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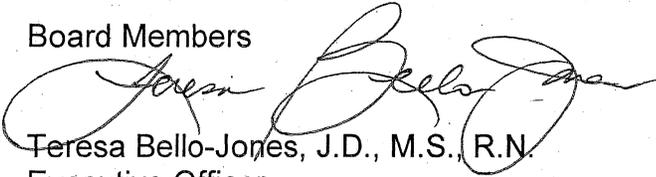
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TO: Board Members

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SUBJECT: Executive Officer's Report on Decisions for Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician Programs

The following is a summary of the Executive Officer's (EO) decisions for Vocational Nursing (VN) and Psychiatric Technician (PT) programs.

Effective October 23, 2012

1. **InterCoast Colleges, Fairfield, Vocational Nursing Program (formerly College of Medical Arts Vocational Nursing Program) – Request to Admit Students (Director: Carmencita DeGuzman, Fairfield, Solano County, Private)**

InterCoast College, Fairfield, requested approval to admit a part-time class of 24 students and two alternates to start on November 27, 2012, and to graduate on April 11, 2014, to **replace** students graduating on September 15, 2012.

The E.O. approved the InterCoast College, Fairfield, Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 24 students and two (2) alternates into a part-time day class commencing November 27, 2012, only, and graduating April 22, 2014; **and**, required the program to continue to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program has the resources to support the students requested. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

2. **Marian College, Los Angeles, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students and Request for Revision of Ongoing Admission Pattern (Director: Lynette Ferro; Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California; Private)**

Marian College, Los Angeles, requested admission of an additional class of 30 students into a full-time class beginning October 29, 2012, and graduating December 20, 2013.

students that graduated on May 27, 2012; **and**, required the program to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.

Rationale: Prior to the most recent three (3) quarters of licensure pass rate data, the program had 15 quarters of significantly low pass rates which led to the program being placed on Provisional Approval for a two (2) year period from February 25, 2011 through February 28, 2013. The program's most current two (2) quarters have exceeded the state average annual pass rate by 2 to 3 percentage points. The program's most current **quarter** pass rate is **79%**. The **average annual** pass rate is **77%**. As such, the average annual pass rate is three (3) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. The recommendation to approve the requested class is based on the program's increased licensure pass rates since being placed on provisional approval.

4. American Career College, Ontario, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students; Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Brigid Barrett, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)

The American Career College, Ontario Campus, Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit a full – time, day, class of 60 students on November 12, 2012. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for November 8, 2013. This class would **replace** students graduating on November 9, 2012; **and**, requested approval to admit a full – time, day, class of 60 students on February 11, 2013. Graduation proposed class is projected for February 7, 2014. This class would **replace** students graduating on February 8, 2013; **and**, requested approval to admit a part - time class of 50 students on March 11, 2013. Graduation proposed class is projected for October 11, 2014; **and**,

Additionally the program is requested ongoing admissions of four (4) full-time classes each year with 60 students per class, admitting in February, May, August and November and two (2) part-time, evening/weekend classes, per year, with 50 students per class, admitting in March and September.

The E.O. approved the program's request to admit a full – time, day, class of 60 students on November 12, 2012, **only**. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for November 8, 2013. This class would **replace** students graduating on November 9, 2012; **and**, approved full – time, day, class of 60 students on February 11, 2013, **only**. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for February 7, 2014. This class would **replace** students graduating on February 8, 2013; **and**, approved the program to admit a part - time class of 50 students on March 11, 2013, **only**. Graduation is projected for October 11, 2014; **and**, denied the program's request for ongoing admissions; **and**, required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rates are slightly above the state average annual pass rate. Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is 78%. As such it is four (4) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. Therefore, the requested classes are recommended.

The E.O. approved continued approval of the San Joaquin Delta College Psychiatric Technician Program for the four-year period from September 10, 2012, through September 9, 2016, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and**, approved change in the program's ongoing admission of two classes per year to **replace** graduating classes **only**, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions includes admission of a class of 60 students in January and 60 students in May of each year.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities are available to support each admitted class of students; **and**,

The program's average annual pass rates remain no more than ten (10) percentage points below state average annual pass rates; **and**, approved the program's curriculum for 656 theory hours and 984 clinical hours for a total of 1640 program hours.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the Psychiatric Technician Rules and Regulations. 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.

7. Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield – Request to Admit Students (Director: Carolyn Santiago, Bakersfield, Kern County, Private)

Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, Vocational Nursing Program requests approval to admit a class of 36 students and three (3) alternates on January 7, 2013 to **replace** a class that will graduate on December 22, 2012. The proposed class is expected to graduate on March 13, 2014.

The E.O. denied Santa Barbara Business College, Bakersfield, admission of 36 students with three (3) alternates commencing January 7, 2013, graduating March 13, 2014, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate December 22, 2012; **and**, required the program to obtain Board approval prior to admitting additional classes; **and**, placed the program on the February 2013 Board agenda.

Rationale: The program's licensure pass rates have fluctuated between 13 and 21 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate over the most recent six (6) consecutive quarters.

There are 19 quarters of licensure data recorded for the program. Of the 19 quarters, 13 prior quarters demonstrated compliance with regulatory requirements. However, the most recent six (6) quarters demonstrate a significant deterioration of the average annual pass rate. The current average annual pass rate is **55%**. As such, the average annual pass rate is **nineteen (19)** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

The program was notified, on April 19, 2012; the program had four (4) quarters of low licensure pass rates. On August 7, 2012, the program was notified they had five (5) quarters of low licensure pass rates. On September 13, 2012 the

Rationale: Since quarter one (1) of 2011, the program's average annual pass rate has dropped 26 percentage points. The program's current average annual licensure pass rate is 55%. This is **19** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. There have been 17 quarters of data recorded for the program. This is the third (3rd) quarter the program's licensure pass rate has fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate. On April 6, 2012, the director voluntarily submitted a plan to increase the program's pass rates. However, the plan failed to correct the deficiency. The director would be advised to seriously investigate the cause of the recent downward trend in licensure pass rates and create a plan to increase student success on the licensure examination. Thirty-four (34) students remain enrolled in classes.

9. United Education International College (UEI), San Bernardino, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Initial Approval; Request to Admit Students (Director: Delores Terriquez, San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, Private)

The United Education International College, San Bernardino, Vocational Nursing Program was inspected September 10 and 11, 2012. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The program requests Board approval to admit a class of 36 students on January 15, 2013, with a projected graduation date of February 17, 2014. This class would **replace** students that graduated August 28, 2012; **and**, additionally, the program is requested to admit a class of 36 students on May 13, 2013, with a projected graduation date of June 16, 2014.

The E.O. approved the United Education International College (UEI), San Bernardino, Vocational Nursing Program for the four – year period from September 10, 2012, through September 9, 2016, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and**, approved the program's request to admit a class of 36 students on January 15, 2013 with a projected graduation date of February 17, 2014, **only**, to **replace** students who graduated August 28, 2012; and, denied the program's request to admit a class of 36 students on May 13, 2013, graduating June 16, 2014; and, required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

Rationale: The program is requesting two (2) separate classes of 36 students each. One class is a replacement class for students that graduated August 28, 2012. The other class is an additional class. Since there is no licensure data available for this program, the request for an additional class is not recommended.

The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5, Section 2530 (a) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. The site visit identified the program has the resources necessary to support the number of students in the proposed replacement class.

Continue the program's request to admit 42 students into a full time class five (5) times each year, to **replace** graduating students only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are 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 42 students per year to **replace** graduating students only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rate has been 11 to 18 percentage points above the state average annual pass rate for the last eight (8) quarters. Therefore, the requested class is recommended.

Effective November 20, 2012

12. Charles A. Jones Skills and Business Education Center Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Laarni Gallardo, Sacramento, Sacramento County, Adult School)

The program requested admission of a class of 36 students on November 26, 2012. That class would graduate on September 7, 2013.

The E.O. approved the program's request to admit a class of 36 students on November 26, 2012. That class would graduate on September 7, 2013; and, continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and**, continue to closely monitor the programs licensure examination pass rate.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support enrollment. Although the low licensure examination pass rate is of concern, the program is currently in compliance with the regulations and some improvement was seen in the most recent quarter. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

Effective December 6, 2012

13. American College of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Laura Smith McKenna, Concord, Contra Costa County, Private)

The program director requested approval to admit a day class of 30 students and 3 alternates on January 28, 2013, with a graduation date of February 8, 2014. That class **replaces** students graduating on January 24, 2013.

The E.O. approved the program's request to admit a day class of 30 students and 3 alternates on January 28, 2013, **only**, with a graduation date of February 8, 2014, to **replace** students graduating on January 24, 2013; and, required the program to continue to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program's low annual pass rates are of concern; however, 72% of the graduates who tested in the third quarter of 2012 passed the licensure

The E.O. continued full approval of the Feather River College, Fall River Mills, Vocational Nursing Program for the period February 4, 2013 through February 3, 2017, and issue a certificate accordingly.

16. Feather River College, Quincy, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval and Request to Increase Number of Students (Director: Judy Mahan, Quincy, Plumas County – Community College)

A Program Records Survey was completed by Feather River College, Quincy, Vocational Nursing Program in October 2012. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. One violation was noted.

Additionally, the program director requested to increase the number of students per class from 20 to 30 students.

The E.O. approved continued full approval of the Feather River College, Quincy, Vocational Nursing Program for the period February 4, 2013 through February 3, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and**, approved the program's request to increase the number of students per class from 20 to 30 students; **and**, continued the program's approval to admit one part-time class every two years, to **replace** graduating students only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes one part-time class of 30 students every two years (if approved in Recommendation #1) to **replace** graduating students only; **and**,
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. 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.

17. Franklin Career College Vocational Nursing Program –Request to Admit Students (Director: Maria Luisa Lahorra, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)

The program director requested approval to admit a full-time class of forty (40) students commencing January 7, 2013, and graduating January 24, 2014, to **replace** students that graduated on May 28, 2012.

The E.O. approved Franklin Career College Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a class of forty (40) students commencing on January 7, 2013, and graduating January 24, 2014, only, to **replace** the class that graduated May 28, 2012; **and**, continue to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, and the program's licensure examination pass

Rationale: The director has implemented curriculum changes with the goal of improving the program's licensure examination pass rates. Licensure examination statistics that reflect those changes will not be available until at least the first quarter of 2014. The Board requires evidence that the curriculum changes will have a positive impact on the program's licensure examination pass rate before considering approval of additional classes.

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.

20. NCP College of Nursing, South San Francisco, Vocational Nursing Program- Request to Admit Students and Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Felicidad Silva, South San Francisco, Private)

The program director requested approval to admit a new full-time class of 45 students on March 25, 2013, to replace the part-time class graduating on March 10, 2012. The director also requests ongoing admission of three full-time classes per year in March, June and October.

The E.O. approved the program's request for a full-time class of 45 students on March 25, 2013, **only; and, rescinded** all previous approvals for ongoing admissions for full-time and part-time classes; **and, denied** the program's request for ongoing admission of three full-time classes per year.

Rationale: Past Board reports did not provide clarity regarding the Board's intent that **no** classes be admitted to the program without prior Board approval. It is important to clarify that status now.

The program has demonstrated the resources to support the requested classes; however, the program's annual pass rate on the licensure examination does not support approval of ongoing admissions. For two out of the past three quarters the program's annual average pass rate on the licensure examination was more than ten percentage points below the state annual average pass rate. The most recent quarter the pass rate was 9 points below the state average. The Board requires evidence that the program's average annual pass rate will stabilize within the regulated ten percentage points of the state average annual pass rate.

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.

21. State Center Community College District, Madera Center, Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Carol Fernandez, Madera, Fresno County, Community College)

A Program Records Survey was completed for the State Center Community College District, Madera Center, Vocational Nursing Program in December 2007. The program

23. Valley School of Allied Health, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Norma Jones, Reseda, Los Angeles County, Private)

The Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit a full-time class of 20 students on January 7, 2012, graduating February 10, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated December 7, 2012.

The E.O. **denied** Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on January 7, 2013, graduating February 10, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated December 7, 2012; **and**, required the program to obtain approval by the Full Board prior to the admission of future classes.

Rationale: The program was placed on Provisional Approval for a two (2) year period from September 16, 2010, through September 30, 2012 at the September 16, 2010 Board meeting. On September 16, 2012 the program's provisional approval was extended through September 2014. At that time, the program's average annual pass rate had risen **from 49% to 64%**. As such, the program's average annual pass rate had increased 15 percentage points. During the following quarter after the Board meeting, quarter four (4) of 2011, the program's licensure pass rates increased to a high of 72%.

Since that time, the pass rates have steadily declined over the most recent three (3) quarters of 2012 to **57%**. This is a **decline of 15 percentage points**. It is important to note, that the majority of graduates that tested during these three (3) quarters graduated in 2011 while the program was on provisional approval and had implemented their plan to bring up their licensure pass rates. Based on this decline, the recommendation to deny the requested class and have the program come before the full Board to request additional students is warranted.

24. West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Karen Hall, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles County, Private)

The West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit a full-time, evening, class of 20 students on December 10, 2012, graduating March 15, 2014 to **replace** students who graduated on September 27, 2012; **and**, the program is requested to admit a full-time, day, class of 20 students on January 2, 2013, graduating April 3, 2014 to **replace** students who will graduate December 23, 2012.

The E.O. approved West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, Vocational Nursing Program to admit a full-time, evening, class of 20 students on December 10, 2013, only, graduating March 15, 2014 to **replace** students who graduated on September 27, 2012; **and**, approved the program to admit a full-time class of 20 students on January 2, 2013, only, graduating April 3, 2014 to **replace** students who will graduate December 23, 2012;

pass rate is **53%**. As such, the program's average annual pass rate is **21** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. This is a decrease of 11 percentage points from quarter 1 of 2012. Based on the decrease in recent licensure pass rates, the requested classes are not recommended. Once the curriculum is approved, the program will have 20 full-time students.

Since June 6, 2011, the program has had three (3) new program directors. The most current new director was approved by the Board on July 18, 2012. The new director is advised to focus on orienting the faculty to the new curriculum, implementing and evaluating the new curriculum to ensure that it appears to be one that will enhance the student's success.

**26. Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program - Request to Admit Students
(Director: Mila Rose Reyes, Torrance, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The Homestead Schools Vocational Nursing Program requested approval to admit a class of 30 students into a full-time evening class, commencing on December 3, 2012; graduating on December 5, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on July 29, 2012; **and**, the program also requested approval to admit 30 students into a full-time, day class commencing on December 3, 2012; graduating December 5, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated September 7, 2012; **and**, additionally, the program requested to admit 30 students into a part-time, week-end class, commencing on July 7, 2014; graduating July 29, 2012.

The E.O. **denied** Homestead Schools to admit a class of 30 students into a full-time evening class, commencing on December 3, 2012; graduating on December 5, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on July 29, 2012; **and, denied** the program to admit 30 students into a full-time, day class commencing on December 3, 2012; graduating December 5, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated September 7, 2012; **and**, approved the program to admit 20 students into the full-time, day class commencing on December 3, 2012, only; graduating December 5, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated September 7, 2012; **and, denied** the program to admit 30 students into a part-time, week-end class, commencing on July 7, 2014; graduating July 29, 2012.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rate is 62%. This is twelve (12) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program currently has three (3) consecutive quarters of low licensure pass rates. If a subsequent quarter demonstrates pass rates more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate, the Board will issue a letter advising the program of the trend in low licensure pass rates and have the program identify a plan to increase the programs pass rates. The Board reserves the right to bring the program before the full Board if downward trend in licensure pass rates continues.

One-hundred forty-one (146) students are currently enrolled in classes. Approving a class of 20 students will give the program a total of 166 students. The program has hired additional faculty that will work with all

The E.O. approved Lompoc Adult School to admit 15 part - time students on January 14, 2013; graduating June 14, 2014 to **repl**ace students that graduated on November 17, 2012; and, continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: Published program performance statistics substantiate that the program's average annual pass rate has consistently exceeded the state average annual pass rate for sixteen (1) of the last nineteen (19) quarters. The remaining three (3) quarters were recorded as 0%, due to no candidates testing.

Further, it is noted that every program candidate completing the licensure examination since January 2008 has passed the NCLEX-PN®. The program's average annual pass rate is **26** percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate.

29. Santa Barbara Business College, Palm Desert, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Carolyn Santiago, Rancho Mirage, Riverside County, Private)

The Santa Barbara Business College, Rancho Mirage, program requested Board's approval to admit a class of 30 students on January 7, 2013 with a projected graduation date of March 14, 2014.

The E.O. approved the program's request to start a class of 30 students on January 7, 2012, with a projected completion date of March 14, 2014; **and**, required the program director to investigate the cause(s) and submit a written report detailing the following:

- a. Cause(s) of graduates not taking the licensure examination in a timely manner.
- b. Create a plan to increase the number of program graduates taking the licensure examination as soon as eligible after graduation by January 18, 2013; **and**, required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program's licensure data is 26 percentage points above the state average annual pass rate. The program has six (6) quarters of licensure data available since classes began. Two (2) of the quarters had no candidates testing, however, the licensure data never fell below 89%. As such the requested class is recommended.

A total of 44 students have graduated classes at Santa Barbara Business College, Rancho Mirage, to date. Of the 44 graduates, only 14 graduates have taken the licensure examination. The Board is concerned that 30 graduates have not yet taken the licensure examination. Therefore, the requested written report to address the cause(s) of the graduate's failure to take the licensure examination soon after graduation is warranted.

The E.O. approved continued approval for the Cypress College Psychiatric Technician Program for a four-year period from February 4, 2013, through February 3, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly.

Rationale: The program is in compliance with the Psychiatric Technician Rules and Regulations. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing approval surveys every four years.

32. Hartnell College, Vocational Nursing Program – Program Records Survey for Continued Approval⁵ (Director: Debra Kaczmar, Contra Costa County, Community College)

A Program Records Survey was completed by Hartnell College Vocational Nursing Program in December 2012. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The E.O. approved continued approval of the Hartnell College Vocational Nursing Program for the four-year period from February 4, 2013 through February 3, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; and, continued approval of the program's ongoing admission of 35 students once per year to **replace** graduating classes **only**, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes a full-time class of 35 students once per year; **and**,
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities are available to support each admitted class of students; **and**,
- c. The program's average annual pass rates remain no more than ten (10) percentage points below state average annual pass rates.

Rationale: The program is in compliance with the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program closely by tracking class admissions, the program's licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing the program's Annual Reports, and performing approval surveys every four years.

33. Kaplan College, Stockton, Vocational Nursing Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Kim Floyd, Stockton, San Joaquin County, Private)

35. San Joaquin Valley College Vocational Nursing Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval⁶ (Director: Ann Zelaski, Visalia, Tulare County, Private)

A Program Records Survey was completed by the San Joaquin Valley College Vocational Nursing Program in December 2012. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The E.O. approved continued approval for the San Joaquin Valley College Vocational Nursing Program for a four-year period from February 4, 2013 through February 3, 2017, and issue a certificate accordingly.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. 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.

36. Unitek College, Fremont, Vocational Nursing Program – Program Records Survey for Continued Approval⁷ (Director: Samantha Manlosa Sanchez, Fremont, Alameda County, Private)

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Unitek College, Fremont, Vocational Nursing Program in December 2012. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The E.O. approved continued full approval for the Unitek College, Fremont, Vocational Nursing Program for a four-year period from February 4, 2013 through February 3, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; and, continued the program's approval to admit a full-time class of 36 students in March, June, August, and November of each year with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes admission of a full-time class of 36 students in March, June, August, and November of each year, to **replace** graduating students only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.

⁶ Prior to January 1, 2012, references in article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act and article 4 of the Psychiatric Technicians Law provided that the Board accredits all vocational nursing and psychiatric technicians programs. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 2883 and 4532 (Senate Bill 539, Chapter 338, Statutes of 2011), **accredit** was changed to **approve**. There was no change to the Board's authority or jurisdiction.

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The E.O. approved Community Enhancement Services College's request to admit a class of 30 full-time, day students commencing on January 30, 2013 graduating May 1, 2014, only, to **replace** students that graduated December 7, 2012; and, required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

Rationale: During quarters two (2) and three (3) of 2011, the program's average annual pass rate was 88%. Over the last three (3) quarters, the program's average annual pass rates have fluctuated from 57%, 64% and currently 63%. Based on this decrease from earlier quarters, the program was required to perform an analysis of certain program elements. The director submitted the required report identifying changes to the grading criteria, NCLEX style questions and an exit exam were added. Additionally, it was observed that an additional faculty member would help ease scheduling issues.