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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 April 11, 2014

1. **Advanced College VN Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Minnie Douglas, Los Angeles, Private)**

The Advanced College VN Program is requesting Board approval to admit a class of 45 students on May 19, 2014; graduating May 10, 2015. This class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate on May 18, 2014.

The program is additionally requesting approval to admit a class of 45 students on September 15, 2014; graduating September 6, 2015. This class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate September 14, 2014.

The EO approved the Advanced College VN Program's request to admit 45 students on May 19, 2014 **only**, graduating May 10, 2015, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on May 18, 2014; **and** approved the program's request to admit a class of 45 students on September 15, 2014, **only**; graduating September 6, 2015 to **replace** students scheduled to graduate September 14, 2014; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

Rationale: The program was removed from provisional approval at the February 22, 2013 Board meeting and has maintained its' average annual licensure pass rate to within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the most recent eight (8) quarters. The most recent quarter pass rate is 93% and the **average annual pass rate is 90%**. These statistics support the

recommendation to approve the program's requests to admit additional classes.

2. Allan Hancock College VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Bonny Friedrich, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara 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' inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Allan Hancock College VN Program completed a Program Records Survey April 3, 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 of the Allan Hancock College VN Program for the period April 12, 2014 through April 11, 2018, and directed staff to 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) full-time class of 40 students every 12 months, only; 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 maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (I) of the Code.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rate has been 21 to 27 percentage points above the state average annual pass rate for the previous eight (8) quarters. The Allan Hancock College VN Program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

3. American Career College, Anaheim, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Debbie Lieu, Anaheim, Orange 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' 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 American Career College, Anaheim, VN Program, also known as the American Career College, Orange County VN Program, in January 2014. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No Violations noted.

The EO continued full approval of the American Career College, Orange County, VN Program for the four – year period from May 12, 2014 through May 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 75 full-time students four (4) times per year, only, and, one (1) class of 60 part-time students two (2) times per year, only; 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 maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (I) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has demonstrated 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 approval surveys every four years.

4. American Career College, Ontario, VN Program – Requests to Admit Students; Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Sharlene de la Rosa, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)

American Career College, Ontario, VN Program requests approval to admit students into the following classes:

1. Full – time day class of 60 students on May 12, 2014. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for May 9, 2015. This class would **replace** students scheduled to graduate on May 7, 2014;
2. Full – time day class of 60 students on August 11, 2014. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for August 5, 2014. This class would **replace** students scheduled to graduate on August 6, 2015;
3. Part – time evening/weekend class of 50 students on September 8, 2014. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for March 15, 2016. This class would **replace** students who graduated March 31, 2014; **and**

4. Full - time day class of 60 students on November 10, 2014. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for November 4, 2015. This class would **replace** students scheduled to graduate of on November 5, 2014.

Additionally the college is requesting approval for the admission of four (4) full – time day classes of sixty (60) students per year (February, May, August and November) and two (2) part – time evening/weekend classes of fifty (50) students per year in March and September to **replace** graduating students only.

The EO approved the program’s request to admit a full – time, day, class of 60 students on May 12, 2014, only, graduating May 6, 2015, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on May 7, 2014; **and** approved the program’s request to admit a full – time, day, class of 60 students on August 11, 2014, only, graduating August 5, 2015, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on August 6, 2014; **and** approved the program’s request to admit a part - time class of 50 students on September 8, 2014, only, graduating March 15, 2016, to **replace** students who graduated on March 31, 2014; **and** approved the program’s request to admit a full – time day class of 60 students on November 10, 2014, only, graduating November 4, 2015, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on November 5, 2014.

The-EO denied the program’s request for ongoing admissions at this time.

Rationale: As previously noted, the program graduated its initial class of 37 students on December 8, 2009. Of the total program graduates, six (6) tested during Quarter 1, 2010; six (6) passed.

Since the initial class, the program’s average annual pass rates have consistently remained above state average annual pass rate. Currently, the program’s average annual pass rate is 84%. As such it is eight (8) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. Therefore, the requested classes are recommended. However, it is recommended that the program maintain more sustained pass rates with increased numbers of graduates testing prior to recommending ongoing admissions.

5. Baldy View Regional Occupation Program VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey (Director: Clark Stevens, Ontario, 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’ inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Baldy View Regional Occupational Program VN Program was reviewed in February 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 Baldy View Regional Occupational Program VN Program for the period May 12, 2014 through May 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 a full-time class of 30 students every 16 months.**
- 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 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.

6. College of Nursing and Technology VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Paul Peters, Reseda, Los Angeles County, Private)

The College of Nursing and Technology VN Program requests Board approval to admit 30 students into a part – time evening/week-end class commencing May 29, 2014, and graduating December 20, 2015. This class will **replace** students that graduated on June 30, 2013.

The EO approved the College of Nursing and Technology VN Program's request to admit 30 students into a part – time evening/week-end class commencing May 29, 2014, only, graduating December 20, 2015, to **replace** students that graduated on June 30, 2013; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

Rationale: The program's pass rates have been within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the last sixteen (16) consecutive quarters. The current average annual pass rate is 90%. The average annual pass rate for the College of Nursing and Technology VN Program is 14 percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. Based on these statistics, approval of the requested class is recommended.

7. Concorde Career College, North Hollywood, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey (Director: Cheri Allmond, North Hollywood, 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 inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Concorde Career College, North Hollywood, VN Program was reviewed in April 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 of the Concorde Career College VN Program for the period May 12, 2014 through May 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 36 students four (4) times per year, only. Generally, classes are admitted in January, April, July, and September 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 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.

8. Concorde Career College, San Bernardino, VN Program – Request to Admit Students; Request to Reactivate Part-Time Program (Director: Lu Ping Gamble, San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, Private)

The Concorde Career College, San Bernardino, VN Program is requesting Board approval to reactivate their part-time course of instruction. Additionally, the program requests approval to admit a class of 30 part-time, evening students on June 17, 2014; graduating January 1, 2016.

The EO approved the Concorde Career College, San Bernardino, VN Program's request to reactivate its part-time course of instruction consisting of 645 theory hours; 955 clinical hours for a total of 1600 hours, to be taught over an 18 month period; **and** approved Approve the program's request to admit a class of 30 part-time, evening students on June 17, 2014, **only**; graduating January 1, 2016; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to additional students into part – time classes; **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) full – time class of 42 students five (5) 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's average annual pass rate is **92%**. Over the last nine (9) quarters, the program's average annual pass rate has been **11 to 18** percentage points **above** State average annual pass rates. Based on these statistics, re-activation of the part-time course of instruction is recommended.

9. Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey; Request to Admit Students; Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Larisa Revzina, Modesto, 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 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, Fresno, VN Program was reviewed in April 3, 2014. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, VN Program is requesting approval to admit 30 day students on July 7, 2014, graduating July 31, 2015, to **replace** the day students that are scheduled to graduate on July 18, 2014.

Additionally the program is requesting approval to admit 30 evening students on July 7, 2014, graduating July 31, 2014, to **replace** the evening class that is scheduled to graduate on July 18, 2014.

Note: There is a one (1) week overlap of the new class before the outgoing class graduates.

The program is also requesting Board approval of the ongoing admission of four (4) classes per year. Specifically, one (1) am and one (1) pm admitting in January of each year and one (1) am and one (1) pm admitting in July of each year.

The EO continued full approval of the Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, VN Program for the period May 12, 2014 through May 11, 2018, and

issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's request to admit 30 day students on July 21, 2014, graduating August 7, 2015, to **replace** the day students that are scheduled to graduate on July 18, 2014; **and** approved the program's request to admit 30 evening students on July 21, 2014; graduating August 7, 2014, to **replace** the evening class that is scheduled to graduate on July 18, 2014; **and** approved the program's request for ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating students with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's approved pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. **The program's pattern of admissions includes four (4) classes, two (2) day classes of 30 students and two (2) evening classes of 30 students, admitting in January and July per year; and,**
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students; **and,**
- c. The program's average annual pass rates remain compliant with regulatory requirements.

Rationale: The program's average annual licensure pass rates have been within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the most recent seven (7) quarters. Based on this data the requested classes and ongoing admissions to replace graduating classes are recommended. The program's current average annual pass rate is 85%.

The Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, VN Program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

10. Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey (Director: Larisa Revzina, Modesto, 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 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, Modesto, VN Program was reviewed in April 3, 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 of the Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, VN Program for the period May 12, 2014 through May 11, 2018, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating students with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's approved pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. **The program's pattern of admissions includes four (4) classes, two (2) day classes of 36 students and two (2) evening classes of 36 students, admitting in January and July per year; and,**
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students; **and,**
- c. The program's average annual pass rates remain compliant with regulatory requirements.

Rationale: Since January 2011, the program's licensure pass rates have been within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate. The Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, VN Program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

11. Homestead Schools VN Program - Request to Admit Students (Director: Mila Rose Reyes, Torrance, Los Angeles County, Private)

The Homestead Schools VN Program requests approval to admit a class of 30 students into a full-time day class, commencing on April 8, 2014, graduating on April 1, 2015, to **replace** students that graduated on January 10, 2014.

The program is also requesting approval to admit 30 students into a part-time week-end class commencing on April 12, 2014, graduating December 6, 2015, to **replace** students that graduated on December 1, 2013.

Additionally, the program requests approval to admit 30 students into a full-time evening class commencing on April 21, 2014, graduating April 14, 2015, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate April 10, 2014.

The EO approved the Homestead Schools VN Program's request to admit a class of 30 students into a full-time day class, commencing on April 8, 2014, only, graduating on April 1, 2015, to **replace** students who graduated January 10, 2014; **and** approved the program's request to admit an additional part-time class with 30 students on April 12, 2014, graduating December 6, 2015, to **replace** students that graduated December 01, 2013; **and** approved the program's request to admit 30 students into a full-time, evening class, commencing on April 21, 2014, only, graduating April 14, 2015, to **replace** students that graduated April 10, 2013; **and** required the program to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rate is **68%**. This is eight **(8)** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program's average annual pass rate has been **within 10**

percentage points of State annual pass rate for the last five (5) quarters.

On April 27, 2013 the EO approved the program's request to admit three replacement classes of 30 students in September of 2013. Two (2) of the classes commenced on February 3, 2014, and one (1) on March 1, 2014.

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.

12. Santa Barbara Business College, Rancho Mirage, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Carolyn Santiago, Rancho Mirage, Riverside County, Private)

The Santa Barbara Business College, Rancho Mirage, VN Program, also known as Santa Barbara Business College, Palm Desert, VN Program, requests Board approval to admit a class of 30 students on May 27, 2014 with a projected graduation date of July 30, 2015.

The EO approved Santa Barbara Business College, Rancho Mirage VN Program's request to admit a class of 30 students on May 27, 2014, only, with a projected graduation date of July 30, 2015; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rate is 89%. As such, it is 13 percentage points above the state average annual pass rate. Based on this data, the requested class is recommended. The requested class would overlap the existing class for a ten (10) week period. The director has demonstrated adequate faculty and facilities to provide the students with clinical experience in accordance with the Board approved instructional plan.

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

West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, VN Program requests approval to admit 20 students into a full-time evening class commencing on April 14, 2014 graduating July 5, 2015 to **replace** students that graduated on April 3, 2014.

The EO denied West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, VN Program's request to admit a full-time evening class of 20 students on April 14, 2014, graduating July 5, 2015, to **replace** students who will graduate on April 3, 2014; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rate is **57%**. This is **19** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program's licensure pass rates have declined over the past six (6) consecutive quarters.

The director has performed and submitted a root cause analysis with identified improvement strategies. However, published examination statistics evidence a consistent decline in the program's average annual pass rates.

The next graduating class completion date is expected to be June 2014. The director has stated that examination results for graduates of that class will demonstrate progress from the strategies implemented to improve program pass rates. Graduates of that class are projected to test during Quarter 3 and 4 2014.

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.

14. West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, VN Program – Requests to Admit Students; Request for Ongoing Admissions. (Director: Karen Hall, Ontario, San Bernardino County Private)

West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, VN Program requests approval to admit a full-time evening class of 30 students commencing on April 14, 2014 to **replace** students that graduated on April 3, 2014. The proposed class is scheduled to graduate on June 28, 2015.

Additionally, the program requests approval of ongoing admissions of four (4) **full – time classes** a year admitting in April (evening class), June (evening Class), October (Evening class) and December (Day Class), to replace graduating classes only.

The EO approved West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, VN Program's request to admit a full-time evening class of 30 students on April 14, 2014, graduating on June 28, 2015, to **replace** students who graduated on April 3, 2014; **and** approved 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 current pattern of admissions includes (4) full – time classes of 30 students per year admitting in April (evening class), June (evening Class), October (Evening class) and December (Day Class).**

- 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 maintains an average annual pass rate that is compliant with Section 2530 (l) of the Code.

Rationale: Based on published examination statistics, the program's average annual pass rate is 93%. As such, the average annual pass rate is 18 percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. The program is in compliance with the California Code of Regulations Section 2530 (l).

West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario VN Program's average annual pass rate has been within 10 Percentage points of the State average annual pass rates for 15 consecutive quarters.

15. Yuba College VN Program – Report of Program Closure (Director: No Director, Yuba City, Yuba County, Community College)

Yuba College VN Program has notified the Board of the program's closure.

The EO approved the request of the Yuba College to begin a VN program in 1954. Additionally, the program curriculum was approved for 1536 hours, including 576 theory, and 960 clinical hours.

Admissions were suspended as of September 30, 2010.

On April 2, 2014, the Board was notified that the program is requesting closure.

The EO removed the Yuba College VN Program from the Board's list of *Approved VN Schools* effective immediately.