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DATE: February 6, 2013

TO: Board Members

FROM: *Pam Hinckley*
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Nursing Education Consultant, Retired Annuitant

SUBJECT: Casa Loma College, Hawthorne, Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Jayne Grint, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County - Private)

On November 9, 2012, Casa Loma College, Hawthorne, Vocational Nursing Program was placed on Provisional Approval for the period from November 9, 2012, through November 30, 2014. The program was required to come to the full Board to request admission of additional students.

Provisional approval was imposed due to the program's noncompliance with regulatory requirements relative to program pass rates. Reconsideration of the program's status was scheduled for November 2014.

On December 4, 2012, the Board received correspondence from the director requesting approval to admit 30 students into two full-time classes. The first class would commence on March 11, 2013, to **replace** the class graduating on February 25, 2013, and would graduate on April 1, 2014. The second class would commence on June 3, 2013, to **replace** the class graduating on May 10, 2013, and would graduate on June 10, 2014,

History of Board Action

(See Attachment A, March 1972 through January 2, 2013)

Enrollment

The Casa Loma College, Hawthorne, Vocational Nursing Program must obtain full Board approval for all class admissions. The pattern of admissions for current classes is seen in the enrollment table below.

The following table represents **current and projected** student enrollment based on current and proposed class starts and completions. The table indicates a **maximum enrollment of 142 students** for the period February 2012 through June 2013.

ENROLLMENT DATA				
CLASS DATES		#Students Admitted	#Students Current or Completed	Total Enrolled
Start	Complete			
02/13/12		30	26	26
05/01/12		30	21	26 + 21 = 47
07/16/12		30	22	47 + 22 = 69
10/1/12		30	30	69 + 30 = 99
01/7/13		30	30	99 + 30 = 129
	02/25/13 (02/13/12 Class)		-26	129 - 26 = 103
03/4/13		30 (proposed)		103 + 30 = 133
	05/10/13 (05/01/12 Class)		-21	133 - 21 = 112
06/13/13		30 (proposed)		112 + 30 = 142

Licensing Examination Statistics

The following statistics, furnished by Pearson VUE and published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing as "Jurisdictional Summary of All First-Time Candidates Educated in Member Board Jurisdiction" for the period October 2010 through December 2012, specify the pass percentage rates for graduates of the Casa Loma College, Hawthorne, Vocational Nursing Program on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical/Vocational Nurses (NCLEX-PN®), and the variance from state average annual pass rates.

NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination Data							
Quarterly Statistics					Annual Statistics*		
Quarter	# Candidates	# Passed	% Passed	State Quarterly Pass Rate	Program Average Annual Pass Rate	State Average Annual Pass Rate	Variance From State Average Annual Pass Rate
Oct – Dec 2010	32	13	41%	77%	62%	76%	-14
Jan – Mar 2011	50	37	74%	80%	66%	77%	-11
Apr – Jun 2011	26	13	50%	71%	61%	76%	-15
Jul – Sep 2011	25	12	48%	74%	56%	75%	-19
Oct – Dec 2011	12	9	75%	74%	63%	75%	-31
Jan – Mar 2012	39	26	67%	77%	59%	74%	-15
Apr – Jun 2012	26	15	58%	72%	61%	74%	-13
Jul – Sep 2012	29	15	52%	74%	61%	74%	-13
Oct – Dec 2012	23	13	57%	70%	59%	74%	-15

The Annual Pass Rate changes every quarter. It is calculated by dividing the number of candidates who passed during the current and previous three-quarters by the number of candidates who tested during the same period. If no data is available for the relevant period, the statistic is carried over from the last quarter for which data is available.

Based on the **most recent data available** (October to December 2012), the program's average annual pass rate is 59%. The California average annual pass rate for graduates from accredited vocational nursing programs who took the NCLEX-PN® Licensure Examination for the first time during the same period is 74%. The average annual pass rate for the Casa Loma College, Hawthorne, Vocational Nursing Program is **15** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

Faculty and Facilities

Section 2534(d) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states:

“For supervision of clinical experience, there shall be a maximum of 15 students for each instructor.”

The total number of Board-approved faculty totals 17, including the director. The director has 80% administrative responsibility and 20% teaching duties. Fifteen instructors are approved to teach clinical. For a maximum enrollment of 142 students, ten (10) clinical instructors are needed. Therefore, faculty is adequate for the current and proposed enrollment.

Section 2534(b) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations states, in part:

“Schools shall have clinical facilities adequate as to number, type, and variety of patients treated, to provide clinical experience for all students in the areas specified by Section 2533. There must be available for student assignment, an adequate daily census of

patients to afford a variety of clinical experiences consistent with competency-based objectives and theory being taught.”

The program's clinical facilities are adequate as to type and variety of patients treated to enable current and proposed students to meet clinical objectives in accordance with Section 2534(b) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. This information has been verified by the consultant.

Recommendations:

1. Approve the Casa Loma College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 30 students to a class on March 11, 2013, to **replace** the class graduating on February 25, 2013, and graduating on April 1, 2014; and admit 30 students to a class on June 3, 2013, to **replace** the class graduating on May 10, 2013, and graduating on June 10, 2014.
2. Continue to require the program to admit no additional students unless specifically approved by the full Board.

Rationale: The program was placed on Provisional Approval at the November 2012 Board Meeting due to low licensure examination pass rates. It is implementing its plan of improvement as submitted in November; however, there has not been enough time to demonstrate improvement in the pass rate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources, including faculty and facilities, to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

Attachment A: History of Prior Board Actions

Attachment B: Request for copies of pertinent documents for Board members, dated December 13, 2012.

Attachment C: On January 2, 2013, the Board received correspondence from the program director and eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire the Board members to consider.

Agenda Item #13.B.1, Attachment A

Casa Loma College, Hawthorne Vocational Nursing Program

History of Prior Board Actions

- In March 1972, the Casa Loma College, Lake View Terrace, Vocational Nursing Program was granted initial accreditation. The initial class commenced in October 1971.
- The program was approved for 1531 hours, including 577 theory and 954 clinical hours.
- On July 15, 1988, the Board granted approval to start a satellite full-time program in Los Angeles for two classes per year, with a maximum of 30 students per class.
- On January 24, 1997, the Board denied the Casa Loma College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit classes on a continuous basis; approved the admission of 24 full-time students on January 25, 1997, and April 1997 only, and elected to consider the program's request to admit additional classes at its June 1997 meeting. In addition, the Board requested that the new director and assigned nursing education consultant meet at the Board's Sacramento office to review and evaluate prior attrition reports, and discuss methods to reduce attrition. This meeting was accomplished on March 27, 1997. The Board also requested that a follow-up report on attrition and examination statistics be presented at its June 1997 meeting.

- **In May 1997, a new program director was approved.**
- On June 27, 1997, the Board approved the Casa Loma College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 24 students in the full-time program at the Los Angeles campus on June 29, 1997. Consideration of the program's request to admit 24 students at the Los Angeles campus on October 1, 1997, was scheduled for the September 1997 meeting. The Board also requested that a follow-up report on attrition, examination statistics and faculty be presented at its September 1997 meeting.
- On August 12, 1997, the current program director was no longer affiliated with the College.
- **On August 28, 1997, a new program director (interim) was approved.**
- On September 19, 1997, the Board approved the program's request to admit 24 full-time students on September 29, 1997, at its Los Angeles campus.
- On November 7, 1997, the Board requested a follow-up report on attrition and examination statistics be presented at the April 1998 Board Meeting.
- **On January 15, 1998, a new program director was approved.**

- On January 30, 1998, the Board denied the program's request to admit a class of 24 students on February 24, 1998, and April 1, 1998. The program's request to admit 24 students on June 21, 1998, and August 9, 1998, was scheduled for consideration at the Board's June 1998 meeting, and the program's request to admit 24 students on November 29, 1998, was scheduled for consideration at the Board's meeting in September 1998.
 - On April 17, 1998, the Board granted approval to admit a class of 24 students on April 23, 1998. The program's request to admit 24 students on July 13, 1998, was scheduled for consideration at the Board's June 26, 1998, meeting. The program's request to admit 24 students on September 24, 1998, was scheduled for consideration at the September 18, 1998, Board meeting. The program's request to admit 24 students on December 3, 1998, was scheduled for consideration at the Board's November 20, 1998, meeting. The program's request to admit 24 students on February 8, 1999, was scheduled for consideration at the January 1999 Board meeting. The program's request to admit five full-time classes each year on a continuous basis was denied.
 - On June 26, 1998, the Board granted approval to admit a class of 24 students on July 17, 1998.
 - On September 11, 1998, the Board granted approval to admit a class of 24 students on September 24, 1998. Following the Board meeting the program changed the admission date to October 5, 1998.
 - On November 20, 1998, the Board granted approval to admit a class of 24 students on December 3, 1998.
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- On January 22, 1999, the Board granted approval to admit a class of 24 students on March 31, 1999.
 - On April 16, 1999, the Board granted approval to admit a class of 24 students on June 17, 1999.
 - On June 25, 1999, the Board granted approval to admit a class of 24 students on September 17, 1999.
 - On September 17, 1999, the Board granted approval to admit a class of 24 students on November 23, 1999, only.
 - **On November 2, 1999, a new program director was approved.**
 - On November 19, 1999, the Board granted approval to admit a class of 24 students on February 29, 2000, only.
 - On April 14, 2000, the Board granted approval to admit a class of 24 students on May 17, 2000, and requested the program perform a detailed analysis of all program elements to determine causes of poor student performance on the licensure examination and identify written solutions, goals and timelines for the purpose of improving examination pass

rates. The written report of this analysis was to be submitted to the Board by July 15, 2000. Information from this report will be taken into consideration for determining the admission of future classes.

- On June 29, 2000, the program director of the Van Nuys campus (formerly Lake View Terrace and Sylmar) assumed the role of interim director.
- **On July 18, 2000, a new program director was approved.**
- On September 29, 2000, the Board approved the Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 24 full-time students on October 9, 2000.
- On November 17, 2000, the Board approved the Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 24 full-time students on January 19, 2001.
- On February 2, 2001, the Board approved Casa Loma College, Los Angeles Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 24 students on April 9, 2001, only, replacing the class that graduates March 9, 2001. A follow-up report is to be presented at the September 2002 Board meeting on the program's analysis of its plan to improve student pass rates which was implemented in January 2001.
- On April 27, 2001, the Board approved Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 24 full-time students on June 26, 2001, only, replacing the class that graduates May 25, 2001. Additionally, the Board requested an interim report on the program's analysis of its plan to improve student pass rates be presented at the September 2001 Board meeting.
- On September 7, 2001, the Board approved Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 24 full-time students on September 26, 2001, only, replacing the class that graduates October 25, 2001, with the provision licensure examination pass rates will improve with the fourth quarter reporting period.
- On November 16, 2001, the Board approved Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 24 full-time students on December 3, 2001, only. The Board would continue to monitor licensure exam pass rates. If licensure examination scores did not improve, the Board would seriously consider restricting or denying future admissions.
- On February 8, 2002, the Board approved Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 24 full-time students on February 19, 2002, only, replacing the class that graduated on February 1, 2002. The Board would continue to closely monitor licensure exam pass rates. If licensure examination scores did not improve, the Board would seriously consider restricting or denying future admissions.

- On April 12, 2002, the Board denied Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 24 full-time students on May 6, 2002, only, replacing the class that graduated on April 19, 2002.
 - On June 28, 2002, the Board approved Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 24 full-time students on July 23, 2002, only.
 - On September 6, 2002, the Board placed the Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program on provisional accreditation for the period from September 6, 2002, through September 5, 2004. In addition, the Board approved the program's request to admit a class of 24 full-time students on October 7, 2002, only, replacing the class that graduated on September 27, 2002.
 - On November 8, 2002, the Board approved Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 24 full-time students on January 13, 2003, only, replacing the class that graduated on December 20, 2002.
 - On February 21, 2003, the Board approved Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 24 full-time students on March 3, 2003, only, replacing the class that graduated on February 21, 2003.
 - On April 11, 2003, the Board approved Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 24 full-time students on May 19, 2003, only, replacing the class that graduated on May 6, 2003.
 - On June 20, 2003, the Board approved Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 24 full-time students on August 5, 2003, only, replacing the class that graduated on July 25, 2003.
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- On September 19, 2003, the Board approved Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of 24 full-time students commencing October 20, 2003, only, to replace students who graduate on October 10, 2003.
 - On November 14, 2003, the Board approved the program's request to admit a class of 24 full-time students commencing February 2, 2004, only, to replace students who graduate on February 13, 2004.
 - On February 2, 2004, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit a class of 24 full-time students commencing April 19, 2004, only, to replace students who graduate on March 26, 2004.
 - On May 14, 2004, the Board approved extension of provisional accreditation for a period of one year for the program for the period from May 14, 2004, through May 13, 2005, and approved ongoing admissions to replace graduating classes, only, with the stipulation that no additional classes are to be added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes five full-time classes of 24 students admitted each calendar year.

- On September 10, 2004, the Board reinstated full accreditation for the Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program for the four-year period from September 10, 2004, through September 9, 2008, and issued a certificate accordingly.
- On January 12, 2005, the Board approved the Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program's request to increase the size of all five full-time classes admitted each year from 24 to 30 students starting with the April 18, 2005, class.
- On March 10, 2008, Casa Loma Director of Compliance, Sharon Dugan, requested a change in school name from Casa Loma College, Los Angeles, to Casa Loma College, Hawthorne.
- On June 4, 2008, the Executive Officer approved continued full accreditation of the Casa Loma College, Hawthorne, Vocational Nursing Program for a four-year period, from September 9, 2008, through September 8, 2012, and the Board issued a certificate accordingly.
- **On October 24, 2008, Rochelle Eaton was approved as director of the Casa Loma College, Hawthorne, Vocational Nursing Program.**
- On February 22, 2012, the program was notified that its average annual pass rates had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below state average annual pass rates for five (5) quarters. The program was asked to provide a written plan for improving the pass rates by March 9, 2012.
- On March 16, 2012, the plan for improvement was received by the Board.
- On May 7, 2012, the program was notified that its average annual pass rates had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below state average annual pass rates for six (6) quarters. The program was asked to provide documentation regarding the implementation of its plan for improvement and copies of the faculty's daily lesson plans by June 7, 2012.
- On July 10, 2012, the Board received the report including the status of the implementation of the plan for improvement and received copies of the faculty's daily lesson plans.
- On August 2, 2012, the program was notified that its average annual pass rates had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below state average annual pass rates for seven (7) quarters. The program was notified that the program may be considered for placement on provisional approval at the November 2012 Board Meeting and was asked to provide the following information by August 31, 2012:
 1. Current enrollment information.
 2. Current faculty and facility information.
 3. Documentation demonstrating the clinical rotation schedules for all current classes.

4. An analysis of your program's correctional plan submitted **July 10, 2012**, indicating the elements that have been effective and those that have not. Describe alterations that you will make in the plan based on this analysis.
 5. Any other pertinent information to be considered by the Board. (Note: Information submitted after the deadline may not receive due consideration by the Board.)
- **On August 24, 2012, Janet Nishina was approved as director of the Casa Loma College, Hawthorne, Vocational Nursing Program.**
 - **On September 17, 2012, Jayne Grint was approved as director of the Casa Loma College, Hawthorne, Vocational Nursing Program and subsequently completed New Director Orientation.**
 - On October 3, 2012, the assigned consultant forward correspondence to the director requesting documents for dissemination to Board Members.
 - On November 9, 2012, the Board approved the following recommendations:
 1. Place the Casa Loma College, Hawthorne, Vocational Nursing Program on provisional approval for the two – year period from November 9, 2012, through November 30, 2014, and issue a notice to the program to identify specific areas of noncompliance and requirements for correction, as referenced in Section 2526.1 (e) of the California Code of Regulations. (See Attachment E for draft of Notice)
 2. Require the program to bring its average annual pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rates.
 3. Approve the admission of the class of 30 students projected to start on December 17, 2012.
 4. Rescind the program's approval for ongoing admissions and require the program to obtain approval by the full Board prior to the admission of additional students.
 5. Approve the program's proposed curriculum revision to include 680 theory hours and 976 clinical hours for a total of 1656 program hours.
 6. Require the program to submit follow-up reports in nine (9) months, but no later than **August 1, 2013**, and 21 months, but no later than **August 1, 2014**. The reports must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions to improve program pass rates, timeline for implementation, and expected outcomes. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis.
 - a. Admission Criteria.
 - b. Screening and Selection Criteria.
 - c. Terminal Objectives.
 - d. Curriculum Objectives.
 - e. Instructional Plan.
 - f. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
 - g. Lesson Plans for Each Course.
 - h. Textbooks.
 - i. Attendance Policy.
 - j. Remediation Policy.
 - k. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
 - l. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
 - m. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
 - n. Evaluation of Student Achievement.

o. Current Enrollment.

7. Require the program to comply with all approval standards in Article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing at Business and Professions Code Section 2880, and Article 5 of the Board's Regulations, commencing at California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 2526.
 8. Require the program to demonstrate incremental progress in correcting the violation. If the program fails to satisfactorily demonstrate incremental progress, the full Board may revoke the program's approval.
 9. Failure to take any of these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval.
 10. Place the program on the **November 2014** Board agenda for reconsideration of provisional approval.
- On December 26, 2012, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting submission of eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents, plan, and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire Board members to consider.
 - On January 2, 2013, the Board received correspondence from the program director and eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents that they desire the Board members to consider.
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The following information was obtained from the records of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General, regarding the activities of the [redacted] in the [redacted] area.

The [redacted] was found to have engaged in activities that are prohibited by the [redacted] Act, including the [redacted] of [redacted] funds and the [redacted] of [redacted] information.

The [redacted] is in violation of the [redacted] Act, and the [redacted] is hereby [redacted] from [redacted] the [redacted] of [redacted] funds and the [redacted] of [redacted] information.

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Agenda Item #13.B.1, Attachment B



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December 13, 2012

Jayne Grint
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Subject: Request to Admit Students while on Provisional Approval

Dear Ms. Grint:

On February 21, 2013, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) is scheduled to consider the following items relative to the ***Casa Loma College, Hawthorne, Vocational Nursing Program***.

- Consideration for Request to Admit Students.

To ensure dissemination to individual Board members and relevant staff for timely consideration at the February 21, 2013 Board Meeting, please submit:

- Eighteen (18) copies of any pertinent documents that you desire Board members to consider. At a minimum, a copy of the status of the program's NCLEX-PN® Improvement Plan should be included. Please remember existing statutes require that any document considered by the Board will become a public record. Accordingly, please redact all names of students.

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- In addition, please provide any information that you submit for the Board members on a compact disc (CD) for Board use. Again, please remember to redact any student names prior to copying information onto the CD.

To ensure dissemination and review by Board Members prior to the meeting, the deadline for submission of the requested documents and the CD is **Friday, January 11, 2013**.

Although the primary purpose of this letter is to convey the Board's need for the copies, please be assured that, if timely submitted, any correspondence and attachments will be reviewed and, if appropriate, information submitted may be included in the report of the assigned consultant.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Board at (916) 263-7843 should you have questions.

Sincerely,

Suellen Clayworth

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Agenda Item #13.B.1, Attachment C

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December 27, 2012

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Attention: Ms. Suellen Clayworth, MS, RN

Re: Consideration for Request to Admit Students

Dear Ms. Clayworth,

~~The disappointing NCLEX-PN scores for the 4th quarter have not gone unnoticed. I am devastated by this news, but continue to work tirelessly toward our goal of improved NCLEX-PN pass rates over the 2013-2014 school years.~~

Although there is no way for us to segregate from which class each of these students graduated, I have been informed that several were graduates from 2008 to 2011. It is unknown why they would wait so long to test. Also, these students graduated before gaining from the opportunities afforded in my plan of improvement, specifically the remediation program for student success and the extended NCLEX-PN review classes.

Since September, when I started with Casa Loma College, I have seen great improvement across all levels of the program. Every student that fails an exam is counseled by me for support and is given a referral to the remediation program. As a result, I have seen improvement in overall exam scores of 5%. The students' self confidence has been lifted and they seem more motivated to learn.

Historically, this school has a fail rate of approximately 40% (12/30 students) for the level 1 or nursing fundamentals class. Since the implementation improvement plan, that number has dropped to 10% (3/30 students) in the current level 1 class that began in October. I have no academic failures in the other levels as this rotation comes to a close.

In addition to the student success programs in place, the faculty has attended several ATI in-services to learn how better to serve our students with the products we have purchased. The ATI scores have improved overall, the students are utilizing more tests and are all doing focused reviews for those areas that need improvement.

Due to the fact that it has only been two months since I sent the copies of the program NCLEX-PN Improvement Plan to the BVNPT, I am using this correspondence as an update to keep you informed as to our improvements at Casa Loma College.

I am currently working to complete the program analysis, as specified by the letter drafted from the BVNPT on November 12, 2012, regarding the adopted Board decisions. It will be in your office no later than February 1, 2013.

I look forward to meeting you again on February 22, 2013 in Los Angeles for the BVNPT Hearing.

Respectfully,


Jayne Grint, RN, MSN/Ed, PHN
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