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Agenda Item #13.E.1.

DATE: February 13, 2014

TO: Board Members

FROM: 
Pam Hinckley, R.N., M.S.N.
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SUBJECT: CET - Nursing (formerly Center of Education and Technology)
Vocational Nursing Program – Reconsideration of Revocation;
(Director: Ronaldo Verian, Whittier, Los Angeles County, Private)

On October 21, 2013, the Board revoked the provisional approval of the CET Nursing Vocational Nursing Program and removed the program from the *List of Approved Vocational Nursing Schools*, effective November 30, 2013. That action was taken due to the program's noncompliance with California Code of Regulations Section 2530 (l). Specifically, the program's licensure pass rates continued to decrease over a three (3) year period after placement on provisional approval. **At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was 0%.** The report from the October 21, 2013 meeting and official minutes are attached for your reference. (See Attachments A and B).

On November 13, 2013, the Board received correspondence from the program requesting reconsideration of its decision to revoke the program's approval (see Attachment C). The director reported improved pass rates for Quarter 3 2013 with an average annual pass rate of 100%.

Licensure Examination Statistics as reported by Pearson Vue for **Quarter 3 2013** specify a **quarter pass rate of 100%** and an **average annual pass rate of 100%**. That quarter pass rate is **based on the results of two (2) program graduates**; the **average annual pass rate** for that quarter is also **based on the results of two (2) program graduates**. For **Quarter 4 2013**, the program's **quarter pass rate of 80%** is **based on the results of five (5) program graduates**; the **average annual pass rate** for that quarter is **86%**. The program's **average annual pass rate for Quarter 4 2013** is **based on the results of seven (7) program graduates** who tested during Quarters 2 through 4. (See Attachment D)

Preliminary examination statistics for Quarter 1 2014 specify the results of program graduates who tested during January 2014. **Of the three (3) graduates tested during Quarter 1, 2014, three (3) failed.** (See Attachment E)

If the Board decides to grant the request for reconsideration, it may then reevaluate its prior decision to revoke the program's provisional approval. The Board may then let the revocation stand or amend its prior action.

Attachment A: Board Report Dated October 21, 2013.

Attachment B: Official Minutes, October 21, 2013 Board Meeting

Attachment C: Program Correspondence Dated December 11, 2013; Received December 12, 2013.

Attachment D: Program Examination Statistics, April 2008 through December 2013.

Attachment E: Preliminary Program Examination Statistics, Quarter 1 2014

Agenda Item # 14.E.1., Attachment A



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DATE: October 14, 2013

TO: Board Members

FROM: Pam Hinckley, R.N., M.S.N.
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SUBJECT: CET – Nursing (formerly Center of Education and Technology) Vocational Nursing Program - Reconsideration of Provisional Approval - Recommendations, September 13, 2013

On September 13, 2013, a report relative to the CET – Nursing (formerly Center of Education and Technology) Vocational Nursing Program was considered by less than a quorum of the full Board. Specifically, the report addressed reconsideration of the program's provisional approval (see Attachment A, Agenda Item #11.B.2). Recommendations were adopted.

The report from the September 13, 2013 meeting is attached for your consideration.

On September 30, 2013, the Board received correspondence from Ronaldo Verian, Program Director. Specifically, Mr. Verian requested reconsideration based on new information relative to licensure examination statistics. A copy of that correspondence is attached (see Attachment B).

Attachment A: Agenda Item #11.B.2. CET – Nursing (formerly Center of Education and Technology) Vocational Nursing Program – Reconsideration of Provisional Approval, Dated August 28, 2013.

Attachment B: Correspondence from Ronaldo Verian, Program Director, Dated September 26, 2013; Received September 30, 2013.



DATE: August 28, 2013

TO: Board Members

FROM: Pam Hinckley, R.N., M.S.N.
Nursing Education Consultant

SUBJECT: CET- Nursing (formerly Center of Education and Technology) Vocational Nursing Program – Reconsideration of Provisional Approval (Director: Ronaldo Varian, Whittier, Los Angeles County, Private)

The CET – Nursing, also known as Center of Education and Technology, Vocational Nursing Program, status was changed to provisional accreditation¹ on September 16, 2010, for the **one-year** period from September 16, 2010, through September 31, 2011. That action was taken due to the program's noncompliance with Section 2530 (I) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations which states:

“The program shall maintain a yearly average minimum pass rate on the licensure examination that does not fall below 10 percentage points of the state average pass rate for first time candidates of accredited vocational nursing schools for the same period.

(1) Failure to maintain the required yearly average minimum pass rate for two years or eight consecutive quarters may be cause to place a program on provisional accreditation.”

Since initial placement, the Board has extended the program's provisional approval. On May 20, 2011, the Board **extended** the program's provisional approval to November 10, 2011 (6 months). On November 10, 2011, the Board **extended** the program's provisional approval for an **additional one (1) year** period from November 10, 2011 through November 30, 2012. On September 6, 2012, the Board **extended** provisional approval of CET- Nursing Vocational Nursing Program for the **one (1) year** period from September 6, 2012 through September 30, 2013.

¹ 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.

History of Prior Board Actions

(See Attachment A, for the History of Prior Board Actions)

Enrollment

Currently, the program must have prior Board approval to admit students to its 60-week full-time class. The pattern of admissions for proposed classes is seen in the enrollment table below.

The following table represents **current** student enrollment based on class starts and completions. The table indicates a **maximum projected enrollment of 26 students** for the period from **May 2006 through May 2013**.

ENROLLMENT DATA				
CLASS DATES		#Students Admitted	#Students Current or Completed	Total Enrolled
Start	Completed			
5/06 (PM)		9	8	8
	8/08 (5/06 PM Class)		-8	$8 - 8 = 0$
10/08 (PM)		9		$0 + 9 = 9$
8/09 (PM)		9	5	$9 + 5 = 14$
	1/10 (10/08 PM Class)		-9	$14 - 9 = 5$
4/10 (PM)		9	8	$5 + 8 = 13$
	11/10 (8/09 PM Class)		-5	$13 - 5 = 8$
	8/11 (4/10 Class)		-8	$8 - 8 = 0$
2/12 (PM)		14	13	$0 + 13 = 13$
9/12 (PM)		13	13	$13 + 13 = 26$
	5/13 (2/12 PM Class)		-13	$26 - 13 = 13$
	11/13 (9/12 PM Class)		-13	$13 - 13 = 0$

Licensing Examination Statistics

The following statistics, furnished by the 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 April 2008 through June 2013, specify the pass percentage rates for graduates of CET- Nursing Vocational Nursing Program on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical (Vocational) Nurses (NCLEX-PN®).

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
Apr – Jun 2008	3	1	33%	75%	33%	75%	-42
Jul – Sep 2008	3	1	33%	70%	33%	74%	-41
Oct – Dec 2008	2	0	0%	73%	25%	73%	-48
Jan – Mar 2009	No Candidates Tested			70%	25%	72%	-47
Apr – Jun 2009	No Candidates Tested			71%	20%	70%	-50
Jul – Sep 2009	No Candidates Tested			74%	0%	72%	-72
Oct – Dec 2009	No Candidates Tested			76%	0%	73%	-73
Jan – Mar 2010	No Candidates Tested			76%	0%	74%	-74
Apr – Jun 2010	No Candidates Tested			74%	0%	75%	-75
Jul – Sep 2010	4	1	25%	76%	25%	75%	-50
Oct – Dec 2010	2	2	100%	77%	50%	76%	-26
Jan – Mar 2011	No Candidates Tested			80%	50%	77%	-27
Apr – Jun 2011	4	3	75%	71%	60%	76%	-16
Jul – Sep 2011	No Candidates Tested			74%	83%	76%	+7
Oct – Dec 2011	2	1	50%	74%	67%	75%	-8
Jan – Mar 2012	1	1	100%	77%	71%	74%	-3
Apr – Jun 2012	3	1	33%	72%	50%	74%	-24
Jul – Sep 2012	No Candidates Tested			74%	50%	74%	-24
Oct – Dec 2012	No Candidates Tested			70%	50%	74%	-24
Jan – Mar 2013	No Candidates Tested			75%	33%	73%	-40
Apr – Jun 2013	No Candidates Tested			78%	0%	73%	-73

*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 current data available (April – June 2013), the program's average annual pass rate is **0%**. The California average annual pass rate for graduates from approved vocational nursing programs who took the NCLEX-PN® for the first time is 73%. The average annual pass rate for CET- Nursing Vocational Nursing Program is **73** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

This data substantiates the program's **noncompliance** with Section 2530 (l) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations for the period **April 2008 through June 2011** and **April 2012 through June 2013 (a total of 18 quarters)**. The program was **compliant for three (3) quarters** from **July 2011 through March 2012**.

It is important to note, that the program had no candidates test for six (6) consecutive quarters from January 2009 through June 2010. Additionally, no candidates tested during Quarter 1 and Quarter 3 of 2011, Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 of 2012, and Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2013.

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 program's Board-approved faculty totals eight (8), including the program director. The director has 60% administrative duties and 40% teaching duties. Of the total faculty, six (6) are approved to teach in the clinical area.

Based on a maximum enrollment of 28 students, two (2) instructors are needed. Therefore, the number of current faculty is adequate for the current and proposed enrollment.

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

"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 has clinical facilities that 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.

Other Considerations

On September 16, 2010, the Center of Education and Technology Vocational Nursing Program was **initially** placed on provisional approval for a **one (1) year** period from September 16, 2010, through September 30, 2011. At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was **0%**.

On October 1, 2010, the Board forwarded the Notice of Change in Approval Status per certified and regular mail.

On May 3, 2011, a new program director was approved by the Board.

On May 20, 2011, the Board **extended** the program's provisional approval to November 10, 2011. At that time, the program's average annual pass rate had improved from 0% to 50%. However, it was noted that during that time, six (6) total program graduates were tested. Of the total tested, three (3) graduates passed. On June 29, 2011, the Board forwarded the Notice of Change in Approval Status per certified and regular mail.

On November 11, 2011, the Board **extended** provisional approval for the **one (1) year** period from November 10, 2011 through November 30, 2012. On November 29, 2011, the Board forwarded the Notice of Change in Approval Status per certified and regular mail 2012.

On July 31, 2012, the Board received the program's comprehensive analysis. Included in the analysis were the following elements:

➤ **Admission Criteria**

Admission criteria were strengthened by requiring an interview of potential students to determine their qualifications and commitment.

➤ **Screening and Selection Criteria**

A five (5) phase screening and selection process was implemented. The five (5) phases assess candidates' readiness for academic rigors, cognitive assessment, behavior, and attitude and finally enrollment of those who meet the expectations and criteria in each category.

➤ **Instructional Methods and Materials**

Chairpersons have been designated for theory, skills lab, and clinical. The three (3) designated chairpersons meet once a month to ensure all theoretical concepts are aligned with lab and clinical.

Teachers have taken the Master Teacher online training by Pearson. Additionally, they attend ongoing faculty workshops.

Lesson plans have been adopted that are correlated with the current textbooks, provided by the publishing company. Elsevier-Evolve online resource materials are utilized.

Teachers have incorporated the following instructional elements into classroom presentations.

1. Role play.
2. Team discussions.
3. Critical thinking scenarios.
4. Internet - based software.
5. Weekly practice tests that are in the NCLEX format.

➤ **Student Evaluation**

Remediation is instituted when a student scores less than 80% on a weekly exam. Remediation of a failed exam is allowed, five (5) per module.

➤ **Program Monitoring**

Presentations are videotaped and monitored by the director for problems. Additionally, the director monitors student's quizzes and tests.

On September 6, 2012, the Board **extended provisional approval** of CET – Nursing Vocational Nursing Program for the **one-year** period from September 6, 2012 through September 30, 2013. On September 19, 2012, the Board forwarded the Notice of Change in Approval Status per certified and regular mail 2012 (see Attachment B).

On January 9, 2013, the Board received the program's comprehensive analysis. Included in the documents were the following elements:

- **Enrollment** – The director reported compliance with Board policy related to requesting and obtaining Board approval before admitting classes, identified deficiencies in admission procedure related to demographics, initiated an internet survey program which allows the program to identify potential problems in a timely fashion.
- **Admission Criteria** - Revised admission criteria to include a personal interview with the program director.
- **Terminal Objectives** – No changes.

- **Curriculum Objectives** – New teachers must complete a Master Teacher Online Program which is presented by Pearson. Additionally, faculty must attend faculty meetings, and have at least 30 hours of continuing education annually. The director and faculty review theory and clinical objectives to ensure all concepts are met and that the theory objectives are aligned with skills lab and clinical.
- **Instructional Plan** – Rearranged topics in each module to be more consistent with progression of nursing skills and knowledge. Activities such as role play, team discussions of complex scenarios, use of internet based software to address anatomy and physiology and weekly practice tests utilizing NCLEX style questions were added.
- **Lesson Plans** – Initiated adoption of textbook lesson plans to ensure consistency.
- **Attendance** – An electronic scanner was installed to aid in monitoring attendance. Attendance has been 95% or higher.
- **Remediation Policy** – Students who achieve less than 80% are placed in remediation and must attend school on a weekday they would not normally be in school. The remediation plan is identified by the director and discussed with the student. Remediation of exams is limited to five (5) in a 15 week module.
- **Evaluations of Theory and Clinical** - Students may evaluate instructors online. New instructors are evaluated by the director within the first month of teaching. Students evaluate faculty after each module. The performance of all faculty and related issues are evaluated by the Director annually and a performance appraisal completed. The director monitors exams closely and implements immediate intervention.

On May 23, 2013, the program submitted a copy of the comprehensive analysis that was previously submitted for the February and September 2012 Board meetings. Minor adjustment of wording was noted, however, the content is basically the same as listed above in the entry dated January 9, 2012 above. New elements added:

- Students receive a re-orientation by the director. Students receive the syllabi, monthly lesson and activity calendar.
- Utilization of ATI comprehensive predictor testing was initiated in April 2013.
- Virtual ATI was added.

On June 5, 2013, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting submission of pertinent documents and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that the program desired Board members to consider by June 14, 2013.

On June 17, 2013, the Board received the program's documents. Included in the documents were the following elements (see Attachment C):

- Implemented elements listed above on July 31, 2012, January 9, 2012, and May 23, 2013, submitted documents remain applicable.
- Enrollment - Classes 5 & 6 entered the program utilizing the new admission criteria. Class #5 graduated a class of 12 students May 2013. Class #6 will graduate 14 students in December 2013.
- The director indicates the program does not have Title IV funding which makes it difficult to recruit and retain students.
- Communication between faculty and students has improved. As a result, potential problems are identified early and interventions are implemented quickly.
- All lectures and skills laboratory presentations are videotaped. This allows for student remediation of missed lectures and skills laboratory activities and evaluation of faculty presentations.

Currently the program's average annual pass rate is 0%. This is 73 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. Six (6) classes have been enrolled since the program began in April 2006. Class sizes have been small. A total of 63 students have been enrolled in classes, since inception. Of the 63 enrolled students, 43 have graduated (a class of 13 recently graduated in May 2013). Twenty-four (24) of the 43 graduates have taken the licensure examination; eleven (11) program graduates have passed the licensure examination. Thirteen (13) students remain enrolled in classes.

The two (2) classes that graduated in 2010 brought the licensure pass rates up to within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate. However, since that time, the pass rates have decreased to 50%. The decrease in licensure pass rates are the result of a class that graduated on August 19, 2011. It is concerning, that the program's licensure pass rates are decreasing after being on provisional approval for three (3) years.

Recommendations:

1. Revoke the provisional approval of the CET Nursing Vocational Nursing Program, effective November 30, 2013.
2. Remove the program from the *List of Approved Vocational Nursing Schools*, effective November 30, 2013.

Rationale: The program has enrolled 63 students, to date, and graduated 43. Of the 43 graduates, 24 have taken the licensure examination. Six (6) graduates from the second and fourth class have not tested, to date. A class of 13 graduates recently graduated May 16, 2013. A class of 13 students is currently enrolled in classes and scheduled to graduate on November 23, 2013.

The program's history of graduates and licensure pass rates per class is listed below:

Graduation Date	Number Graduated	Number Tested	Number Remaining to Test	Number Passed	Percent Passed
8/2008	8	8	0	2	25%
1/2010	9	6	3	3	50%
11/2010	5	5	0	4	80%
8/2011	8	5	3	2	40%

It is concerning, that the program's licensure pass rates are decreasing after being on provisional approval for over three (3) years. The program's current average annual pass rate is 0% which is 73 percentage points below the State average annual pass rate. It is important to note, the most current four (4) quarters have no candidates testing. Of the 21 quarters of licensure data available for the program, 18 are significantly below the State average annual licensure pass rate.

The Board is concerned that the licensure pass rates are decreasing instead of increasing as new classes graduate. Based on the continued poor performance of graduates on the licensure examination, the recommendation to revoke the program's approval is advised. Revoking the program's approval on November 30, 2013 will allow the currently enrolled class of 13 students to graduate from an approved program.

- Attachment A: History of Prior Board Actions.
- Attachment B: Board Correspondence Dated September 19, 2012.
- Attachment C: Program Correspondence Dated June 11, 2013, Received June 17, 2013.

Attachment A

CET- Nursing Vocational Nursing Program

History of Prior Board Actions

- On April 12, 2006, the Board approved the Center of Education and Technology's request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial full-time class of 15 students commencing May 15, 2006, only; **and** approved the program curriculum for 1560 hours, including 600 theory, and 960 clinical hours.
- On June 20 – 21, 2007, the assigned consultant completed an onsite survey visit of the program. Thirteen (13) violations of the California Code of Regulations were identified.
- On September 7, 2007, in the absence of a quorum, a committee of the Board heard the consultant's report recommending approval by the full Board of the following actions:
 1. Place the Center of Education and Technology Vocational Nursing Program on provisional accreditation for the period September 7, 2007, through September 6, 2009.
 2. Require the program to submit documentation to correct identified violations no later than November 1, 2007.
 - a. The program shall develop and submit for Board approval objective criteria, procedures for implementation, and applicable forms for the screening and selection of program applicants.
 - b. The program shall submit a report verifying that up-to-date skills laboratory equipment has been secured and outdated texts have been removed from the reference library.
 - c. The program shall submit a report verifying that their proposed classrooms contain sufficient space and furniture to accommodate a class size of 15 students.
 - d. The program shall develop a schedule of meetings for vocational nursing faculty and confirm attendance of faculty. A copy of the minutes of each meeting shall be submitted to the Board no later than ten (10) days after the meeting.

- e. The program shall develop daily lesson plans that correlate the theory and clinical practice offered to students for weeks 16 – 60. A progress report shall be submitted to the Board.
 - f. The program shall revise and submit for Board approval a procedure for the evaluation of student progress and remediation to include:
 - 1) Notification of the program director of students' knowledge or clinical deficits.
 - 2) Director review and signature for student counseling relative to program performance deficit.
 - 3) Director approval of plans for student remediation and subsequent student evaluations.
 - g. The program shall develop and submit documentation of the theory and correlated clinical experience provided for each enrolled student.
 - h. The program shall consistently post clinical objectives that students are expected to master in assigned client care units and submit documentation verifying compliance.
 - i. The program shall develop and submit for Board approval a procedure and relevant forms to ensure the evaluation of program faculty at least annually.
3. The program shall submit a report to the Board delineating the effectiveness of strategies and interventions taken to correct identified violations by November 1, 2007.
 4. The program shall admit no further classes until all items in Recommendation 2 above have been corrected and information substantiating corrections as approved by the Board is submitted.
- On September 12, 2007, the Board received correspondence from the program director relative to her resignation effective September 13, 2007.
 - On October 19, 2007, the program was notified of the Board's inability to approve the proposed program director due to noncompliance with requirements set forth in California Code of Regulations Section 2529 (c)(1).
 - On December 10, 2007, a new program director was approved.
 - On January 10, 2008, the Board received correspondence and supporting information from the program director relative to the correction of thirteen (13) violations identified during the June 20–21, 2007 survey visit.

- On February 1, 2008, the Board granted full accreditation to the Center of Education and Technology Vocational Nursing Program for the period February 1, 2008, through January 31, 2012, and issued a certificate accordingly. The program was required to submit a report to the Board delineating the effectiveness of strategies and interventions taken to correct identified violations by June 1, 2008. A follow-up report was to be presented at the September 2008 Board meeting.
- A follow-up report was not presented at the September 12, 2008 Advisory Committee meeting, as the program had admitted only the initial class approved on April 12, 2006. No additional classes were admitted after February 1, 2008.
- On October 22, 2008, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit the following classes.
 - a. A **full-time day** class of 15 students commencing October 22, 2008 only, with a projected graduation date of December 17, 2009;
 - b. A **full-time evening** class of 15 students commencing October 22, 2008 only, with a projected graduation date of December 17, 2009.
- On May 14, 2009, the consultant notified the program that its average annual pass rates had fallen more than 10 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for the past four (4) quarters. The director was requested to submit a plan for improving the program's pass rates by Friday, June 5, 2009.
- On August 4, 2009, the Board received the program's plan for improving its NCLEX-PN® pass rates.
- On August 12, 2009, the director clarified that the program admitted an evening class on October 22, 2009 only. A day class was not admitted due to insufficient enrollment.
- On August 18, 2009, the Executive Officer approved the program's request to admit 15 students on August 24, 2009 only.
- On November 19, 2009, the consultant notified the program that its average annual pass rates had fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rates for the past six (6) quarters.
- On January 7, 2010, the Executive Officer approved Center of Education & Technology Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit 15 students on February 8, 2010 only, graduating April 18, 2011; **approved** the program's request to admit 15 students on July 26, 2010 only, graduating October 11, 2012; **and required** the director to complete a comprehensive analysis of the program, identify program deficiencies, and submit a report that identifies program strengths and deficiencies, specifies steps to

correct identified deficiencies, and presents a timeline for implementation. The report shall be due by January 30, 2010. The following elements must be addressed:

- a. Current Student Enrollment.
 - b. Admission Criteria.
 - c. Screening and Selection Criteria.
 - d. Terminal Objectives.
 - e. Curriculum Objectives.
 - f. Instructional Plan.
 - g. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
 - h. Lesson Plans for Each Course.
 - i. Textbooks.
 - j. Attendance Policy.
 - k. Remediation Policy.
 - l. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
 - m. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
 - n. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
 - o. Evaluation of Student Achievement
- On February 11, 2010, the program was notified that its average annual pass rates had fallen more than below ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate for the past seven (7) quarters.
 - On April 27, 2010, the Executive Officer approved program's request to admit 15 students on March 8, 2010 only, graduating May 8, 2011, to **replace** students who graduated December 17, 2009, **and denied** the program's request to admit a full-time class of 15 students on July 26, 2011, graduating October 11, 2012.
 - On August 5, 2010, the director was notified that the Board would consider placement of the program on provisional accreditation at its September 16, 2010 meeting. The program was requested to submit documentation relative to:
 - a. Current and Projected Enrollment.
 - b. List of Current Faculty.
 - c. List of Current Clinical Facilities to Which Students Are Assigned.
 - d. Effect of Actions Taken to Improve Student Achievement and the Pass Rate Performance of Program Graduates.

The documents were to be received by the Board by August 12, 2010.

- On August 12, 2010, the program submitted documents relative to current and projected enrollment, list of current faculty, list of current facilities. The requested "Effect of Actions to Improve Student Achievement and the Pass Rate Performance of Graduates" was not submitted.

- On August 13, 2010, the assigned consultant forwarded electronic correspondence again requesting interventions the program implemented to improve program pass rates. In response, the director submitted documents dated October 14, 2009.
- On September 16, 2010, the Board placed Center of Education and Technology, Whittier, Vocational Nursing Program on provisional accreditation for the one-year period from September 16, 2010, through September 30, 2011, and issued 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; and,

The program was required to submit a follow-up report in 10 months but no later than July 1, 2011. The report must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve program pass rates, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis.

- Current Enrollment.
- Admission Criteria.
- Screening and Selection Criteria.
- Terminal Objectives.
- Curriculum Objectives.
- Instructional Plan.
- Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
- Lesson Plans for Each Course.
- Textbooks.
- Attendance Policy.
- Remediation Policy.
- Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
- Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
- Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
- Evaluation of Student Achievement.

The program will be placed on the September 2011 Board agenda for reconsideration of provisional accreditation; and required to comply with all accreditation 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.

Additionally, the program may not admit additional students unless approved by the full Board.

- On October 1, 2010, the Board forwarded the Notice of Change in Accreditation Status per certified and regular mail.

- On April 14, 2011, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting the program to submit fifteen (15) copies of documents relative to subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems for Board presentation.
- **On May 3, 2011, a new program director was approved**
- On May 20, 2011, the Board approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 15 students on May 23, 2011, only, graduating August 12, 2012, to **replace** the class that graduated November 2010; **and**, extended the program's Provisional Accreditation to November 10, 2011; **and**, placed the program on the November 2011 Board agenda for reconsideration of Provisional Accreditation; **and**, required the program to obtain approval by the full Board prior to admission of each class.
- On June 29, 2011, the Board forwarded the Notice of Change in Accreditation Status per certified and regular mail.
- On August 8, 2011, the program notified the Board that the May 23, 2011 class had been postponed to October 17, 2011 and will graduate January 18, 2013.
- On October 4, 2011, the program director notified the Board that the May 23, 2011 class had again been postponed to January 16, 2012 with graduation projected for March 8, 2013.
- On October 7, 2011, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting the program to submit fifteen (15) copies of documents relative to subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems for Board presentation.
- On November 11, 2011, the Board extended provisional accreditation of the Center of Education and Technology Vocational Nursing Program for the one (1) year period from November 10, 2011 through November 30, 2012, 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; **and**, required the program to bring its average annual pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate for four (4) consecutive quarters; **and**, required the program to continue to demonstrate incremental progress in correcting the violations. If the program fails to satisfactorily demonstrate incremental progress, the full Board may revoke the program's accreditation; **and**, required the program to submit a follow-up report in nine (9) months, but no later than **August 1, 2012**. The report must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve program pass rates, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis:
 - a. Current Student Enrollment.
 - b. Admission Criteria.

- c. Screening and Selection Criteria.
- d. Terminal Objectives.
- e. Curriculum Objectives.
- f. Instructional Plan.
- g. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
- h. Lesson Plans for Each Course.
- i. Textbooks.
- j. Attendance Policy.
- k. Remediation Policy.
- l. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
- m. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
- n. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
- o. Evaluation of Student Achievement; **and**,

Required the program to comply with all accreditation 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; **and**, continue to require the program to obtain approval by the full Board prior to admission of each class; **and**, place the program on the November 2012 Board Meeting agenda for reconsideration of provisional accreditation.

- On November 29, 2011, the Board forwarded the Notice of Change in Accreditation Status per certified and regular mail.
- On June 21, 2012, the Board received notice of the school's name change from Center of Education and Technology to CET-Nursing.
- On November 23, 2011, the Board received notice of change of address for Center of Education and Technology.
- On July 24, 2012, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting submission of eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire Board members to consider by August 7, 2012.
- On July 31, 2012, the Board received the program's comprehensive analysis. Fifteen (15) copies were submitted.
- On August 17, 2012, the Board forwarded an amended Notice of Change in Accreditation Status per certified and regular mail.
- On September 6, 2012, the Board approved CET-Nursing to admit a class of 15 students on September 11, 2012 graduating November 23, 2013, to **replace** students

who graduated August 19, 2011; **and**, required the program to continue to obtain approval by the full Board prior to admission of each class; **and**,

Extended Provisional Approval of CET-Nursing Program for the **one-year** period from September 6, 2012 through September 30, 2013, and issue a notice to the program to identify specific areas of non-compliance and requirements for correction as referenced in Section 2526.1 (e) of the California Code of Regulations; **and**, required the program to bring its average annual pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate for four (4) consecutive quarters; **and**,

Required the program to show documented progress by submitting a follow-up report in nine (9) months, but no later than **June 1, 2013**. The report must include a comprehensive analysis of the program, specific actions taken to improve program pass rates, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis:

- a. Current Student Enrollment.
- b. Admission Criteria.
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- o. Evaluation of Student Achievement; **and**,

Required the program to comply with all accreditation standards in article 4 of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, commencing at Business and Professions Code section 2880, and article 5 of the California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 2526; **and**, advised the program that failure to take any of these corrective actions may cause the full Board to revoke the program's approval; **and**, place the program on the **September 2013** Board agenda for reconsideration of provisional approval.

- On September 19, 2012, the Board forwarded the Notice of Change in Approval Status per certified and regular mail.
- On December 13, 2012, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting submission of eighteen (18) copies of pertinent documents and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire Board members to consider by August 7, 2012.

- On January 8, 2013, the Board received the program's comprehensive analysis. Eighteen (18) copies were submitted.
- On May 10, 2013, the Board **Deny** CET – Nursing's request to admit a class of 15 students on May 21, 2013 graduating August 23, 2014 to **replace** students who graduated May 16, 2012; **and**, continue to require the program to obtain full Board approval prior to admission of each class.
- On June 5, 2013, the assigned consultant forwarded correspondence requesting submission of two (2) copies and a CD of pertinent documents and subsequent actions taken to correct identified problems that they desire Board members to consider by June 14, 2013.
- On June 17, 2013, the Board received the program's documents identifying actions taken to correct identified problems.

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September 26, 2013

Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive Suite 205
Sacramento, California

BVNPT RECD EDU
ON 9.30.13 WITH Dg

Attn: Pam Hinckley MSN RN NEC

Re: November 2013 Board Meeting – Request for Reconsideration of Revocation

Dear Ms. Hinckley:

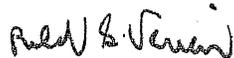
Attached to this cover letter are the following required documents that you requested from the email received dated September 25, 2013:

1. Current enrollment table;
2. Faculty and Facilities Form;
3. Faculty Clinical Assignments; and
4. OB-Peds Tracking Form.
5. A copy of REDACTED NCLEX-PN candidate's report and the NCLEX-PN application submitted to BVNPT on May 16, 2013

In addition, I am also submitting our appeal letter for reconsideration of revocation to the November 2013 Board Meeting.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and continued support in our endeavors.

Respectfully,



Ronaldo Verian RN, MOH
Program Director

**Board of Vocational Nursing & Psychiatric Technicians
ANNUAL REPORT - SCHOOL FACILITY**

Vocational Nursing Psychiatric Technician Program

School Name	Facility Name	City Location	Date of Board Approval	Type of Facility																		Clinical Use															
				AC	AS	CDU	COM	COR	DC	GH	HH	IC	LTC	MHC	OP	PH	PO	P	R	SNF	STP	SS	TC	VE	Other	FUN.	M/S	C. Dis.	Geron.	Rehab.	Matern.	Ped.	L/S	MD	DD		
CET - Nursing	Temple Community Hospital	Los Angeles	05-04-2012	x																					x	x		x									
	Dr. Bo Suh Clinic	Los Angeles	05-04-2012																																		
	Shea Convalescent Hospital	Whittier	10/02/2008																																		
	Ramona Nursing Rehabilitation Center	El Monte	10/02/2008																																		
	Alexandria Care Center	Los Angeles	05/23/2012																																		
	Dr. Hasung Lee Clinic	Los Angeles	08/16/2012																																		
	Norwalk Skilled Nursing	Norwalk	11/20/2012																																		
	Dr. Sub Choi Clinic	Los Angeles	03/04/2013																																		

Facility Codes: **AC** = Acute Care; **AS** = Ambulatory Surgery **COM** = Community Care; **COR** = Corrections; **DC** = Day Care; **GH** = Group Homes; **HH** = Home Health;
IC = Intermediate Care; **LTC** = Long Term Care; **OP** = Outpatient; **PO** = Physician's Office; **P** = Preschool; **R** = Rehabilitation; **SNF** = Skilled Nursing Facility;
STP = Specialty Treatment Programs; **SS** = Special Schools; **TC** = Transitional Care; **O** = Other (Please Specify)

PT Programs Only - **CDU** = Chemical Dependency Unit; **MHC** = Mental Health Clinics; **PH** = Psychiatric Hospitals; **VE** = Vocational Education & Training Centers;

Clinical Use Codes: **FUN** = Fundamentals/Nursing Science; **M/S** = Medical/Surgical; **C.Dis.** = Communicable Diseases; **Geron** = Gerontological Nursing; **Rehab** = Rehabilitation Nursing; **Matern** = Maternity Nursing; **Ped** =
PT Programs Only - **MD** = Mental Disorders; **DD** = Developmental Disabilities.

Notes:

*COB stands for OB clinical day; C stands for Pediatric clinical day.

*Dr. Lee stands for Dr. H. Lee's Pediatric Clinic; Dr. Suh is for Dr. B. Suh's OB Clinic; and Dr. Choi stands for Dr. Sub Choi's Pediatric Clinic.

*Day 1 or 2 every week for students not rotating for pediatric or OB clinical rotation, they will be doing clinical for 8 hours at either Temple Hospital, Norwalk Skilled Nursing or Alexandria Care Center.

*Week 60 is clinical leadership and management in any clinical setting that is board approved.

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September 25, 2013

Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive Suite 205
Sacramento, California

Attn: Pam Hinckley MSN RN NEC

Re: Reconsideration for Revocation

Dear Ms. Hinckley:

I am writing to you in reference to the September 2013 Board meeting's motion to revoke our provisional approval and remove our program from the List of Approved Vocational Nursing Schools, effective November 30, 2013 despite the lack of quorum.

We have new information that two (2) of our May 2013 graduates have passed the NCLEX-PN. Attached to this letter is a confirmation letter of passing the NCLEX-PN from one of the two. Please do take in consideration that most of our graduates only received their eligibility to take the test the last week of August 2013 and from the information offered by the Board members during the September 2013 Board meeting, it is difficult to schedule a test a month after receiving the test eligibility. The NCLEX-PN 2013 rolling quarterly report should be coming out soon to substantiate our claim. As all of the schools have always been treated fairly with test result statistics, we feel that we should be treated no different from them.

In addition, we feel that since a quorum of the Board Members were not present at the Board meeting and haven't had the chance or the time to review important facts which should have been considered prior to making the motion. I am presenting the important facts once again in this letter as follows:

1. The 0% pass rate assigned to our school will change for the third quarter of this year as we have students who just tested this month and we are anticipating a 100% pass rate when the third quarter results are delivered by the NCSBN to the Board. These students belong to Class 5 that graduated last May 2013 which in our recollection that during the February 2013 Board meeting, the Board members mentioned that this was

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the group that they need to see for the final NCLEX-PN results because they were direct beneficiaries of the tremendous changes taken by the school including a change of location approved by the BPPE in only 1.5 years ago. As the Board has constantly emphasized, we are still motivating all our graduates to take their NCLEX-PN immediately utilizing the great professional relationships we had created with them as we take pride in the graduates we produce.

2. While the program's history of graduates and licensure pass rates per class as presented in a table on page 9 of Agenda item#11.B.2 from the September 2013 Board meeting shows that from 2008 to 2011 (a total of 3 years), we had 24 graduates tested, this would represent only 42.85% of the potential 56 graduates by the time we had graduated Class #6 of 13 students by December of this year. In turn, we still have 26 graduates and potential graduates yet to be tested (including the two graduates mentioned previously) representing 46.43% and this is projected for the last 2 quarters of this year and the first 2 quarters of next year, 2014 (a total of just 1 year).
3. We have been prudent in our actions including a recent event that when we were asked by our NEC via email on August 6, 2013 if we were requesting for a new class for this September 2013 Board Meeting, we responded via email the following day, that both myself and the School Director have decided not to request for a new class as we are still awaiting the NCLEX-PN results of our May 2013 graduates.
4. We have always demonstrated good faith by complying with Board's instructions and requests with regard to seeking approval of new classes, submission of required reports and correspondences among others.

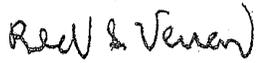
As to the question when the plug has to be pulled so as to protect the consumers of California, we reply with these questions: "Did we not protect the interests of the consumers of California when we did not pursue new classes when we were pursuing location transfer? Did we not protect the interests of the consumers of California when we were not collecting upfront fees for enrollment but instead engaging in a 4-year pay plan? Did we not protect the consumers of California that when our test passing rate was below standard we did not request for new classes nor did we attempt not to follow the Board's directives?"

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We firmly believe that the Board should seriously consider this information before they make a final decision in our case as we are presented once again on November 2013.

We thank you for your consideration and continued support in our endeavors.

Respectfully,



Ronaldo Verian RN, MOH
Program Director

Agenda Item #14.E.1., Attachment B



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2013

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Department of Consumer Affairs Hearing Room; 1625 N. Market Boulevard

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Curam College School of Nursing; 6520 44TH Street, Suite 312

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

American Career College; 4021 Rosewood Avenue, Room 104

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Elihu Harris Building; 1515 Clay Street, Room 1

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Bureau of Automotive Repair; 16855 W. Bernardo Drive, Suite 112

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CALIFORNIA

Professional Medical Careers Institute; 920 Hampshire Road, Suite S

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Todd D'Braunstein, P.T. Member, President (Sacramento)
Eric Mah, Public Member, Vice-President (Oakland)
Eduardo Angeles, Public Member (Los Angeles)
Vivien Avella, Public Member (Westlake Village)
Tammy Endozo, L.V.N. Member (San Diego)
Andrew Moreno, Public Member (Westlake Village)
Samantha James-Perez, P.T. Member (Los Angeles)
John Vertido, L.V.N. Educator Member (Sacramento)

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Jessica Leavitt, Public Member,

STAFF PRESENT:

Teresa Bello-Jones, J.D., M.S.N., R.N., Executive Officer
Cheryl Anderson, M.S.N., R.N., Supervising Nursing Education
Consultant
Suellen Clayworth, M.S.N., R.N., Nursing Education Consultant
Marilyn Kimble, Enforcement Division Chief
Mark Ito, Licensing Program Analyst
Laura Freedman, Legal Counsel, Department of Consumer
Affairs

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Todd D'Braunstein, at 11:41 a.m., October 21, 2013, from the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Hearing Room, 1625 North Market Boulevard, Sacramento, California 95834.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. D'Braunstein led the participants in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Mr. D'Braunstein took attendance of the Board Members by roll call. They introduced themselves by announcing their name, location, and noting if members of the public were in attendance. Teresa Bello-Jones, Executive Officer (EO), introduced the staff present. All staff members were present in Sacramento at the DCA Hearing Room location.

4. BOARD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESURES

Mr. D'Braunstein read a special notice addressing the Board's legal mandate and procedure to have an issue placed on the Board Meeting agenda. He announced that public comment is welcome on any open agenda item prior to the Board's discussion, however, no action may be taken at this time and the Board may limit the length of time allowed for comment.

5. RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY LESS THAN A QUORUM OF THE BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2013

Laura Freedman provided information on the procedures to be followed by the Board when taking action on the agenda items. She explained that, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, Board Members considering items during the teleconference must vote by roll call. Each Member may vote aye, nay, or abstain.

Mr. D'Braunstein noted that the special meeting was held in order for a quorum of the Board to consider ratification of the actions taken by less than a quorum of the Board on September 13, 2013. He specified that the Board will make one motion to adopt the positions recommended by the Board Members present at the September meeting. He stated that the Board will consider any item individually if there is anyone who wishes to address the Board regarding a specific agenda item.

Requests to exclude specific agenda items from a single motion to adopt the recommendations from the September 13, 2013 meeting were made. Items 5.C.1, 5.E.1.A and 5.E.2.B, were to be considered individually. The other items, for which a single motion to ratify actions taken by less than a quorum of the Board, were as follows:

A. Consent Calendar

1. Adoption of May 9-10, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes
2. Executive Officer's Report on Decisions for Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician Programs.
3. Adoption of 2014 Board Meeting Dates and Locations.

B. Legislative Report: Assembly Bills 186, 213, 393, 512, 809, 866, 1017, 1028, 1057; Senate Bill 690; and Other Bills Pertinent to the Board.

- C. Regulatory Report.
 - 1. Update on Proposed Regulatory Action to Implement AB 1588, Waiver of Renewal Requirements.
 - 2. Update on Proposed Regulatory Action to Implement SB 539, Permissive Site Visits
- D. Enforcement Division Report.
- E. Nursing Education Division Reports Regarding Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician Programs.
 - 2. Reconsideration of Provisional Approval:
 - A. Advanced Pro Nursing institute Vocational Nursing Program – Reconsideration of Provisional Approval.
 - C. Healthcare College of California Vocational Nursing Program – Reconsideration of Provisional Approval; Consideration of Request to Admit Students.
 - D. Medical Allied Career Center Vocational Nursing Program – Reconsideration of Provisional Approval; Consideration of Request to Admit Students.
 - E. North West College, Glendale, Vocational Nursing Program – Reconsideration of Provisional Approval; Consideration of Request to Admit Students.
 - F. Solano College of Nursing Vocational Nursing Program – Reconsideration of Provisional Approval; Consideration of Request to Admit Students.
 - 3. Consideration of Provisional Approval:
 - A. Franklin Career College Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Provision Approval.
 - 4. Request to Admit Students by Programs on Provisional Approval:
 - A. Bay Area College of Nursing, Daly City, Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students.
 - B. Career Care Institute, Moreno Valley Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students.
 - C. High Desert Medical College Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students.
 - D. InfoTech Career College Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students.
 - E. Oikos University Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students.
 - F. Valley School of Allied Health Vocational Nursing Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students.

Public Comment: None received.

Board Discussion: None received.

MOTION: To ratify the actions taken by the members present at the September 13, 2013 Board Meeting, excluding those specifically set aside.

Moved/Seconded: John Vertido/Andrew Moreno

Support: 8 **Oppose:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

5.C.1 UPDATE ON PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION TO IMPLEMENT AB 1588, WAIVER OF RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

Mark Ito, Licensing Program Analyst, presented a report relative to proposed regulatory action to implement AB 1588, Waiver of Renewal Requirements.

Public Comment: None received.

Board Discussion:

- Todd D'Braunstein noted the draft minutes are correct.

MOTION: No action required.

5.E.1.A. PALLADIUM TECHNICAL ACADEMY VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM – RECONSIDERATION OF REVOCATION; CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO ADMIT STUDENTS.

On September 13, 2013, Pam Hinckley, Nursing Education Consultant (NEC) presented a report relative to the school's request for reconsideration of revocation and reconsideration of their request for approval to admit students. The report summarized the Board's prior action revoking provisional approval and included program licensing examination statistics, and other relevant information.

The recommendation from that meeting was to accept the report and adopt the recommendation without change.

Program Representative:

Amir Shafe, Program Director

- Mr. Shafe stated the school has not had enough time for test scores to take effect, and prove the changes to the curriculum are working to improve the program's pass rate.

Public Comment: None received.

Board Discussion:

- Ms. Samantha James-Perez asked whether the pass rate was correct. Cheryl Anderson, SNEC, noted the program's examination statistics are accurate for the periods indicated, as published by the 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".
- Mr. John Vertido noted the school has a long history of not meeting the state passing rate.
- Ms. Vivian Avella asked if there are more exam results of the classes with the curriculum changes. Mr. Shafe stated the students have been testing, and he's sure they've been passing.
- Mr. Eric Mah asked when third quarter statistics would be available. Cheryl Anderson stated they would be available by the end of the week, October 25, 2013.

- Eric Mah asked the program director why only 11 out of 27 students have taken the exam. Mr. Shafe stated it was taking them a long time to get approved for testing, and that some students were confused as to whether they were allowed to test due to the school's approval being revoked.
- Eric Mah stated he would prefer to see some data from current students. There would be no harm in waiting until November.

MOTION: To accept the recommendation made by less than a quorum of the Board on September 13, 2013, to adopt the recommendation as follows:

1. Deny reconsideration of the revocation of provisional approval of the Palladium Technical Academy Vocational Nursing Program.

Rationale: Denying reconsideration will uphold the Board's November 9, 2012 decisions to:

- a. Revoke the provisional approval of the Palladium Technical Academy Vocational Nursing Program, effective December 31, 2012.
- b. Remove the program from the *List of Approved Vocational Nursing Schools*.

The program has failed to demonstrate compliance with California Business and Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 6.5, Article 4 and California Code of Regulations, Division 25, Chapter 1, Article 5 for the past 16 consecutive quarters.

If the Board upholds its prior decision to revoke the program's approval, no students are impacted. Based on previously submitted program enrollment data, the last class was admitted in October 2011 and graduated in December 2012.

Moved/Seconded: John Vertido/Andrew Moreno

Support: 4 **Oppose:** 3 **Abstain:** 1

5.E.2.B. CET-NURSING VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM – RECONSIDERATION OF PROVISIONAL APPROVAL; CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO ADMIT STUDENTS.

On September 13, 2013, Pam Hinckley, NEC, presented a report relative to the reconsideration of the program's provisional approval and consideration of a request to admit students. The report summarized the Board's prior action placing the program on provisional approval and includes program licensing examination statistics, and other relevant information.

The recommendation from that meeting was to accept the report and adopt the recommendations without change.

Program Representative:

Angie Suh, Owner, thanked the Board Members and staff for the opportunity to address the full board.

Public Comment: None received.

Board Discussion:

- Vivien Avella asked the program representative if the program had any new data. Ms. Suh stated a class of eleven (11) students graduated in May of 2013. Two (2) of the students tested and passed in September. The rest will test in October, November and

December. She further stated a class of thirteen (13) will graduate in November, and hopefully they will register to test.

- Eric Mah stated the Board needs to give schools a chance to improve. He suggested it may be a subject for a future workshop or discussion.
- John Vertido stated the school was given plenty of time to improve, and that the Board extended provisional approval multiple times.

MOTION: To accept the recommendation made by less than a quorum of the Board on September 13, 2013, to adopt the recommendation as follows:

1. Revoke the provisional approval of the CET Nursing Vocational Nursing Program, effective November 30, 2013.
2. Remove the program from the List of Approved Vocational Nursing Schools, effective November 30, 2013.

Rationale: The program has enrolled 63 students, to date, and graduated 43. Of the 43 graduates, 24 have taken the licensure examination. Six (6) graduates from the second and fourth class have not tested, to date. A class of 13 graduates recently graduated May 16, 2013. A class of 13 students is currently enrolled in classes and scheduled to graduate on November 23, 2013.

The program's history of graduates and licensure pass rates per class is listed below:

Graduation Date	Number Graduated	Number Tested	Number Remaining to Test	Number Passed	Percent Passed
8/2008	8	8	0	2	25%
1/2010	9	6	3	3	50%
11/2010	5	5	0	4	80%
8/2011	8	5	3	2	40%

It is concerning, that the program's licensure pass rates are decreasing after being on provisional approval for over three (3) years. The program's current average annual pass rate is 0% which is 73 percentage points below the State average annual pass rate. It is important to note, the most current four (4) quarters have no candidates testing. Of the 21 quarters of licensure data available for the program, 18 are significantly below the State average annual licensure pass rate.

The Board is concerned that the licensure pass rates are decreasing instead of increasing as new classes graduate. Based on the continued poor performance of graduates on the licensure examination, the recommendation to revoke the program's approval is advised. Revoking the program's approval on November 30, 2013 will allow the currently enrolled class of 13 students to graduate from an approved program.

Moved/Seconded: John Vertido/Andrew Moreno

Support: 5 **Oppose:** 3 **Abstain:** 0

6. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Public Comment: None received.

Board Discussion:

- Todd D'Braunstein questioned whether this item should remain on future agendas.
- John Vertido stated agendas are usually full, and questioned whether there was time to continue including this item. He further stated Todd D'Braunstein could provide direction to staff on what Board members want included on future agendas, and that he was concerned this could take time away from essential duties.
- Laura Freedman stated this just allows the Board Members to suggest items they would like to see on the agenda in the future.
- Eric Mah mentioned the mail ballot process. He suggested seeing how other Boards handle the executive officer's evaluation, so that it is valuable and meaningful.
- Andrew Moreno noted that a member of the public at his location asked to review item 5.E.4.B. – Career Care Institute, Moreno Valley Vocational Nursing Program. Laura Freedman noted the Board took the recommended action, but could listen to the school representative and reconsider its previous action. Corinne Stevens, program director, requested confirmation that the Board affirmed recommendations presented on September 13, 2013. Todd D'Braunstein responded that the Board adopted the following recommendations:
 1. Deny Career Care Institute, Moreno Valley Vocational Nursing Program's request to admit a day class of 50 full-time students on October 14, 2013, graduating on February 12, 2015, to replace a class that graduated August 31, 2012.
 2. Approve the program's admission of a day class of 30 full-time students on October 14, 2013, graduating on February 12, 2015, only, to replace students that graduated August 31, 2012.
 3. Require the program to admit no additional classes without prior approval by the full Board.

As a result of the clarification, no action was requested.

7. Public Comment Period.

- Laura Smith McKenna, Director, American College of Nursing, Concord, Vocational Nursing Program, expressed concern that processing time for approval of applications was taking three (3) to four (4) months.
- Teresa Bello-Jones, Executive Officer, responded that the Board is working on the issue, and that school applications are now being processed within four (4) weeks.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Prepared by: 
Teresa Bello Jones, J.D., M.S.N., R.N.
Executive Officer

Date: 11-22-2013

Approved by: 
Todd D'Braunstein, P.T.
President

Date: 11-22-2013

(11/21/13)

Agenda Item #14.E.1., Attachment C

CET-Nursing

December 11, 2013

BVNPT RECD - EDU
ON 12.12.13 WITH PH TO Dg

Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive Suite 205
Sacramento, California

Attn: Pam Hinckley MSN RN NEC

Re: Appeal for Reinstatement of the Revoked VN Program and Request for New Class

Dear Ms. Hinckley:

I am writing to you in reference to the email letter we received on December 4, 2013 informing our school that we will be presented to the Board on the February 2014 Board Meeting for reconsideration of actions taken on October 21, 2013.

The new information we can offer the Board at this time is that we have now surpassed the 0% pass rate assigned to us from our last appearance to the Board. Our current annual pass rate is at 100% achieved during the third quarter of this year. This new data will at least put our school in compliance with Section 2530 (I) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations which was the basis of our argument from both the September and October 2013 Board meetings. Please also be reminded that no candidates were tested from July 2012 through June 2013 (a total of 4 quarters). This was a result of our prudent action not to request to admit students during our school's change of location in order for us to completely prepare and be in compliance with rules and regulations from both the BPPE and the BVNPT. We again, sincerely feel that we should not be inflicted with a penalty as a result of these actions.

We still have our December 2013 graduates waiting to be tested for the first quarter of 2014. With the current information we have received from other LVN schools, we are confident that all of our graduates will have taken the licensure examination by the first quarter of 2014 and we will still be able to achieve licensure examination results within the standards set forth by the Board.

Furthermore, we feel that Board Members specifically those who were not present at the Board meetings did not have the chance or the time to review important facts that should have been considered prior to making the motion of revocation.

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We firmly believe that the Board should seriously consider all the information presented before they make a final decision in our case as we are presented once again on February 2014. We are requesting the members of the Board to vote for reinstatement of our revoked VN program. Moreover, as there are no students presently enrolled in our program, we also humbly request the Board to allow us to admit a class of 15 students to start class on March 17, 2014 and only to end on June 26, 2015.

We thank you for your consideration and continued support in our endeavors.

Respectfully,



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Program Director

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CET NURSING VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM Licensure Examination Pass Rates April 2008 - December 2013

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
Apr – Jun 2008	3	1	33%	75%	33%	75%	-42
Jul – Sep 2008	3	1	33%	70%	33%	74%	-41
Oct – Dec 2008	2	0	0%	73%	25%	73%	-48
Jan – Mar 2009	No Candidates Tested			70%	25%	72%	-47
Apr – Jun 2009	No Candidates Tested			71%	20%	70%	-50
Jul – Sep 2009	No Candidates Tested			74%	0%	72%	-72
Oct – Dec 2009	No Candidates Tested			76%	0%	73%	-73
Jan – Mar 2010	No Candidates Tested			76%	0%	74%	-74
Apr – Jun 2010	No Candidates Tested			74%	0%	75%	-75
Jul – Sep 2010	4	1	25%	76%	25%	75%	-50
Oct – Dec 2010	2	2	100%	77%	50%	76%	-26
Jan – Mar 2011	No Candidates Tested			80%	50%	77%	-27
Apr – Jun 2011	4	3	75%	71%	60%	76%	-16
Jul – Sep 2011	No Candidates Tested			74%	83%	76%	+7
Oct – Dec 2011	2	1	50%	74%	67%	75%	-8
Jan – Mar 2012	1	1	100%	77%	71%	74%	-3
Apr – Jun 2012	3	1	33%	72%	50%	74%	-24
Jul – Sep 2012	No Candidates Tested			74%	50%	74%	-24
Oct – Dec 2012	No Candidates Tested			70%	50%	74%	-24
Jan – Mar 2013	No Candidates Tested			75%	33%	73%	-40
Apr – Jun 2013	No Candidates Tested			78%	33%	73%	-40
Jul – Sep 2013	2	2	100%	75%	100%	74%	+27
Oct – Dec 2013	5	4	80%	76%	86%	76%	+10

*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.

