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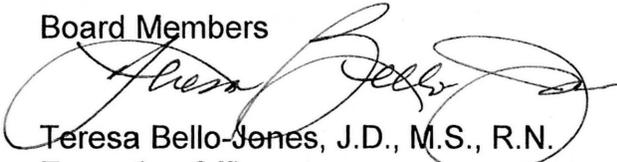
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TO: Board Members

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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 November 25, 2013

1. **American College of Nursing PT Program - Request to Admit Students**
(Director: Laura Smith McKenna, Concord, Contra Costa County, Private)

The director of the American College of Nursing PT Program requests Board approval to admit a class of 30 students with three (3) alternates on December 2, 2013, with a projected graduation date of January 15, 2015. The requested class will **replace** the class that graduated on June 18, 2013.

The EO approved the program's request to admit an additional class of 30 students with three alternates on December 2, 2013, **only**, with a projected graduation date of January 15, 2015; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program is currently in compliance with Article 5 of the Psychiatric Technician Rules and Regulations, however, the Board is concerned with the program's attrition rate and the small number of graduates who have taken the licensure examination. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing the program's Annual Reports, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

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

Charles A. Jones Skills and Business Education Center VN Program requests approval to admit a class of 25 students on January 21, 2014, to **replace** the class that graduated in September 2013. The requested class would graduate in November 2014.

The EO approved the Charles A. Jones Skills and Business Center VN Program's request to admit a class of 25 students on January 21, 2014, only, graduating in November 2014. The requested class will **replace** the class that graduated in September 2013. Additionally, the EO continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** continued to closely monitor the programs licensure examination pass rates.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the requested enrollment and has shown some improvement in its licensure examination pass rates. Any signs of improvement as a result of the plan of correction implemented in November 2012 will not be available until the students scheduled to graduate in September 2013 take the licensure examination. **The Board expects that improvement in the pass rate will be evident when those test results are assessed. If no improvement in the pass rate is demonstrated, future class admissions may be limited.**

In a meeting with the director on June 12, 2013, the director described the implementation of the plan of action with the current class and reported that this class of students, the class that will graduate in September 2013, is performing very well.

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.

3. **Four-D College, Victorville, VN Program – Request to Increase Frequency of Admissions - (Director, Rosemary Haggins, Victorville, Kern County, Private)**

The Board received correspondence from the program director stating:

“The Four-D College - Victorville campus is seeking approval to increase the frequency of admissions to the Part-Time Vocational Nursing Program. The additional admission will align both the Victorville campus admissions with the Main campus... For the Part-Time program, students are currently admitted during March and September.

The proposed admission frequency will be February, May and August. The Board-approved class size, the total number of program hours, clinical sites and the length of time to complete the program will remain the same.”

The director went on to say that, if approved, the change would take place starting in February 2014.

The EO approved the program’s request to increase the frequency of admission in the part-time program from two classes of 30 students each per year to three classes of 30 students each per year with class admissions taking place in February, May and August of each year; **and** continued approval of the program’s ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program’s pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program’s pattern of admissions will include admission of four (4) full-time classes of 45 students in February, May, August and November of each year; and three (3) part-time classes of 30 students in February, May and August of each year.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the requested number of students. The program’s annual average NCLEX-PN® licensure examination pass rate has met regulatory requirements for the past eight (8) quarters and has shown consistent improvement over the past four (4) quarters.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program’s effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program’s licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

4. Glendale Career College VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Vicki Lapre’, Glendale, Los Angeles County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board’s duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives’ visits or reviews shall be made to the Board. Such inspections or reviews determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by Glendale Career College VN Program in November 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued approval of the Glendale Career College VN Program from November 15, 2013, through November 14, 2017, and issue a certificate accordingly; and continued approval of the Glendale Career College VN Program ongoing admission pattern of classes of 45 students, to **replace** graduating classes only, four (4) times per year, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes admission of four (4) full-time classes per year with 45 students per class to **replace** graduating classes.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has maintained an average annual pass rate on the NCLEX-PN® above the state annual average pass rate for the past eight quarters. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and projected enrollment.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

5. Mira Costa College VN Program – Report of Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Susan Roberts, Oceanside, San Diego County – Community College)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or reviews shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Mira Costa College VN Program completed a Program Records Survey in November 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued full approval for the Mira Costa College VN Program for the period November 16, 2013 through November 15, 2017, and issue a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current approved pattern of admissions includes two (2) full-time classes of thirty (30) students per year and one (1) part-time class of thirty (30) students per year.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations and has maintained an average annual pass rate on the NCLEX-PN® above the state annual average pass rate for five of the past eight quarters.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

6. **Saint Joseph's School of Nursing (formerly Joseph's School of Nursing) VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Adeniki Joseph – Lancaster, Lancaster County, Private)**

The Saint Joseph's School of Nursing VN Program requests Board approval to admit 15 students into a class commencing December 9, 2013 and graduating November 30, 2014. This class will **replace** students that graduated on September 10, 2013.

The EO denied Saint Joseph's School of Nursing VN Program's request to admit 15 students into a class commencing December 9, 2013 and graduating November 30, 2014. This class would **replace** students that graduated on September 10, 2013. Additionally, the EO required the program to continue to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students. Further, the EO placed the program on the February 2014 Board agenda for consideration of Placement on Provisional Approval (**Note:** the program may request Board consideration of a replacement class at that meeting).

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rates have fallen significantly over the last five (5) quarters. The current average annual pass rate is **38%**. This is **37** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. Prior to the most recent decline in pass rates the program exhibited licensure pass rates from 73% to 89% during quarters one (1) of 2011 through quarter three (3) of 2012.

Eight (8) students are currently enrolled in classes. These students are scheduled to graduate in March 2014. On August 8, 2013, the program director submitted her plan to improve the licensure pass rates as noted in Other Considerations above. However, due to the significantly low average annual pass rate, it is prudent to deny the requested class and defer consideration to the full Board.

7. YWCA – Los Angeles Job Corps VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Isatu Davies-Momoh, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Adult School)

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A Program Records Survey was completed by the YWCA – Los Angeles Job Corps VN Program in September 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval for the YWCA - Los Angeles Job Corps Vocational Nursing Program for a four-year period from November 16, 2013 through November 15, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly. Additionally, the EO continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of thirty (30) students twice a year, only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has maintained an average annual pass rate on the NCLEX-PN® above the state annual average pass rate for the past eight (8) quarters.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Additionally, the program is in full compliance with Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing the program's Annual Reports, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

Effective December 6, 2013

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

The director of the American College of Nursing VN Program requests approval to admit an additional evening class of 30 students and 3 alternates on January 2, 2014, with a graduation date of January 9, 2015. That class will be an additional class. It does not replace any graduating students.

The director also requests approval to admit a day class of 30 students and 3 alternates on January 21, 2014, with a graduation date of January 22, 2015. That class will **replace** students graduating on January 16, 2014.

The EO approved the American College of Nursing VN Program's request to admit an evening class of 30 students and 3 alternates on January 2, 2014, with a graduation date of January 9, 2015. That class will be an additional class. Additionally, the EO approved the program's request to admit a day class of 30 students and 3 alternates on January 21, 2014, with a graduation date of January 22, 2015. That class will **replace** students graduating on January 16, 2014. Further, the EO continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program's annual average pass rate has improved significantly over the past five (5) quarters to the current 82% after the implementation of the program's plan of action to improve its pass rate. That plan included:

- Changing the program's admission test from Test of Essential Education Skills to General Assessment of Instructional Needs
- Implementation of a more rigorous hiring process to assure effective faculty
- Increase in hours for the NCLEX-PN® Review Class from 40 to 56 hours
- Introduction of exit tests that must be passed before the student graduates
- Focus in clinical post-conferences on application of current classroom theory to clinical experiences

- Implementation of the use of Elsevier's Simulation Learning System for all students.
- Addition of one hour of continuing education for faculty members as part of all faculty meetings.

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

9. California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program, Request to Admit Students – (Director: Abdel R. Yosef, Garden Grove, Orange County, Private)

The director of California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program requests permission to admit the following classes of students:

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- A full-time class of 30 students starting on January 20, 2014 with a projected graduation date of February 13, 2015, to **replace** the full-time class that will graduate on December 3, 2013.
 - A part-time class of 30 students starting January 20, 2014 with a projected graduation date of August 24, 2015, to **replace** the class with will graduate on January 17, 2014.

The EO approved the California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program's request to admit a full-time class of 30 students starting on January 20, 2014, with a projected graduation date of February 13, 2015, to **replace** the full-time class that will graduate on December 3, 2013; **and** approved the program's request to admit a part-time class of 30 students starting January 20, 2014, with a projected graduation date of August 24, 2015, to **replace** the class with will graduate on January 17, 2014; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations and has improved its licensure examination pass rate; however, it is prudent to continue to require the program to request each class admission until the program demonstrates that it can maintain that pass rate at an acceptable 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.

10. Cerro Coso College VN Program – Request to Increase Enrollment (Director: Cheryl Gates, Ridgecrest, Kern County – Community College)

The Director of the Cerro Coso College VN Program requests Board approval to increase the number of students admitted to the January 13, 2014 class from 15

to 18, one time only. The class will graduate December 12, 2014. The request is made pursuant to an anticipated need as expressed by the community hospital, Ridgecrest Regional.

Currently the program is approved for ongoing admission of 15 students admitted annually in January.

The EO approved Cerro Coso College VN program's request to increase student enrollment from 15 to 18, one time only for the class that will begin on January 13, 2014; graduating on December 12, 2014. Additionally, the EO continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions 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 approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one class of 15 students in January of each year; with the exception of January 2014.
- b. ~~The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.~~
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program is requesting approval to increase enrollment from 15 to 18 students for the January 2014 class, only. The community hospital, Ridgecrest Regional, is requesting the program to increase the number of students since they anticipate an increased need for LVN's. The program's average annual pass rate is currently 90% and supports the recommendation to increase the January 2014 class size to 18.

11. Colton Redlands Yucaipa ROP VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey (Director: Frances Razor, Redlands, San Bernardino County – ROP)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or reviews shall be made to the Board. Such inspections or reviews determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Colton Redlands Yucaipa ROP (formerly Redlands Adult School) VN Program was reviewed in October 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued full approval for the Colton Redlands Yucaipa ROP VN Program for the period February 8, 2014 through February 7, 2018, and issued a certificate accordingly.

Rationale: The program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

Additionally, the EO continued approval of the program's request for ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 30 students three (3) times per year, only.
 - b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
 - c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (f) of the Code.
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Rationale: The program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

12. Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, VN Program – Request to Admit Students; Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Larisa Revzina, Fresno, Fresno County, Private)

Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, VN Program, requests approval to admit 30 students into a day class commencing January 6, 2014, graduating January 30, 2015. The proposed class would **replace** students in the day class who will graduate January 17, 2014.

The program also requests approval to admit a class of 30 students into an evening class commencing January 6, 2014, and graduating January 30, 2015. The proposed class would **replace** students in the evening class that will graduate January 17, 2014.

The program is additionally requesting ongoing admission of two (2) day classes and two (2) evening classes per year. Admissions would be in January and July.

The EO approved Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, VN Program's request to admit a day class of 30 students commencing January 6, 2014, graduating January 30, 2015, to **replace** students in the day class who will graduate January 17, 2014; **and** approved the program's request to admit a class of 30 students into an evening class commencing January 6, 2014, and graduating January 30, 2015, to **replace** students in the evening class who will graduate January 17, 2014; **and** approved the program's admission of a day class of 30 students commencing July 6, 2014, graduating August 5, 2015, to **replace** students in the day class who will graduate July 18, 2014; **and** approved

the program's admission of a class of 30 students into an **evening** class commencing July 6, 2014, and graduating August 5, 2015, to **replace** students in the evening class who will graduate July 18, 2014. The EO denied the program's request for ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes.

Rationale: There are sixteen (16) quarters of data recorded for the program since inception. Seven (7) or **44%** of the sixteen (16) quarters are more than ten (10) percentage points **below** the state average annual passing rate.

The most recent consecutive six (6) quarters have been within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate. Currently, the quarter pass rate is **68%** and the program's average annual pass rate is **77%**. This is three (3) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. Although the six (6) current quarters are within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate, they are marginally so. Denying ongoing admissions will allow the director the time required to focus on currently enrolled students and prior graduates to ensure that the licensure pass rates continue compliant with regulatory requirements and even improve.

These statistics support the recommendation to approve the requested classes. However, statistics over the past sixteen (16) quarters support the recommendation to deny ongoing admissions.

13. Kaplan College, Salida, formerly Stockton, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey (Director: Kim Floyd, Salida, San Joaquin County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or reviews shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Kaplan College, Salida formerly Stockton, VN Program (also known as Maric College, Stockton, VN Program) was reviewed November 7, 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO approved full approval for the Kaplan College, Salida, VN Program for the period from November 5, 2013, through November 4, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly.

Rationale: The program has corrected all violations and is in full compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The EO continued to require the program to request Board approval prior to the admission of students.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rate on the NCLEX/PN® is 78%. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of currently enrolled students and the projected class. 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.

14. Premiere Career College, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Jennifer Ty De Guzman, Irwindale, Los Angeles County, Private)

Premiere Career College VN Program is requesting Board approval to admit a class of 15 students on January 6, 2014; graduating December 5, 2014. This class **replaces** students that graduating on November 22, 2013.

The EO denied Premiere Career College VN Program's requests to admit a class of 15 students on January 6, 2014; graduating December 5, 2014 to **replace** students that graduating on November 22, 2013; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students; **and** placed the Premiere Career College VN Program on the February Board agenda for consideration of placement on Provisional Approval.

Rationale: The program currently has seven (7) quarters of low licensure pass rates. The current average annual pass rate is **59%**. As such, it is **16** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. Over the course of the last seven (7) quarters, the pass rate has fluctuated between 46% and 60%. Based on the programs continued non-compliant pass rates, denial of the requested class and placement on the February 2014 Board agenda is appropriate.

15. Prime Career College VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Marivic Aquino, Pomona, San Bernardino County, Private)

The Prime Career College VN Program is requesting approval to admit 20 students into the full-time day class on January 13, 2013, with a projected graduation on February 10, 2015 to **replace** students who graduated on June 6, 2013.

Additionally, the program is requesting approval to admit 30 students into the full-time day class on March 10, 2014, with a projected graduation on April 10, 2015 to **replace** students who graduated on October 25, 2013.

The EO denied Prime Career College VN Program's request to admit 20 students into the full-time, day, class on class on January 13, 2013, with a projected graduation on February 10, 2015 to **replace** students who graduated on June 6, 2013; **and** denied the program's request to admit 20 students into the full-time, day, class on March 10, 2013, with a projected graduation on April 10, 2015 to **replace** students who graduated on October 25, 2013; **and** continued

the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class; **and** placed the program on the February 2014 Board agenda for consideration of placement on provisional approval.

Rationale: Over the last five (5) consecutive quarters the average annual pass rate has steadily **decreased**. In Quarter 3 of 2011 the program's average annual pass rate was 88%. Currently the program's average annual pass rate is **50%**. This is 24 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

Currently 17 students are enrolled in classes at the Prime Career College VN Program. These students are scheduled to graduate in June 2014. Nine (9) students graduated in September 2013. It is anticipated that these graduates will test in Quarter 1 and 2 in 2014.

16. Southwestern College VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Catherine McJannet, Otay, San Diego County, Community College)

The director of the Southwestern College VN Program submitted a request to admit 35 students on January 20, 2014. Those students are projected to graduate on May 22, 2015. The requested students would **replace** students graduating on December 16, 2013.

The EO approved Southwestern College VN Program's request to admit 35 students on January 20, 2014 with a projected graduation date of May 22, 2015 to replace students graduating on December 16, 2013; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: It is noted that the program's quarterly and average annual pass rates have been more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate for the past five (5) quarters. Those results reflect statistics from the class that graduated in 2012. The director has completed a comprehensive analysis to identify specific problems and has initiated changes accordingly. The currently enrolled class will graduate in December 2013. The director has stated that the class has been exposed to program changes for one (1) semester. The requested class will be the first class to be exposed to all of the proposed program changes.

Based on the changes already implemented for the enrolled students as well as those proposed that will affect the requested January 2014 class, it is reasonable to allow this class admission in order for the program to demonstrate the effectiveness of the changes made. Some improvement in the licensure examination pass rate will be expected for the class of students that graduates in December 2013 to demonstrate incremental progress in the improvement of the pass rate. Licensure examination results for

the December 2013 graduating class will be available before the program requests another class admission for August 2015.

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

17. Unitek College, San Jose (formerly Santa Clara), VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Samantha Sanchez, San Jose, Santa Clara County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or reviews shall be made to the Board. Such inspections or reviews determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Unitek College, San Jose, VN Program in October 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval for the Unitek College, San Jose, VN Program for a four-year period from November 16, 2013 through November 15, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes four (4) classes of thirty – six (36) students per year.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has maintained an average annual pass rate on the NCLEX-PN® above the state annual average pass rate for the past six (6) quarters.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

Effective December 19, 2013

18. Community Enhancement Services College, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Oleg Khilkevich, Burbank, Los Angeles County, Private)

The Community Enhancement Services College VN Program requests Board approval to admit a class of 30 full-time, evening students commencing on January 27, 2013, graduating April 19, 2015. This class will **replace** students that graduated on December 14, 2013.

The EO denied Community Enhancement Services College VN Program's request to admit a class of 30 full-time, evening students commencing on January 27, 2014, graduating April 19, 2015, to **replace** students that graduated on December 14, 2013; **and** approved the program's admission of a class of 20 students into the full-time, evening class commencing on January 27, 2013; graduating on April 19, 2015 to **replace** students that graduated on December 14, 2013; **and** required the program to submit a written report by February 28, 2014, which shall include the following: a) Analysis of the program; b) Specific actions taken to improve program pass rates; c) Timeline for implementation; and d) Effect of employed interventions. **Additionally**, the EO required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

Rationale: Three (3) classes have graduated from CES College, to date. It is concerning that the pass rates are declining as new classes graduate. The program's current quarter pass rate is 50% and the average annual pass rate is 50%. As such, the average annual pass rate is **24** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

On November 18, 2013, the director was asked to investigate the causes of the low licensure pass rates and submit a written plan to bring them up. On December 10, 2013, the director submitted his plan. Based on that plan, the approval of a class of 20 students is recommended. This will allow the director to implement his plan which includes a revised admission policy and other criteria that will begin on admission to the program. Seventy-one (71) students are currently enrolled in classes.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports and other required documents and reports as submitted by the program, and performing approval surveys every four years.

19. Concorde Career College, West Los Angeles, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Cheri Allmond, San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review vocational nursing schools in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or reviews shall be made to the Board. Such inspections and reviews determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by Concorde Career College, West Los Angeles, VN Program. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO approved the Concorde Career Institute, West Los Angeles, VN Program's continued full approval for the four-year period from September 16, 2013 through September 15, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 30 students into the part-time class one time every 22 months, only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the VN 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.

20. Curam College of Nursing VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Wayne Williams, Sacramento, Sacramento County, Private)

The Curam College of Nursing VN Program requests Board approval to admit a class of 30 students commencing January 13, 2013 with a projected graduation date of September 5, 2014. This class would **replace** students that graduated on August 7, 2013.

The EO denied Curam College VN Program's request to admit a class of 30 students on January 13, 2014 graduating September 5, 2014, to **replace** the class that graduated August 7, 2013; **and** approved the program's admission of a class of 20 students on January 13, 2014 only, with a projected graduation date of September 5, 2014 to **replace** students that graduated on August 7, 2013; **and** required the program to revise its admission criteria to include the following: a) Pre-requisite computer class; b) Minimum pass rate of 75% on the ATI admission test in the following content areas: a) Reading; b) Language; c)

Mathematics; d) Critical Thinking; **and** require the program to revise its screening and selection criteria to include: a) Pre – requisite computer class; b) Essay; **and** require the program to submit a revised instructional plan to increase the length of the program from 38 weeks to 44 weeks by **January 31, 2014**. The additional time would be allocated to terms 2 and 3; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

Rationale: The program's licensure pass rates have steadily declined since initial data was recorded for the program. There are five (5) quarters of data recorded since July 2012. This data is representative of the program's first two (2) classes. The current average annual pass rate is **53%**. As such, it is **21** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

The director has implemented a plan to improve licensure pass rates. The plan includes a new entrance test, revised graduation criteria, case scenarios to increase critical thinking and increased focus on Anatomy and Physiology. The plan was implemented and will affect the program's third (3rd) and subsequent classes. The 3rd class graduated in August 2013 and is beginning to test now. The director verbalizes that he anticipates they will do well on the licensure examination. Twenty – eight (28) students are currently enrolled in classes. The currently enrolled students graduate in March and April 2014. Decreasing the class size to 20 will allow the director to focus on the upcoming graduates and implement his action plan on incoming students.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports and other required documents and reports as submitted by the program, and performing approval surveys every four years.

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21. College of the Siskiyou VN Program – Report of Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Janis Laiacona, Weed, Siskiyou County – Community College)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or reviews shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The College of the Siskiyou VN Program submitted a completed Program Records Survey and required supporting documentation for continued program approval. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued full approval of the College of the Siskiyous VN Program for the period February 8, 2014 through February 7, 2018, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of two (2) full – time classes of 30 students every 18 months to **replace** graduating students.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: During the past 16 quarters, the College of the Siskiyous Vocational Nursing Program has maintained an average annual pass rate that is ~~17 to 26 percentage points above state average annual pass rates~~. The program has demonstrated full compliance with all sections of 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.

22. InterCoast College, Fairfield, VN Program (formerly College of Medical Arts VN Program) – Request to Admit Students (Director: Elizabeth Kogut, Fairfield, Solano County, Private)

The director of the InterCoast College, Fairfield, VN Program submitted a request to admit students indicating that the program admitted a "pattern of enrollment" in 2013 in which it admitted three (3) day classes and two (2) evening classes "...whereby our classes move to a new semester every 19 weeks. Those classes were each approved for 30 students.

The director is now requesting approval of admission of two (2) day classes of 30 students and three (3) alternates and three (3) evening classes of 30 students and three (3) alternates as follows for 2014:

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| First Evening Class: | Admit on February 13, 2014; graduate on May 23, 2015 |
| First Day Class: | Admit on May 12, 2014; graduate on August 21, 2015 |
| Second Evening Class: | Admit on June 16, 2014; graduate on September 22, 2015 |
| Second Day Class: | Admit on September 22, 2014; graduate on January 2, 2016 |

Third Evening Class: Admit on October 27, 2014; graduate on February 2, 2016

The EO denied the InterCoast College, Fairfield, VN Program's request for the following class admissions of 30 students per class: a) First Evening Class: Admit on February 13, 2014, graduate on May 23, 2015; b) First Day Class: Admit on May 12, 2014; graduate on August 21, 2015; c) Second Evening Class: Admit on June 16, 2014; graduate on September 22, 2015; d) Second Day Class: Admit on September 22, 2014; graduate on January 2, 2016; e) Third Evening Class: Admit on October 27, 2014; graduate on February 2, 2016; **and** approved the InterCoast College, Fairfield, VN Program's request to admit an evening class of 30 students on February 13, 2014, **only**; **and** approved the InterCoast College, Fairfield, VN Program's request to admit a day class of 30 students on May 12, 2014, **only**; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: Although the program has demonstrated the resources to support the students requested, the Board requires more data regarding the program's ability to maintain an acceptable licensure examination pass rate before approving ongoing admissions for all classes. The pass rate dropped significantly in the fourth quarter of 2013.

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 surveys for continued approval every four (4) years.

23. Los Angeles Unified School District, Maxine Waters Employment Preparation Center, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation; Request to Admit Students (Director: Norma Roberts, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or reviews shall be made to the Board. Such inspections or reviews determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Los Angeles Unified School District, Maxine Waters Employment Preparation Center, VN Program in December 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued full approval of the Los Angeles Unified School District, Maxine Waters Employment Preparation Center, VN Program for the four – year period from February 7, 2014 through February 6, 2018, and issued a certificate

accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to replace graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one class of 15 students two (2) times per year, **only**.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has maintained an acceptable annual average pass rate on the NCLEX/PN® exceeding the state annual average pass rate for five (5) of the last eight (8) quarters. Additionally, the program is in 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.

24. Los Angeles Unified School District, North Valley Service Center, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Carol Govier, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Adult School)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or reviews shall be made to the Board. Such inspections or reviews determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Los Angeles Unified School District, North Valley Occupational Center, VN Program in December 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval of the Los Angeles Unified School District, North Valley Service Center, VN Program for the four – year period from February 7, 2014 through February 6, 2018, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of

admissions will include admission of one class of 15 students two (2) times per year, **only**.

- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program is in full compliance with Article 5 of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations and has exceeded the state annual average pass rate for the most recent eight quarters.

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.

25. ~~Marian College, Los Angeles, VN Program – Request to Admit Students~~
(Director: Lynette Ferro; Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California; Private)

Marian College, Los Angeles, VN Program requests approval to admit two **additional** classes, as follows:

- Approval to admit 15 students into a full-time class beginning on February 24, 2014, and graduating on May 14, 2015. This would be an additional class, not a replacement class.
- Approval to admit 15 students into a part-time class on April 17, 2014, and graduating on December 19, 2015. This would be an additional class, not a replacement class

The EO **denied** Marian College, Los Angeles, VN Program's request to admit an additional class of 15 students into a full-time class beginning on February 24, 2014, and graduating on May 14, 2015; **and denied** the program's request to admit an additional class of 15 students into a part-time class on April 17, 2014, and graduating on December 19, 2015; **and** continued to require the program to request each class admission.

Rationale: In the program's analysis submitted in August 2013, the director discussed issues that she believed caused a number of students to not successfully complete the program or to complete the program, but require extensive remediation. The director implemented changes in the program's admission, attendance, and remediation policies to address those issues.

The program's pass rate has improved steadily to the current 76% which supports approval of replacement classes; however, the program has returned to compliance with the required annual pass

rate for just two quarters. Approving additional classes should wait until the program demonstrates that it can maintain an improved pass rate.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing follow-up and Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing surveys for continued approval every four (4) years.

26. Professional Medical Careers Institute VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Helen Taylor, Thousand Oaks, Ventura County, Private)

The Professional Medical Careers Institute VN Program is requesting approval to admit a class of 30 students every six (6) months. The program is currently approved to admit 30 students May 28, 2014, graduating October 24, 2015 and 30 students on November 10, 2014, graduating in March 24, 2016.

Admission of the next class is proposed for May 14, 2015, graduating September 30, 2016.

The EO approved the Professional Medical Careers Institute VN Program's request to admit a class of 30 students on May 14, 2015, graduating September 30, 2016; **and** approved the program's request for ongoing admissions, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 30 students every six (6) months to **replace** graduating classes, only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program's licensure pass rates have exceeded the state average annual pass rate for the most recent eight (8) consecutive quarters. As such, the requested classes are recommended.

The program was approved to start two (2) classes in 2014; one (1) in May and one (1) in November. The additional requested class of 30 would bring the total enrolled students to 90. Based on the program's current average annual pass rate of 87%, the requested class is recommended.

27. San Bernardino Valley College PT Program - Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Dennis Jackson, San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, Community College)

In accordance with Section 4532 of the PT Practice Act, the Board shall provide for the periodic inspection of all psychiatric technician schools in this State. Written reports of the inspection or review shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the PT Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey of the San Bernardino Valley College PT Program was completed in January 2014. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the PT Rules and Regulations. No violations of the regulations were noted.

The EO continued full approval for the San Bernardino Valley College PT Program for the four-year period from February 8, 2014, through February 7, 2018, and issue a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 45 students two (2) times per year in August and January, only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2585 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program is compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the Psychiatric Technician Rules and Regulations. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and projected enrollment. The program's average annual pass rate has been exceeded 90% for the previous eleven consecutive quarters.

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

28. Summit Career College, Anaheim, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Renee Sheehan, Anaheim, Orange County, Private)

On January 7, 2014, the Board received electronic correspondence from the program director requesting admission of a class of 28 students on January 21,

2014 to **replace** students who graduated on November 15, 2013. The requested class will graduate on January 16, 2015.

The EO approved the program's request to admit a full-time day class of 28 students on January 21, 2014, to **replace** students who graduated on November 15, 2013, graduating on January 16, 2015; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class. **This requirement supersedes the program's previous approvals for ongoing admissions.**

Rationale: The program has an unstable licensure examination pass rate; however, actions have been initiated by the director who was approved in August 2013 to assure that the program follows all school policies to support students in their basic education and in preparation for the licensure examination. Retraining of all Anaheim LVN faculty was conducted on October 22, 2013. It is reasonable to approve admission of another class to allow time to see if improvement occurs as a result of the actions taken.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the director, and performing continued approval surveys every four years.

29. Summit Career College, Colton, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Renee Sheehan, Colton, San Bernardino County, Private)

The program requests approval to admit a full - time class of 60 students commencing January 27, 2014, and graduating January 26, 2015. The proposed class will **replace** students who graduated January 7, 2014.

The EO issued a Notice of Violation to Summit Career College, Colton, VN Program for violation of Section 2530(k) of the California Code of Regulations; **and denied** Summit Career College, Colton, VN Program's request to admit a full – time class of 60 students commencing January 27, 2014, **only**, graduating January 23, 2015, to **replace** the class that graduated on January 7, 2014. Additionally, the EO placed the Summit Career College, Colton, VN Program on the February 2014 Board Meeting Agenda for Consideration of Multiple Violations of the California Code of Regulations Section 2530(k) and, Consideration of Request to Admit Students; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: Due to the program's numerous violations of section 2530(k) the Executive Officer believes the program's status requires consideration by the full Board. For that reason, the program's request to admit a class will be considered by the full Board at the February 28, 2014, Board Meeting.

Although the program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the

current and proposed enrollment, the egregious violation of the California Code of Regulations must be addressed.

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

Based on the action of ACCET, the program must continue to seek prior Board approval for the admission of each class until further notice.

30. Trinity Vocational Center VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Zenaida Mitu, Gardena, Los Angeles County, Private)

Trinity Vocational Center VN Program requests approval to admit 35 students into a full-time class commencing February 24, 2014, and graduating February 27, 2015. The proposed class would **replace** students in the full-time class scheduled to graduate on January 24, 2014. Additionally, the director requests approval to admit 35 students into a part-time class commencing March 22, 2014, and graduating September 5, 2015. The proposed class would **replace** students in the part-time class that is scheduled to graduate on February 9, 2014.

The EO approved Trinity Vocational Center VN Program's request to admit a class of 35 students into a full-time class commencing February 24, 2014, and graduating February 27, 2015 to **replace** the full-time class scheduled to graduate on January 24, 2014; **and** approved the program's request to admit a class of 35 students into a part-time class commencing March 22, 2014, and graduating September 5, 2015 to **replace** the part-time class scheduled to graduate on February 9, 2014; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each full-time and part-time class.

Rationale: The program complied with the Executive Officer's requirement for analysis of the program and is currently in compliance with pass rate regulations. Additionally the program has demonstrated that it has the resources to support the requested students.

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 surveys for continued approval every four (4) years.

31. United Education International College, Chula Vista, VN Program Request to Admit Students (Director: Lucy Rauch, Chula Vista, San Diego County, Private)

The United Education International College, Chula Vista, VN Program requests approval to admit 30 students into a full – time class commencing March 31,

2014, and graduating April 30, 2015. This class would **replace** students scheduled to graduate on March 24, 2014.

The EO denied United Education International, Chula Vista, VN Program to admit 30 students full – time class commencing March 31, 2014, graduating April 30, 2015; **and** required the program to investigate the cause(s) and submit a written report by February 21, 2014, identifying the root cause(s) of the declining licensure pass rates; **and** required the program to submit a written plan by February 21, 2014, identifying corrective measures to be employed to correct the declining licensure pass rates. Included in that report will be a timeline specifying anticipated date of correction; **and** required the program to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.

Rationale: There are 11 quarters of licensure data available for the program. Of the 11 quarters, the first five (5) quarters were 29 to 36 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The sixth (6th) quarter rose to 83%. Since that time, the licensure pass rates have **steadily declined**. Currently the average annual pass rate is **36%**. ~~As such, it is 40 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.~~ Based on this data, it is advised to have the director investigate the cause(s) of the declining licensure pass rates and submit a plan to correct the problem.

Reports submitted by the program identify the following four (4) faculty: a director, two (2) part-time instructors and one (1) additional faculty. Based on the number of currently enrolled students, clinical restrictions relevant to the number of students allowed, and the proposed class (a total of 48 students), the faculty is inadequate for the number of students. The program would be advised to secure adequate faculty to accommodate current and proposed students prior to resubmitting a request to admit students.

32. Xavier College VN Program – Report of Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Elvira Miller, Stockton, San Joaquin County – Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Xavier College VN Program was reviewed in January 2014. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued full approval for the Xavier College VN Program for the period February 3, 2013 through February 2, 2017, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 30 students two (2) times per year, only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (I) of the Code.

Rationale: The program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

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33. Bakersfield Adult School VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Shirley Ray, Bakersfield, Kern County, Adult)

The Bakersfield Adult School VN Program requests Board approval to admit 12 students on August 18, 2014 graduating May 30, 2016. This class would **replace** students graduating on May 30, 2014.

The EO approved Bakersfield Adult School VN Program's request to admit **12** students, on August 18, 2014, only, graduating May 30, 2015, **replacing** students graduating on May 30, 2014; **and** approved the program's **ongoing** admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The programs pattern of admission will include admission of one (1) class of 15 students one (1) time per year, only, to **replace** graduating classes.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (I) of the California Code of Regulations (Code).

Rationale: Published examination statistics evidence the program's compliance with regulatory requirements specified in the California Code of Regulations over 20 consecutive quarters. For Quarter 4, 2013, the program's average annual pass rate is **92%**. That data supports the recommendations to approve the program's request to admit 12 students and supports the recommendation to authorize ongoing admissions.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports and other required documents and reports as submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

34. California Nurses Educational Institute VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Virginia Armstrong, Cathedral City, Riverside County, Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the California Nurses Educational Institute VN Program on December 2, 2013. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO approved continued full approval for the California Nurses Educational Institute, Inc., VN Program for the four – year period from February 2, 2014 through February 1, 2018, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 30 students three (3) times per year, only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2585 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated substantial improvement in its average quarterly pass rate on the NCLEX/PN® over the last two (2) consecutive quarters. As a result, the program's average annual pass rate has increased by eight (8) percentage points.

Further, the program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing the program's Annual Reports, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

35. Grossmont Health Occupations Center VN Program – Report of Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Barbara Brock, Santee, San Diego County – ROP)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Grossmont Health Occupations Center VN Program was reviewed in January 2014. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO approved continued full approval for the Grossmont Health Occupations Center VN Program for the period April 12, 2014 through April 11, 2018, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 60 students one (1) time per year, only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2585 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated full compliance with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing the program's Annual Reports, and performing approval surveys every four years.

36. Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, San Mateo, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey (Director: Larisa Rezvina, San Mateo, San Mateo County – Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, San Mateo, VN Program submitted its application for continued approval on December 20, 2013. The program was

reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued full approval for the Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, San Mateo, VN Program for the period February 3, 2014 through February 2, 2018, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admission pattern 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 two (2) full-time classes, one (1) am and one (1) pm, of 36 students each in January and two (2) full-time classes, one (1) am and one (1) pm, of 36 students each in July of each 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 currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

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.

37. Mission College PT Program – Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Ann Cowels, Santa Clara, Santa Clara County, Community College)

In accordance with Section 4532 of the PT Law, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all psychiatric technician schools in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the PT Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Mission College PT Program and submitted to the Board on January 23, 2014. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the PT Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued approval of the Mission College PT Program for a four-year period from February 3, 2014, through February 2, 2018, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** rescinded approval of the program's ongoing admissions to

replace graduating classes; **and** required the program to request approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: Based on published examination statistics, the program's licensure examination pass rates have dropped during the last two (2) quarters. The program has been proactive in addressing the decline and have reported an expected improvement. However, the unstable and declining pass rates support the recommendation to rescind approval of the program's ongoing admissions and require approval by the Board prior to the admission of each class.

The program is currently in full compliance with Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing approval surveys every four years. For these reasons, it is appropriate to continue approval of the program, but have the program request approval of each class prior to admission so that the Board can review the status of the program's improvement plan.

38. NCP College of Nursing, South San Francisco, VN Program- Request to Admit Students; Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Roland Jaochico, South San Francisco, Private)

The program director of NCP College of Nursing, South San Francisco, VN Program submitted a request to admit 40 students into a full time class commencing on March 3, 2014, to **replace** the class graduating on March 29, 2014. The proposed class is projected to graduate in March 2015.

Additionally, the program director requested ongoing admission of three full-time classes per year with 40 students in each class.

The EO approved the NCP College of Nursing, South San Francisco, VN Program's request to admit 40 students into a full time class commencing on March 3, 2014, to **replace** the class graduating on March 29, 2014; **and** denied the program's request for ongoing admission of three full-time classes of 40 students per year to **replace** graduating classes; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program's average annual licensure pass rate has been maintained at, or above, the state average annual licensure pass rate for ten (10) of the previous thirteen (13) quarters. Over the past four (4) consecutive quarters, the program's average annual pass rates have been compliant with regulatory requirements. That data supports the recommendation to approve the requested class and deny the program's request for ongoing admissions of three (3) full – time classes of 40 students per year

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.

39. Platt College VN Program – Request to Admit Students. (Director: Rosie Vasquez, City of Commerce, Los Angeles County, Private)

Platt College (formerly Anderson Medical Career College, City of Commerce) VN Program requests approval to admit a full-time class of 35 students commencing on March 4, 2014 and graduating on June 17, 2015, to **replace** the class that graduated January 16, 2014.

The EO approved Platt College, formerly Anderson Medical Career College, City of Commerce, VN Program's request to admit a full-time class of 35 students commencing on March 4, 2014 and graduating on June 17, 2015, to **replace** students who graduated January 16, 2014; **and** required the program to submit a follow-up report no later than **April 30, 2014**. The report must include a comprehensive analysis of the program's plan of correction, identification of problems negatively impacting student achievement, the effect of employed interventions, identification of required revisions, and a timeline for implementation. Additionally, the EO continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program will have only one class enrolled with the admission of the requested class; therefore, it is appropriate to recommend approval of that class.

In light of the low percentage of graduates who have taken the licensure examination (of 26 graduates from the first two graduating classes only 15 graduates have tested), it is recommended that the director study this problem and identify ways to encourage graduates to test so that she can address the issue with the graduates from September 2013 class who should be testing now.

The program has demonstrated sufficient resources necessary to support the proposed student enrollment. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing approval surveys every four (4) years.

40. Preferred College of Nursing, Los Angeles, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Bernard Sanchez, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County - Private)

The director of the Preferred College of Nursing, Los Angeles, VN Program requested approval to admit a part-time class to start on February 14, 2014 that will **replace** the class that graduated on July 21, 2013. The requested class would graduate on August 23, 2015.

The EO denied the program's request to admit a part-time class of 30 students to start on February 14, 2014 that will **replace** the class that graduated on July 21, 2013. The requested class would graduate on August 23, 2015. The program is required to submit a follow-up report no later than **March 1, 2014**. The report must include a review of the submitted comprehensive analysis including the effect of employed interventions, identification of required revisions of the plan of correction, and a timeline for implementation. Additionally, the EO continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The Board is concerned about the downward trend of the licensure examination pass rates and will monitor the pass rate closely. The pass rate began to rise during the last two quarters of 2012, but decreased in the first two quarters of 2013. Pass rate statistics from the two most recent graduating classes show improvement but that data represents a small percentage of each class. A significant number of those graduates have not tested. Meanwhile, the program now has four (4) quarters of noncompliant licensure examination pass rates. The Board will send correspondence notifying the program of their noncompliant pass rates and requiring the completion of a comprehensive analysis of the program's plan of correction including the effect of employed interventions, identification of required revisions of the plan of correction, and a timeline for implementation. After an analysis of that report, the program will be required to revise and submit a new plan of correction with a timeline for implementation and reevaluation.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the director, and performing continued approval surveys every four years.

