education Program in a Public Junior College

Lone Star College – RN-to-BSN Education Program in The Woodlands.



New Continuing Competency Requirements Take Effect After Legislature Adjourns

House Bill 2059, passed in the 2019 legislative session, requires all nurses who provide direct patient care to complete a human trafficking prevention course that is approved by the executive commissioner of Texas Health and Human Services (HHS). The Board of Nursing (BON) is in the process of updating Board Rule 216 that addresses continuing competency requirements for license renewal to include this new requirement. The update will reflect that a nurse who provides direct patient care must complete this continuing competency requirement for all license renewals that occur on/after September 1, 2020.

The new law requires that HHS post the approved courses on their website “as soon as practicable”. At this time, HHS has not yet posted approved courses on their website. Once HHS has posted the approved courses, the BON plans to update the Continuing Competency page of our website with links to the HHS list of approved courses. Nurses will be notified of the updates to Board Rule 216 via the BON quarterly *Bulletin*.

The controlled substances continuing education requirements changed significantly after the 86th legislative session. Three separate bills were passed, each with separate requirements for continuing education related to prescribing controlled substances. The controlled substances continuing education hours are separate and apart from the 20 contact hours related to advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license renewal. Controlled substances continuing education requirements are also in addition to the five contact hours in pharmacotherapeutics required for renewal of prescriptive authority.

The requirements are summarized below:

- **House Bill 2454** applies to all APRNs who have entered into a prescriptive authority agreement that authorizes the prescribing of drugs classified as opioids. The class includes but is not limited to drugs such as hydrocodone, fentanyl, codeine, acetaminophen with codeine, tramadol, carfentanil, and buprenorphine. APRNs who are authorized by a prescriptive authority agreement to prescribe opioids must complete two hours of continuing education annually (four hours per renewal cycle) related to pain management and the prescribing of opioids. The content is required to include information related to the reasonable standard of care, identification of drug seeking behavior, and effective communication with patients regarding the prescription of opioids and other controlled substances. This requirement is applicable to all renewal applications submitted on or after January 1, 2021.
- **House Bill 3285** applies to all APRNs whose practice includes the prescription of opioids. Those APRNs who prescribe opioids as part of their practices must complete at least one hour of continuing education annually (two hours per renewal cycle) that covers best practices, alternative treatment options, and multi-modal approaches to pain management that may include physical therapy, psychotherapy, and other treatments. The Texas State Board of Pharmacy (TSBP) must adopt rules to establish the required content for these continuing education activities. At this time, TSBP has not published

rules for required content. This requirement will expire on August 31, 2023.

- **House Bill 2174** is a one-time requirement for APRNs who have been authorized to receive information from the prescription monitoring program. This one-time requirement is for two hours of continuing education related to approved procedures of prescribing and monitoring controlled substances. APRNs who were licensed before September 1, 2020, are required to complete this requirement not later than September 1, 2021. All APRNs who are licensed on or after September 1, 2020, must complete this requirement by the first anniversary of the date on which the APRN license was issued.

Other 2019 Legislative Updates:

House Bill 278 removed the face-to-face meeting requirement for APRNs. The new law requires that meetings between the APRN and physician take place at least once a month in a manner determined by the physician and APRN and only applies to prescriptive authority agreements entered into on/after the bill’s effective date of September 1, 2019. This means that APRNs who enter into a prescriptive authority agreement on/after September 1, 2019, must have monthly meetings for the duration of the prescriptive authority agreement, and the meetings may take place via other means, such as via telecommunication. If an APRN chooses not to sign a new agreement, the law in effect on the date the agreement was entered into applies, and the face-to-face in person meetings are required. APRNs who provide care in Texas may wish to sign a new prescriptive authority agreement beginning September 1, 2019, in order to take advantage of the changes to Texas law.

Updates to the Texas Compassionate Use Program

The Texas Compassionate Use Act was enacted by the Texas Legislature in 2015 during the 84th Legislative Session to create the Texas Compassionate Use Program (CUP) as a secure registry operated by the Texas Department of Public Safety for physicians who prescribe low-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) cannabis to patients diagnosed with intractable epilepsy. More recently, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 3703 by Representative Stephanie Klick in 2019 during the 86th Legislative Session that expanded the types of medical conditions for which low-THC cannabis may be prescribed.

On June 14, 2019, Governor Abbott signed the bill making it effective immediately. The bill also expands the types of specialties in which prescribing physicians may practice, removes the requirement for a secondary physician consultation for prescribing low-THC cannabis, and prohibits publication of a registered prescriber with the CUP without express permission from the prescribing physician. Advanced practice registered nurses are not authorized to prescribe low-THC cannabis by current Texas law.

The list of medical conditions for which a qualified physician may pre-



scribe low-THC cannabis now includes:

1. Epilepsy
2. A seizure disorder
3. Multiple Sclerosis
4. Spasticity
5. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
6. Autism
7. Terminal cancer

Incurable neurodegenerative diseases are also included as an allowable condition in HB 3703, but are not currently available as a basis for prescription until the Texas Health and Human Services Commission adopts rules designating applicable diseases by December 1, 2019.

The bill also revised what constitutes low-THC cannabis for purposes of such a prescription to be defined as: the plant *Cannabis sativa* L., and any part of that plant or any compound manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, preparation, resin, or oil of that plant that contains not more than 0.5 percent by weight of tetrahydrocannabinols.

Board staff periodically receive questions about whether or not a licensed nurse may administer low-THC cannabis prescribed by physicians. The Nursing Practice Act (Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 301) and Board rules are written broadly so all nurses can apply them in various practice settings. Because each nurse has a different background, knowledge, and level of competence, the Board does not have an all-purpose list of tasks that every nurse can or cannot perform, and it is up to each individual nurse to use sound judgment when deciding



whether or not to perform any particular procedure or act.

To assist nurses in determining if a task is within their scope of practice, the Board offers a Scope of Practice Decision Making Model (DMM). The DMM is a resource that the Board developed to help nurses make well-founded judgments about whether or not to perform a particular activity or procedure. It consists of a series of 8 questions for consideration. If at any point, a nurse reaches a “Stop” sign, he/she should consider the activity or intervention in question beyond (or outside) his/her scope of practice. Of note, the first question requires the nurse to consider if the activity is prohibited by law.

In the case of low-THC cannabis, provided the prescription meets the requirements of the recently enacted HB 3703, the nurse may proceed through the remaining questions. If the nurse proceeds through all of the DMM questions without reaching a “STOP”, then the nurse may administer the low-THC cannabis in accordance with prevailing standards of safe nursing care. The DMM can also be used to help develop policies and procedures within your facility, not only regarding administration of low-THC cannabis, but for any nursing task. You can review the DMM on the Board’s website at www.bon.texas.gov and typing “DMM” into the website search function.

For more information about the CUP, please visit: <https://www.dps.texas.gov/rsd/CUP/>



Legislative Summary: 86th Texas Legislative Session

The following is a summary of bills relating to the practice of nursing in Texas reported on in the Legislative Report on the 86th Regular Texas Legislative Session at the July 2019 Board of Nursing (BON) Board Meeting. The full report can be viewed at: https://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/board_meetings_pdfs/2019/July/1-3.pdf For the full text of the bills included in this summary, visit www.capitol.state.tx.us.

Bills amending the Nursing Practice Act

House Bill (HB) 2059 by Representative Cesar Blanco requires completion of a course on human trafficking prevention for nurses providing direct patient care. Texas Health and Human Services is responsible for approving the course as well as providing a no-cost course. There were three additional bills (HB 2174, HB 2454, and HB 3285) passed into law which added continuing education or CE requirements for nurses. See related article on page 4. HB 2059 amended Texas Occupations Code §301.308 effective September 1, 2019.

HB 2410 by Representative Stephanie Klick allows a nurse who wishes to have a peer review committee determine if a requested act would violate the nurse's duty to a patient to request the review orally if the nurse cannot complete a written form at the time of the request. If requested orally, the nurse's supervisor must record the request in writing and be signed by the supervisor and the requesting nurse. HB 2410 amended Texas Occupations Code §303.305 effective September 1, 2019. For conforming Board of Nursing (BON) rule changes, see **Summary of Actions** on page 3.

Other Bills Relating to Nursing

HB 8 by Representative Victoria Neave extends the statute of limitations for certain sex offenses and expands access to Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner nurses for underserved areas through establishment of a statewide telehealth center.

HB 18 by Representative Four Price requires a school district to publish in the student handbook and post on the district's Internet website for each campus in the district, a statement of whether the campus has a full-time nurse or full-time school counselor.

HB 80 by Representative Lina Ortega requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to conduct a study with the Texas Health Professions Resource Center, the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies, and the Texas Demographic Center to identify statewide and regional shortages in health professions, with an emphasis on shortages in doctoral-level training in those health professions.

HB 111 by Representative Mary Gonzalez requires that existing child abuse training for school district employees

must also include information on students with significant cognitive disabilities.

HB 278 by Representative Tom Oliverson relating to the frequency and location of certain meetings required by a prescriptive authority agreement. HB 278 allows for advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to have monthly meetings with their delegating physician that are conducted via other mechanisms than face-to-face meetings. See related article on page 4 and conforming BON rule changes in **Summary of Actions** on page 3.

HB 387 by Representative Philip Cortez adds provisions where physicians may delegate the completion of workers' compensation work status reports to APRNs.

HB 496 by Representative Barbara Gervin-Hawkins relates to placement of bleeding control stations in public schools and required training of school personnel.

HB 531 by Representative Rick Miller prohibits medical records from forensic medical examinations of sexual assault victims from being destroyed until 20 years after the record was created.

HB 650 by Representative James White sets out provisions regarding the treatment of incarcerated pregnant women, educational programming for pregnant inmates (related to pregnancy and parenting), and training related to pregnant inmates for correctional officers and other TDCJ employees.

HB 654 by Representative Travis Clardy requires the Texas Education Agency to provide seizure training to school staff, including school nurses, who have regular contact with students. School nurses are required to undergo more thorough online training to help students with seizures. The no-cost online course for nurses will be approximately two hours.

HB 1063 by Representative Four Price requires the Medicaid telemonitoring program to provide home telemonitoring services to pediatric patients who were diagnosed with end-stage solid organ disease, had received an organ transplant, or require mechanical ventilation.

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HB 1342 by Representative Jeff Leach limits consideration of criminal conduct to that directly related to nursing practice when considering candidates for licensure.

HB 1401 by Representative Donna Howard provides ongoing nursing shortage grant funding for nursing education programs from the permanent fund for health-related programs.

HB 1651 by Representative Mary Gonzalez seeks to limit use of restraints on prisoners who are pregnant by requiring the Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) to adopt rules and procedures regarding the use of any type of restraints to control or restrict the movement of a prisoner who is confirmed to be pregnant or who gave birth within the preceding 12 weeks.

HB 2174 by Representative John Zerwas addresses changes regarding electronic prescribing and limitations on prescribing opioids for acute pain. BON staff will participate in the interagency work group regarding the prescription waiver process and develop a process for review and approval of waiver applications. The BON will be allowed to hire one administrative staff position to support the development and maintenance of the prescription waiver system. See related article on page 4 and conforming BON rule changes in **Summary of Actions** on page 3.

HB 2243 by Representative Tom Oliverson authorizes a physician or a person with delegated prescriptive authority to prescribe a standing order for administration of asthma medication in the name of a public school district, open-enrollment charter school, or private school by allowing the school to carry the medication and school nurses to administer medication to students with written confirmation of the student's asthma diagnosis and permission to administer the medication from the student's parent or guardian.

HB 2255 by Representative Drew Darby seeks to better identify deaf and hard of hearing children in Texas, ensure follow-up screening is done for those newborns who do not pass initial hearing screening, and bring awareness to resources that are available to deaf and hard of hearing children in Texas.

HB 2454 by Representative Four Price relates to continuing education requirements for certain health professionals regarding pain management and the prescribing of opioids. See related article on page 4 and conforming BON rule changes in **Summary of Actions** on page 3.

HB 3284 by Representative J.D. Sheffield relates to prescribing and dispensing controlled substances and monitoring the prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances

under the Texas Controlled Substances Act. See related article on page 1.

HB 3285 by Representative J.D. Sheffield requires prescribers of opioids to complete at least one hour of CE annually that includes content on best practices, alternative treatment options, and multimodal approaches to pain management. See related article on page 4 and conforming BON rule changes in **Summary of Actions** on page 3.

HB 3703 by Representative Stephanie Klick amends the 2015 Texas Compassionate-Use Act to: expand medical conditions for which certain prescribers may prescribe low-THC cannabis to include epilepsy, seizure disorder, multiple sclerosis, spasticity, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, autism, terminal cancer, or an incurable neurodegenerative disease. See related article on page 5.

SB 37 by Senator Judith Zaffirini requires the abolition of student loan default or breach of a student loan repayment or scholarship contract as a ground for nonrenewal or other disciplinary action in relation to a professional or occupational license. See the conforming BON rule changes in **Summary of Actions** on page 3.

SB 436 by Senator Jane Nelson requires the Texas Department of State Health Services to collaborate with Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force to develop and implement initiatives to improve screening procedures for women with opioid use disorder during pregnancy and postpartum period; improve continuity of care; optimize health care provided to pregnant women with opioid use disorder and newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome; increase access to medication-assisted treatment of opioid use disorder; and prevent opioid use disorder by reducing number of opioids prescribed.

SB 683 by Senator Dawn Buckingham allows physicians to access the prescription monitoring program to review prescribing information to APRNs and physician assistants to whom they have delegated prescriptive authority.

SB 748 by Senator Lois Kolkhorst creates a dedicated account for newborn screenings to establish a consistent and long-term funding stream to repair, upgrade, and expand screenings conducted by the lab.

SB 750 by Senator Lois Kolkhorst addresses the findings and recommendations of the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force; and update Texas law to align with new federal legislation on maternal mortality review committees.

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BON Task Force Studies Best Practices in Clinical Learning Experiences

The third meeting of the Task Force (TF) to Study Implications of Growth in Nursing Education Programs in Texas was held on July 15, 2019, in the William P. Hobby Building in Austin, Texas. The purpose was to continue working on the Board charge to the TF to “create a dialogue between nursing education and clinical partners to facilitate optimal clinical learning experiences for all constituents.” The meeting was well attended by nurse educators, nurses in clinical practice, and other stakeholders.

Discussions focused on the World Café concept; the process was explained and the group participated in a mock World Café. Afterwards, the TF members determined that this method of promoting dialogue would be appropriate for a larger event jointly planned with the Texas Organization of Nurse Executives (TONE) to allow representatives from education and practice partners to discuss strategies and best practices in clinical learning experiences that would be beneficial to students, nurses, clinical settings, and patients/families.

Photo 1 (top):

Seated clockwise are: Kevin Gluch, RN; Allison P. Edwards, Dr.PH, MS, RN, CNE; Hillery Phillips, MSN, RN; and Sally Harper Williams, BA. Standing (left to right): Virginia D. Ayars, EdD, MS, RN, CNE; and Beverly E. Skloss, MSN, RN.

Photo 2(bottom):

Seated clockwise are: Sarah Towery, MS, BSN, RN, NEA-BC; Kathy Swanson, RN; Jennifer McWha, PhD, RN; Shellie Withrow, MSN, RN; Cindy Zolnierek, PhD, RN; and Kathryn Tart, EdD, MSN, RN. Standing (left to right): Elise McDermott, MSN, RN; and Patricia S. Yoder-Wise, RN, EdD, NEA-BC, ANEF, FAONL, FAAN, Task Force Chair.



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SB 752 by Senator Joan Huffman states that except in the case of reckless conduct or intentional, willful, or wanton misconduct, a volunteer health care provider is immune from civil liability for an act or omission that occurs in giving care, assistance, or advice if the care, assistance, or advice is provided in relation to an incident that is a man-made or natural disaster and within the scope of the provider’s practice under the laws of the state.

SB 999 by Senator Donna Campbell requires Department of State Health Services to develop the strategies for improving early detection, reducing disease onset risks, and improving treatment in consultation with physicians and other health care providers licensed in Texas who have clinical training and experience in caring for persons with Alzheimer’s disease or related disorders.

SB 1349 by Senator Kirk Watson authorized the sale of the William Hobby Building complex. The state agencies, including the BON, will relocate to another location at a later time.

SB 1404 by Senator Beverly Powell permits the parent, managing conservator, or guardian of a newborn child to provide consent to and share information from screenings for certain heritable diseases and hearing loss through

electronic means, including through audio or video recording.

SB 1564 by Senator Royce West aligns state Medicaid policy with federal law by requiring the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to amend policy to authorize Medicaid reimbursement for prescribing of buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid use disorder by an APRN who has obtained a federal waiver from registration requirements for dispensing narcotic drugs.

SB 2011 by Senator Dawn Buckingham requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to partner with another institution of higher education, the Texas Medical Board, and the BON to conduct a study related to the feasibility of developing a pilot program of streamlining the qualifications and prerequisites for an APRN to become eligible for licensure as a physician.

SB 2132 by Senator Beverly Powell seeks to increase access to and use of the Healthy Texas Women program. This bill requires the HHSC to provide certain information about the program to certain enrollees and to consult with the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force to improve the process.



Top Picks for Frequently Asked Questions Revealed

Nursing Practice Consultants for the Board of Nursing (BON or Board) receive phone calls and e-mail inquiries daily relating to varying workplace settings, clients served, supervision, staff education, experience, patient acuity levels, and types of procedures. Board staff develop *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)* to assist nurses in understanding and responding to workplace situations that are often complicated or unsafe for both nurses and the patients they serve. The BON Practice Consultants were asked recently which BON FAQs did they refer nurses to the most. The top five most often referred to FAQs by BON Nursing Practice Consultants are listed below:

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| 1. Cosmetic procedures | 4. Staffing Ratios |
| 2. Consecutive shifts | 5. LVNs Performing Initial Assessments |
| 3. Mandatory Overtime | |

All of the FAQs are available on the Board of Nursing's website (<https://www.bon.texas.gov/>).

Frequently Asked Question Topics

BON Rules and Regulations Relating to Telenursing/Tele-health

LVNs Performing Triage/Telephonic Nursing/Being On-Call

Competency

LVNs "Supervision of Practice"

Co-signature on Documentation

Mandatory Overtime

Co-signature on LVN Actions/Documentation

Nurse Admitted As Patient Under the Influence

Consecutive Shifts

Nurses Have a Duty to Report Confidential Health Information

Cosmetic Procedures for APRNs

Nurses Performing Radiologic Procedures

Cosmetic Procedures for LVNs

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Patient Care and Improved Clinical Nurse Performance are Key to Next Generation NCLEX-RN® (NGN)

Nursing education faculty are anticipating the inclusion of Next Generation NCLEX-RN® (NGN) items on the NCLEX® examination as early as 2023. The NGN Project was initiated in response to research indicating that one of the highest rated skills needed by nurses is clinical judgment. Clinical judgment is an outcome of critical thinking and clinical reasoning. Findings from the NCSBN Practice Analysis (regular surveys of practice activities of new nurses) indicated that clinical judgment was linked directly to more than 46% of tasks performed by entry-level nurses, while problem solving and critical thinking were linked to more than 30% of tasks performed by entry-level nurses.

The NGN Project has involved years of research to design a clinical judgment model and to determine how to construct test items that measure clinical judgment. Research continues with a pilot study in which over 300,000 RN candidates volunteered between 2017 and 2018 to answer NGN questions when they finished the NCLEX-RN® examination, producing valuable data about the performance of NGN-type questions.

This is not a call to revise curricula but a stimulus for more in-depth clinical instruction with a focus on critical thinking. This move promises to improve the performance of new nurses in clinical judgment and to enhance safe patient care.

Quarterly newsletters providing updates on the NGN have been available on the NCSBN web page (www.ncsbn.org) since 2017.

Results of 2019 Board of Nursing Customer Service Survey Posted on BON Website



The Texas Board of Nursing (BON or Board) sought stakeholder feedback through an online Customer Service Survey from January 1 to May 31, 2019. Board Staff received 347 responses to the survey, which was linked from the Board website, the covers of the January and April 2019 issues of the *Board of Nursing Bulletin*, and the agency Facebook page.

Survey questions covered five areas: the *Texas Board of Nursing Bulletin (Bulletin)*; the BON website; the BON Facebook page; webmaster inquiries; and interactions with the Customer Service Group. The survey results can be viewed in their entirety at: https://www.bon.texas.gov/pdfs/board_meetings_pdfs/2019/July/7-8.pdf. Survey data will be utilized in preparation for the agency Strategic Plan for 2021-2025 to be submitted to the Texas Legislature in June 2020.

NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The following nurses had disciplinary action taken against their licenses through a Board order containing public information about the nurse's disciplinary action. While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of this information, the Board's licensure verification system should be utilized for verification. You can obtain information about these disciplinary actions from the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov, using the verification look-up under Licensure or under the disciplinary action section of Discipline & Complaints. Under Licensure, select Verification then click on the applicable type of license type; Discipline & Complaints, select Disciplinary Action then select individual newsletter date. Additionally, you can send your written request to the Texas Board of Nursing, Enforcement Division, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460, Austin, Texas 78701-3944.

Name	License Numbers	Discipline	Action Date	Name	License Numbers	Discipline	Action Date
Adame, Matthew Lee	LVN 158603	Enforced Suspension	6/11/2019	Cook, Amber Lyn	LVN 345977	Enforced Suspension	7/15/2019
Adams, Iris Maria	LVN 343392	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019	Cooper, Sheena Monique	RN 933317	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Alejandria, Arlene Leonarda	LVN 220929	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019	Cornelius, Samuel Onyemaechi	LVN 203965	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Alexander, Alysha Michele	RN 701399	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019	Culver, Jessica Falon	RN 873043	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Ancinec, Elizabeth Ann	RN 719980	Suspend/Probate	6/11/2019	Dabou, Prisca	RN 890707	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Anderson, James Wesley	RN 581310	Reprimand with Stipulations	5/14/2019	Dahlgren, Valerie Kaye	PTP IA RN 136760	Limited License	6/11/2019
Anderson, Vanessa R.	LVN 307833	Remedial Education	5/8/2019	Daniel, Lisa Gayle (Harkey)	RN 734243	Remedial Education	5/8/2019
Anyakwo, Folashade	LVN 204803	Suspend/Probate	6/11/2019	Daugherty, Patricia	PTP KY RN 1032465	Revoked	5/14/2019
Arriaga, Teresa Z.	RN 250494	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019	Deguzman, Abigael	RN 926109 & LVN 201281	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	5/14/2019
Askaran, Alan Richard	LVN 168324	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019	Delagarza, Lucinda	AP113304 & RN 582114	Suspend/Probate	7/25/2019
Autry, Todd Len	RN 937769	Enforced Suspension	7/25/2019	Delagarza, Lucinda	RX 5853	Limited: No Controlled Substance Prescribing	7/25/2019
Avalos, Ashley	LVN 317009	Voluntary Surrender	5/23/2019	Dixon, Patricia Lynn	RN 624029	Voluntary Surrender	5/24/2019
Bailey, Mark Wesley	AP120564 & RN 776890	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019	Dominguez, Rene Ian	RN 884108	Revoked	7/25/2019
Baker, Brittany	LVN 342023	Remedial Education with Fine	7/10/2019	Dowell, Megan	LVN 220729	Revoked	6/11/2019
Barideaux, Thaddeus Demond	LVN 308612	Revoked	6/11/2019	Dubor, John	RN 624180	Revoked	5/17/2018
Barnhardt, Brenda Michelle	LVN 233850	Revoked	7/25/2019	Dunn, April Renee	RN 899202	Revoked	7/25/2019
Barton, Danielle E.	LVN 219297	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019	Ebot, Rudolf	LVN 317630	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Baum, Erica Lea	RN 778099	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019	Ehler, Emily Elizabeth	LVN 193246	Reprimand	6/11/2019
Beal, Kimberly Renee	LVN 119198	Suspend/Probate	7/25/2019	Ellis, Sonya Michelle	RN 675530	Remedial Education with Fine	5/24/2019
Beam, Stephanie Ann	RN 785255	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019	Emuka, Rosita Chienye	RN 709621	Remedial Education	7/25/2019
Bedore, Brandie Kay Ann (Bedore-Solis)	RN 788881	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	6/11/2019	Etti, Adetutu	RN 552925 & LVN 116867	Revoked	4/25/2019
Bell, Donnie Franklin	LVN 338289	Suspend/Probate	5/14/2019	Fields, Cassandra Jo	LVN 320453	Revoked	5/14/2019
Biggs, Robert Lawrence	RN 863621	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019	Fisher, Virgie Lee	LVN 53726	Reprimand with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Bridges, Debra Jo	LVN 78774	Warning	6/11/2019	Flores, Elsa	RN 696353	Reprimand with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Brown, Felicia Danielle	LVN 337337	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	5/14/2019	Foerster, Elizabeth Dianne	LVN 200790	Enforced Suspension	6/10/2019
Brown, Nicole Rae	RN 811701	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019	Foster, Niki Dawn	RN 820405	Reprimand with Stipulations and Fine	6/11/2019
Bruce, Darla Kay	RN 771087	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019	Friedberg, Alexis V.	LVN 330143	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Bush, Felicia Ann	RN 793658	Voluntary Surrender	7/24/2019	Funderburk, Donna Lene	RN 938129	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Butchbaker, Lee Michael	LVN 215882	Voluntary Surrender	6/6/2019	Gage, Misty Dawn	RN 893447	Enforced Suspension	7/18/2019
Butler, Susanne Hendrix	LVN 222982	Remedial Education	7/31/2019	Garcia, Armando	RN 582451	Revoked	7/25/2019
Calder, Sherry R.	RN 619553	Warning with Stipulations, Deferred	5/14/2019	Garcia, Naomi (Martinez)	LVN 320720	Reprimand with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Cantu, Elena B.	LVN 64876	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019	Garza, Telma	RN 674575 & LVN 120380	Suspend/Probate	6/11/2019
Caquias, Celenia Adriana	LVN 200590	Voluntary Surrender	5/17/2019	Gearheart, Mitchell Ray	RN 857895	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	6/11/2019
Carpenter, Shauna Beth	RN 679130	Revoked	5/14/2019	George, Bijo Thomas	AP125961, RN 764052 & LVN 202459	Remedial Education	7/18/2019
Casillas, Isadora	LVN 225233	Warning with Stipulations, Deferred	5/14/2019	Georgiou, Patrick Evan	RN 822080	Revoked	5/14/2019
Ceaser, Osha Lavell	LVN 340769	Enforced Suspension	6/5/2019	Gilbert, Rhonda	RN 636471	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Chaffn, Danica Lynn	RN 772389	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	7/25/2019	Gipson, Clara Elizabeth	RN 547617	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	6/11/2019
Chery, Rockfeller	RN 754523	Remedial Education with Fine	6/5/2019	Glover, Leslie Allene	LVN 301975	Revoked	5/14/2019
Chiedu, Nkem Kimberly	RN 825810 & LVN 308386	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019	Glyenn, Chelsea	RN 915705	Reprimand with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Childress, Annishal	LVN 339251	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019	Gonzales, Desirae Andrea	RN 782237	Suspend/Probate	6/11/2019
Cieri Miller, Sharol Deline	LVN 173568	Revoked	5/14/2019	Gonzales, Jose Concepcion	RN 796405	Reprimand with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Clark, Kelly Jo	LVN 324520	Revoked	5/14/2019	Gorgas, Diana Lynne	RN 593467 & LVN 138191	Revoked	5/14/2019
Cole, Patricia Daune	LVN 145479	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	7/25/2019	Gracia, Ricardo Luis	LVN 173154	Revoked	5/14/2019
Cole, Stephanie Astin	RN 879949	Revoked	6/11/2019	Gray, Salvatore William	RN 786222	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Collinsworth, Andrew Kimble	RN 671238	Revoked	5/14/2019	Green, Lauren Nicole	RN 903937	Remedial Education with Fine	5/31/2019

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Hall, Allison Rae	LVN 162221	Enforced Suspension	6/5/2019
Haller, Carl Everett	RN 241384	Reprimand with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Hampton, Melanie J.	AP119251, RX 10418 & RN 680352	Limited License	5/14/2019
Handshy-Buffalohead, Kaylyn N.	LVN 340344	Revoked	5/14/2019
Harber, Maria Suzanne	RN 757999	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Hardy, Jennifer Leigh	LVN 166665	Enforced Suspension	5/23/2019
Harraid, Jonathan Ross	RN 678146	Enforced Suspension	6/11/2019
Harris-Sam, Ondrei	RN 654016	Remedial Education	5/10/2019
Hearitige, Valerie J.	LVN 104734	Suspend/Probate	6/11/2019
Heath, Kristina Daniella	RN 870185	Remedial Education	6/26/2019
Heathcott, Melanie Renee	LVN 210075	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Heflin, Kayla Lynn	RN 802417	Suspend/Probate	6/11/2019
Hernandez, Priscilla Aurora	LVN 161538	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Hernandez, Victoria Anne	RN 855507	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Hodges, Donna Gail	LVN 205565	Remedial Education	7/2/2019
Holcomb, Melinda Bess	RN 505002	Remedial Education	5/30/2019
Holden, Melissa Charlene	RN 729262 & LVN 182682	Revoked	7/25/2019
Horton, Marie Jeanne	RN 855977 & LVN 302739	Revoked	6/4/2019
Houillion, Laura Christina	RN 789333	Remedial Education with Fine	7/27/2019
Howe, Monica Ann	RN 609244	Voluntary Surrender	5/8/2019
Hughes, Jessica Ryne	LVN 314030	Suspend/Probate	7/25/2019
Hunt, Stephanie Lynne	AP126469 & RN 787325	Remedial Education, Deferred	6/3/2019
Hunter, Shawna Comeaux	RN 691755 & LVN 163861	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Irving, Dominique Lasharia	RN 906813	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Isip, Restydale Rodriguez	RN 719564	Suspend/Probate	5/14/2019
Ivey, Rebecca Ruth	LVN 317818	Remedial Education with Fine	7/1/2019
Jackson, Wamboi Pauline	RN 862020	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Jama, Samira Haji	RN 726569	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019
James, Alicia Victoria	RN 876343 & LVN 234005	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Jerezano, Mandy Marie	RN 778025 & LVN 217600	Remedial Education	6/20/2019
Jhammat, Michael	RN 844993	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	6/11/2019
Johnson, Frances Ann	LVN 302376	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Johnson, Jasmine Rae	LVN 334718	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	6/11/2019
Johnson, Mary Ann	RN 503654	Voluntary Surrender	4/30/2019
Jones, Aryn Danielle	RN 917215	Suspend/Probate	6/11/2019
Julien, Lekethia Nicole	LVN 322198	Reprimand with Stipulations and Fine	7/25/2019
Kariuki, Joyce	RN 816361 & LVN 167406	Suspend/Probate	6/11/2019
Katz, Kerrie Florence	RN 766657	Revoked	5/14/2019
Kc, Bipin	RN 781662 & LVN 206673	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	7/25/2019
Kelly, Melody Ruth H.	RN 431149	Limited License	6/11/2019
Kelso, Julia M.	RN 842229	Remedial Education with Fine	7/23/2019
Kerbs, David Lynn	RN 772908	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	7/25/2019
Khosravaninezhad, Fatemeh	RN 823659	Enforced Suspension	6/7/2019
King, Ellen Bertrand	AP130256 & RN 550551	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Kobuszewski, Bodahn Joseph	RN 745430	Enforced Suspension	5/22/2019
Koch, Deborah Renee	LVN 177474	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Lagman, Kevin Valencia	AP130532 & RN 819637	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	5/14/2019
Lanford, Deirdre Roxanne	RN 554927 & LVN 90402	Enforced Suspension	5/2/2019
Lemons, Deborah Monroe	RN 714345	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Lemons, Terri Ann	RN 782440	Revoked	7/25/2019

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Lewis, Mindy	RN 693483	Suspend/Probate	6/11/2019
Lewis, Thomas Adam	RN 833947	Revoked	6/29/2018
Lindsey, Tara Denise	AP129271 & RN 717772	Suspend/Probate	7/25/2019
Logan, Marcia Maria	RN 595690	Warning with Stipulations, Deferred	5/14/2019
Lovvorn, Ashleigh	RN 787063	Revoked	6/11/2019
Lule, Rogelio	RN 849278	Voluntary Surrender	7/10/2019
Lundy, Susan Jane	AP114754 & RN 447447	Reprimand with Stipulations and Fine	7/25/2019
Luster, Tunyesse Marie	LVN 211099	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	7/25/2019
Mackey, Amber Shae	RN 798243	Revoked	6/11/2019
Malveaux, Kia Kristell	RN 854727	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Mann, Priscilla Marie	AP134070 & RN 808144	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	7/25/2019
Maranga, Sylvia Kerubo	RN 854211 & LVN 211319	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Marr, Brian Michael	LVN 338118	Enforced Suspension	7/25/2019
Martines, Jasmine Rose	LVN 326486	Suspend/Probate	7/25/2019
Maslanka, Carissa Renee	RN 913722	Reprimand with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Mason, Dolores	RN 643707	Limited License	5/14/2019
Mathieu, Monica Jordan	LVN 310768	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	5/14/2019
May, Rebecca Lynn	RN 639357	Remedial Education, Deferred	7/24/2019
Mayo, Rochelle Delinda	LVN 320576	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Mays, Taylor	RN 881157	Voluntary Surrender	5/27/2019
Mayson, Mercy Alberta	RN 675372	Reprimand with Stipulations	6/11/2019
McCorkle, Amanda Christine	LVN 336412	Reprimand with Stipulations	5/14/2019
McCoy, Courtney Renee	LVN 335142	Remedial Education	5/9/2019
McCoy, Marlene Dietrich	RN 577947 & LVN 97945	Remedial Education with Fine	7/20/2019
McCraith, Marlaine Alison	LVN 140577	Revoked	6/11/2019
McDonell, Alison Lyn	RN 781347	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019
McFarland, Emilee Elizabeth	RN 782735	Reprimand with Stipulations and Fine	7/25/2019
McManigal, Abigail Truely	RN 866024	Remedial Education with Fine	5/30/2019
Medina, Maria	RN 909739	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Mena, Andrew Christian	RN 895774	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	7/25/2019
Miller, Rebekkah Pauline	RN 858920	Reprimand with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Molina, Candy Diana	RN 900192 & LVN 311259	Reprimand with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Moore, Phyllis Jackson	LVN 105074	Suspend/Probate	5/14/2019
Moore, Russell David	RN 841978	Suspend/Probate	6/11/2019
Moore, Seth Aaron	RN 726141	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Moretti, David Michael	AP113213 & RN 702622	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Morgan, Leslie Dawn	RN 895838	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Morrow, Tiffany Dawn	RN 660523	Remedial Education, Deferred	5/8/2019
Muns, Joshua Steven	RN 760098	Enforced Suspension	5/14/2019
Murphy, Amy Michelle	AP112115 & RN 586470	Reprimand with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Myers, Bruce Ray	RN 256763	Voluntary Surrender	7/22/2019
Nelson, Darlene Ann	RN 579704	Limited License	5/14/2019
Nelson, Kristy Gail	RN 768825 & LVN 196232	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Ngankam Nkonsho, Morgan Bruno	RN 914899	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Nieto, Yvette Marie	LVN 148402	Reprimand with Stipulations and Fine	7/25/2019
Nixon, Patricia Treneal	RN 855562	Remedial Education	6/20/2019
Nnadi, Constance Chinyere	RN 626823 & LVN 155793	Revoked	12/30/2018
Noles, Ronald Warren	RN 563746	Revoked	5/14/2019
Norman, Dustin	AP130057 & RN 791291	Remedial Education	7/19/2019

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Nwaodu, Chinyere Grace	RN 794913	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	5/14/2019
Ofa, Filieta	RN 637707	Remedial Education, Deferred	6/14/2019
Okesola, Bunmi Elizabeth	RN 868458	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Omoleme, Priscillia Anwi (Mbanyamsig)	RN 832803	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	6/11/2019
Otis, Matthew Lindsay	RN 875392	Enforced Suspension	7/11/2019
Paffe, Angela Hope	LVN 158473	Revoked	6/11/2019
Paguio, Michael Rosal	RN 830920	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Pangilinan, Maria Emma	RN 955925	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Parker, Shari Lyn	LVN 323549	Enforced Suspension	7/16/2019
Pauley, Stephanie Kay	LVN 193960	Reprimand with Stipulations and Fine	5/14/2019
Peoples, Sherry Ann	RN 256684	Limited License	5/14/2019
Perry, Brandy Renee	RN 828535 & LVN 220805	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	5/14/2019
Perry, Monique	LVN 319772	Suspend/Probate	6/11/2019
Phillips, Felisa B.	LVN 332669	Voluntary Surrender	7/9/2019
Pinkerton, Melanie Erika	RN 912095	Limited License	5/14/2019
Plehn, Kelly Hoffman	LVN 112997	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Poe, Kimberly Renee	LVN 177691	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Polk, Sonya Deann	LVN 233211	Voluntary Surrender	6/26/2019
Porter, Rebecca Kathryne	RN 945935	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Quinn, Carmen Linette	RN 711578	Revoked	5/14/2019
Quinones, Damian	RN 942075	Warning with Fine	7/25/2019
Racich, Erika Renee	LVN 337771	Revoked	7/25/2019
Ramirez, Kristen Deanne	LVN 197498	Reprimand with Stipulations and Fine	6/11/2019
Ramos, Jessica Marie	RN 902778	Enforced Suspension	5/14/2019
Read, Bradley Van	RN 840321 & LVN 170056	Suspend/Probate	6/11/2019
Redd, Jonathan Franklin	RN 823005	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Reed, Mary Christine	RN 770259 & LVN 194341	Reprimand with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Reeves, Richard Dean	RN 778021	Revoked	7/25/2019
Renald, Mona	LVN 340804	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Renfro, Jennifer	RN 836375	Revoked	7/25/2019
Richardson, Jo Neen	LVN 181143	Remedial Education with Fine	6/5/2019
Richardson, Micah Lynn	RN 684721	Voluntary Surrender	6/13/2019
Rihn, Michelle Ashley	RN 856557	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Riskind, Rosemary	LVN 157511	Remedial Education	6/18/2019
Robert, E. Renee	RN 517994	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Robert, E. Renee	AP111028 & RX 4349	Voluntary Surrender	7/25/2019
Rodriguez, Albino N.	LVN 105893	Revoked	5/14/2019
Rodriguez, Faith Michelle	RN 810512	Voluntary Surrender	6/17/2019
Rodriguez, Ill, Bernardo	RN 949201	Remedial Education with Fine	7/25/2019
Rodriguez, Leslie R.	AP117756, RX 9204, RN 522482 & LVN 105295	Revoked	5/6/2019
Rogan, James Francis	RN 580164	Reprimand with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Roman, Jose Javier	AP113140 & RN 698583	Suspend/Probate	5/14/2019
Rosado, Raquel	LVN 211337	Voluntary Surrender	7/4/2019
Rosales, Melissa	LVN 321392	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Rosenberg, Natasha Anne	PTP VA RN 0001267977	Remedial Education	5/15/2019
Rossi, Laura Elizabeth	RN 801387	Reprimand with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Rowton, Michelle Katherine	AP120274 & RN 689496	Warning with Stipulations and Fine, Deferred	7/25/2019
Ruiz, Alice Michelle	RN 763065 & LVN 188733	Suspend/Probate	7/25/2019
Russell, Karen	RN 630104	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	6/11/2019
Sabor, Chichi	RN 891407 & LVN 197906	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Salasbustamante, Sandra Elizabeth	LVN 303285	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019

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Salazar, Ashley Nicole	LVN 315916	Revoked	5/14/2019
Salinas, Walter Carlos	RN 946491	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Sanders, Aimee Lynne	RN 735404	Enforced Suspension	7/17/2019
Sandoval, Katie Marie	LVN 326525	Reprimand with Stipulations and Fine	6/11/2019
Santiago, Jr., Amado Mar V.	RN 502450	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Santos, Adela Renee	AP122367 & RN 725855	Suspend/Probate	6/11/2019
Santos, Veronica De Los	RN 606182	Warning with Stipulations, Deferred	5/14/2019
Sayles, Earnestine Yvonne	LVN 223324	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Shanghai, Sandrine	RN 944922	Enforced Suspension	6/4/2019
Shellenbarger, China Nicole	RN 947798	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Shelton, Rolanda Lanisha	RN 799805 & LVN 171554	Reprimand with Stipulations and Fine	5/14/2019
Shirley, Elizabeth	RN 623750	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Sides, Brandi Lynn	LVN 309864	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Sifuentes, Suzanne Vincent	LVN 219511	Remedial Education with Fine	5/7/2019
Slepica, Amy Catherine-Orr	RN 942577	Revoked	5/14/2019
Smith, Gabriela Rehlinger	RN 772844	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Smith, Grace	RN 907876 & LVN 217020	Reprimand with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Smith, Ticarra Nicole	LVN 190594	Revoked	6/11/2019
Soto, Dory Denton	LVN 300758	Enforced Suspension	6/24/2019
Sparks, Adriann	RN 656223	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Spears, Lisa Ann	LVN 229182	Revoked	5/14/2019
Split, Erika Shari Tria	RN 843796	Remedial Education	7/15/2019
Steely, Donna Jo	LVN 132073	Revoked	5/14/2019
Stagner, Sandra Mae	LVN 200347	Suspend/Probate	7/25/2019
Stukes, Bennie	LVN 171610	Remedial Education	7/29/2019
Subia, Olga Lidia	RN 731231	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Surley, Arnold Leroy	RN 843756	Reprimand with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Taylor, Candria Lee	PTP TN RN 82370	Revoked	5/14/2019
Taylor, Hollie Blanche	LVN 313373	Revoked	6/11/2019
Terry, Taketa Trichell	PTP AR RN R088740	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Thompson, Kandace Ruth	RN 657245	Remedial Education with Fine	7/31/2019
Thompson, Krishawna Mund	AP123710 & RN 734317	Remedial Education with Fine	7/25/2019
Thompson, Synthia Ray	LVN 313505	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Thornton, Kristine Lynn	RN 855551	Warning with Stipulations	5/14/2019
Timms, Lloyd Thomas	RN 785817	Reprimand with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Titsworth, Ebony Nichole	RN 759417	Revoked	5/14/2019
Tiwaa, Abena	LVN 324836	Remedial Education	6/3/2019
Tran, Lianne	RN 597362	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	5/14/2019
Tran, Victoria	RN 952757	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Trigg, Kemberly Celeste	LVN 161284	Revoked	5/14/2019
Turner, Yvette Okala	LVN 325159	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	6/11/2019
Tyler, Keila	RN 727298	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Ussery, Darrell Keith	RN 771395	Suspend/Probate	7/25/2019
Varghese, Besni	AP130467 & RN 734240	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	7/25/2019
Veitenheimer, Rachel Lynn	RN 883589	Reprimand with Stipulations and Fine	7/25/2019
Villalba, Linda Ann	LVN 207795	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	5/14/2019
Villalobos, Sophia Ann	AP119599 & RX 10760	Voluntary Surrender	5/14/2019
Villalobos, Sophia Ann	RN 722203	Limited License	5/14/2019
Villanueva, Hugo	LVN 320925	Revoked	5/14/2019

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Name	License Numbers	Discipline	Action Date
Vilo, Kimberly Denise	RN 881844	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Wade, Gladys Marie	RN 597365	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	5/14/2019
Wagner, Amber Noel	RN 910940	Suspend/Probate	7/25/2019
Waldo, Meredith Lynn	AP115616 & RN 684257	Enforced Suspension	7/8/2019
Waldvogel, Jason Scott	RN 742361	Revoked	7/25/2019
Weathersby, Linda Louise	RN 876945 & LVN 200206	Revoked	5/14/2019
Weber, April Elizabeth	RN 734747	Enforced Suspension	6/11/2019
Wessels, Kelley D.	RN 658073	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
White, Kelly E.	RN 255052	Remedial Education with Fine	5/28/2019
White, Roy Lagette	RN 820236	Limited License	5/14/2019
Wilkins, Stephanie Leann	LVN 181588	Enforced Suspension	7/31/2019
Williams, Renata Luciana	LVN 325081	Revoked	6/11/2019
Wood, Collin Lee	LVN 327651	Warning with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Woods, Terri Yvonne	LVN 161796	Voluntary Surrender	7/9/2019
Woody, Colton Scott	RN 879063	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Woytek, Rachel Kay	LVN 210998	Warning with Stipulations	6/11/2019
Yates, Dannita Patricia	LVN 184370	Reprimand with Stipulations	7/25/2019
Yere, Nechosen Lacuesta	RN 685954	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	7/25/2019
Yerger, John Patrick	RN 670287	Remedial Education with Fine	6/10/2019
Zachary, Jennifer Louise	RN 747277	Remedial Education	5/6/2019
Zamora, Bridgette	LVN 205211	Voluntary Surrender	6/24/2019
Zamora, Joseph Ryan	LVN 337292	Warning with Stipulations and Fine	7/25/2019

Opportunity to Participate in a Short Online Study on Palliative Care

Dr. Cheryl Brohard, PhD, RN, CNS-ONC, AOCN®, CHPCA®, and the Texas Nurses Association End-of-Life Task Force are looking for nurses to complete a 15-minute online survey on their knowledge of the palliative care competencies. The goal is to identify the high priority palliative care educational needs of nurses in Texas and to develop educational offerings.

To be eligible for this study, you must be a licensed nurse in Texas and able to access the survey on the internet. Your responses will be completely anonymous. If you wish to participate, scan the QR code:



or follow the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019TNA>

For more information, please contact cbrohard@uh.edu or call 832-842-2960. This research has been approved by the University of Houston IRB. It is being sponsored by a grant from the Phi Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. The purpose of this initiative is to support nurses' efforts to maintain continuing competence and professional growth in the area of highly effective supportive palliative care.

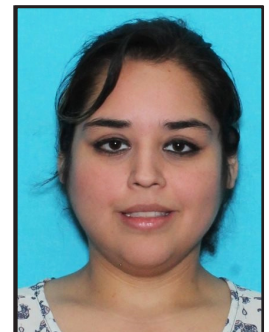
IMPOSTER WARNING

If you have any knowledge or information regarding the employment practices of the following individual or any nurse imposter, please contact the Board's Enforcement Division immediately at (512) 305-6838.

Nora Nely Avila (Ibarra)

a.k.a Nora N. Avila; a.k.a. Nora Ibarra Avila; a.k.a. Nora Avila; a.k.a. Nora Ibarra

Nora Nely Avila (Ibarra) secured employment and practiced as a licensed vocational nurse (LVN) with a home health agency in Laredo, Texas, from July 12, 2017, through August 22, 2018, by using the license number belonging to another nurse with the same name. During this time, Nora Nely Avila represented herself as a LVN to staff, patients, and the public while using the credentials of "LVN" on the facility's business and medical records. The Board's investigation revealed that the date of birth, social security number, and address information provided by Nora Nely Avila to the facility did not belong to any nurse having a license or privilege to practice nursing in the State of Texas. The case has been referred to the Office of the Webb County District Attorney for prosecution.



Abbreviations in the Notice of Disciplinary Action Section

PTP	Privilege to Practice in Texas, also known as Nurse Licensure Compact Privilege, associated with the indicated state and license. States are abbreviated using the official two letter state abbreviations of the United States Postal System.
RX	Prescription Authorization

Statistical Information

The 308 disciplinary actions reported in this bulletin represent only 0.074% of all nurses who are currently licensed to practice in the State of Texas.



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**TPAPN Peer Support
Workshop**

November 1, 2019

The Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) conducts Peer Support Partner workshops twice a year. The workshop is designed to give the peer support partner, or potential peer support partner (formerly referred to as TPAPN advocate), information about the TPAPN peer support partner role. The workshop will include content on the following areas:

- Principles of Peer Support Partners,
- Practices of Peer Support, and
- An Overview of TPAPN.

The fall workshop is November 1, 2019. The workshop will be conducted at the Texas Nurses Association office, 4807 Spicewood Springs Rd., Bldg. 3, Ste. 100, Austin TX 78759. Space is limited; therefore, registration is **required** prior to attendance. The registration information for the fall workshop will be accessible on the TPAPN website prior to the event. If you are interested in learning more about the TPAPN peer support partner role, please visit the TPAPN website (www.tpapn.org) and click on the page for peer support partners.

Volunteer with TPAPN

TPAPN needs peer support partners. Peer support partners provide person-centered recovery support, encourage autonomy, respect, and diversity, and lend a listening ear to nurse participants. To learn more and/or become a peer support partner, visit: www.tpapn.org

**Texas Board of Nursing
Meeting Schedule**

2020 Board Meeting Dates

January 23-24	July 23-24
April 23-24	October 22-23

**2020 Eligibility and Disciplinary
Committee Meeting Dates**

February 11	August 18
March 10	September 8
May 12	November 10
June 9	December 8

All Board and Eligibility & Disciplinary Committee Meetings will be held in Austin at the William P. Hobby Building located at 333 Guadalupe, Austin, Texas, 78701.

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BON Lifelong Learning Account

Depending on the continuing education course, you may be required to log into your individual account to complete follow-up learning activities and/or course evaluations after a workshop, webinar, or online course in order to receive your CNE certificate of completion.

Your BON Lifelong Learning Account will also contain links for workshop handouts, any required forms, post-activity certificates of completion, and other helpful resources for each registered activity. If questions arise during your registration or during an online learning course, there are specific Help links throughout the process to direct you to the dedicated Online Learning Help Desk.

Secure online payments are completed using major credit cards, bank cards (those with Visa or MasterCard logos), or online checks. Registration payments submitted directly to the Board will be returned and the registration process will be delayed. Employers, organizations, or groups can complete payment for multiple registrants with the purchase of a bulk voucher. The bulk voucher system will send the voucher information to the group coordinator for distribution to individual registrants. Each individual will use the voucher as the form of payment during her/his own online registration.

You may register for as many courses as you are interested in by re-entering the BON CNE Course Catalog at anytime to register for another educational offering. For a complete listing of the registration policies, visit the Board's website, and click on the CNE Course Catalog icon.

BON Continuing Competency Offerings Address Nursing Jurisprudence and Ethics Requirement

In 2013, the 83rd Regular Texas Legislative Session passed a law that specified continuing education requirements for all nurses. Senate Bill (SB) 1058 requires nurses to complete at least 2 hours of continuing education related to nursing jurisprudence and ethics before the end of every third two-year licensing period. The BON has two continuing education offerings which meet the requirement: the workshop titled, "Protecting Your Patients & Your Practice, Nursing Jurisprudence & Ethics" and the interactive online course titled, "Nursing Regulations for Safe Practice". For more information about BON continuing competency requirements, visit the Board's website, click on **Laws and Rules**, then **Rules and Regulations**, and then **Chapter 216**.

Please Note: Workshop participants more than 10 minutes late or who leave prior to the end of the workshop will not receive CNE credit or meet BON stipulations.

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Learning Opportunities: 2020



Continuing Competency Workshops and Online Educational Offerings

The Texas Board of Nursing is excited to offer learning opportunities for 2020. Nurses can explore a variety of topics designed to provide the most current information to support safe nursing practice. Space is limited, early registration is recommended.





2020 Workshops

Protecting Your Patients & Your Practice, Nursing Jurisprudence & Ethics#+>**

This workshop has been approved for 8.6 contact hours of CNE.

March 10, 2020 (Tuesday) - Austin

Location: University of Texas Commons Conference Center, 10100 Burnet Rd, Bldg. 137 Austin, TX 78758
<https://commons.utexas.edu/>

June 10, 2020 (Wednesday) - Waco

Location: Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Waco Northwest, 1801 North Development Boulevard Waco, TX 76705
https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/waco/actup/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps-_HI-_US-_ACTUP

September 16, 2020 (Wednesday) - Arlington

Location: Hilton Arlington, 2401 E Lamar Blvd Arlington, TX 76006
https://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hilton-arlington-ARLAHHF/index.html?SEO_id=GMB-HI-ARLAHHF

November 4, 2020 (Wednesday) - Houston

Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Houston Hobby Airport, 8181 Airport Blvd Houston, TX 77061
https://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-houston-hobby-airport-HOUHODT/index.html?SEO_id=GMB-DT-HOUHODT

November 10, 2020 (Tuesday) - Corpus Christi

Location: Omni Corpus Christi Hotel 900 North Shoreline Blvd Corpus Christi, TX 78401
https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/corpus-christi?utm_source=GMBlisting&utm_medium=organic

Cost: Pre-registration \$109.00. Walk-in registration on day of workshop \$125.00, if space available. No cash accepted for payment. Early registration is encouraged.

Time: 8:00 to 4:30 pm (workshop city local time)

How to Register

You can register for all Board of Nursing (BON) educational offerings—online courses and workshops—through the BON CNE Course Catalog. To register for a BON workshop or online course, please visit our website at www.bon.texas.gov and select the CNE Course Catalog icon. You will receive a purchase confirmation and event reminders via your email address leading up to the scheduled activity and for post activity reminders in order to help you access your CNE Certificate of Completion. Instructions and help for confirming that your workstation is compatible with the online process are provided for each event. All of the BON CNE activities include online components that must be completed in conjunction with the activity in order to receive completion credit and certificates. When you register online, a BON Lifelong Learning Account is created that will be your home for accessing handouts, evaluations, and certificates.

Legend

- ** This continuing nursing education offering was approved by the Texas Board of Nursing. The Texas Board of Nursing is an approved provider of continuing education by the Alabama Board of Nursing, ABNP1509, expiration date August 17, 2020.
- # This offering meets the 2-hour CNE requirement for nursing jurisprudence and ethics established during the 2013 Legislative Session.
- + This offering satisfies the nursing jurisprudence and ethics requirement for Board orders.
- @ This course does not award CNE contact hours.
- > The Authors, Speakers/Presenters, Content Reviewers and Experts declare that there are no conflicts of interest.

Please note: To receive contact hours for the workshop, the participant must:

1. Sign in at the Registration Table
2. Arrive no more than 10 minutes late
3. Attend the entire activity
4. Complete the online evaluation form

Reminder: You are encouraged to bring a jacket or sweater as temperatures in the meeting rooms can fluctuate.



Interactive Online Learning

Nursing Regulations for Safe Practice#**

This interactive online CNE course is easy to access on any schedule. Approved for 2.8 contact hours. Cost: \$25.00.

Prescriptive Authority for APRNs* *

This course provides information on the current laws and regulations governing prescriptive authority in the State of Texas. The course is designed to help the learner develop a greater understanding of delegation of prescriptive authority to Texas APRNs and requirements that must be met for APRNs to be in compliance with Texas laws and BON rules. Approved for 1.2 contact hours. Cost: \$25.00.

Documentation: So Let It Be Said...In Writing That Is**

The purpose of this online continuing education activity is to provide all licensed nurses with information on the current standards of nursing practice, rules, and regulations applicable to nursing documentation in Texas. Participation in this course will contribute to the nurse's ability to know and conform with the Texas Nursing Practice Act and the Board's Rules and Regulations, which in turn will promote and protect the welfare of the public as evidenced by participant post-test responses. Approved for 1.4 contact hours. Cost: \$25.00.

Texas Online Nursing Jurisprudence Exam Prep Course@

The BON has developed a Nursing Jurisprudence Exam Prep Course that offers interactive instruction on the subject areas covered on the Nursing Jurisprudence Exam (NJE). The prep course is delivered online with the ability to bookmark "Hot Topics" to review later. The course, complete with training on how to locate information on the BON website, also includes access to printable resources and practice questions that will be useful not only for NJE preparation but for your future nursing practice. Cost: \$25.00.

Determining APRN Scope of Practice* *

The purpose of this online continuing education activity is to provide advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) with information on the current standards of nursing practice, rules, and regulations applicable to the advanced practice scope of practice in Texas. Participation in this course will contribute to the APRNs ability to know and conform to the Texas Nursing Practice Act and the Board's Rules and Regulations, which in turn will promote and protect the welfare of the public. Approved for 1.4 contact hours. Cost: \$25.00.