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TO: Board Members

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Executive Officer

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 September 17, 2014

1. **Community Enhancement Services (CES) VN Program – Requests to Admit Students (Director: Oleg Khilkevich, Burbank, Los Angeles County, Private).**

The Community Enhancement Services (CES) VN Program requests Board approval to admit a class of 30 full-time, evening students commencing on September 15, 2014, graduating January 4, 2016. This class will **replace** students that graduated on September 8, 2014.

The EO denied the Community Enhancement Services (CES), VN Program's request to admit a class of 30 full-time, evening students commencing on September 15, 2014, graduating January 4, 2016, to **replace** the students that graduate on September 8, 2014, **and** approved the Community Enhancement Services (CES), VN Program's admission of a class of 20 full-time, evening students commencing on September 15, 2014 **only**, graduating January 4, 2016, to **replace** the students that graduated on September 8, 2014; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

Rationale: Published examination statistics demonstrate the program's difficulty in maintaining compliant program pass rates. As such, the program's average annual pass rates has consistently remained ten (10) percentage points or greater **below** the State over four (4) quarters from April 2013 through March 2014. For the current quarter, the program's quarter pass rate is 50%, with an average annual pass rate of 63%. As such, the program's average annual pass rate is compliant for the current quarter. The program's NCLEX-PN® pass rates were verified by the statistics, furnished by Pearson VUE and

published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. The college has adequate faculty, facilities, and resources to provide vocational nursing education. The last five (5) quarter pass rates supports the recommendation to approve the decreased number of students.

On May 22, 2014 the EO directed the director to complete and submit a comprehensive analysis of the program to include specific actions to improve the program pass rates, by June 30, 2014. After three (3) requests, the director submitted the plan on August 11, 2014.

2. Integrity College of Health VN Program – Request to Admit Students; Request to Modify Admissions Pattern (Director: Bea Martin, Pasadena, Los Angeles County, Private)

The director of Integrity College of Health VN Program requests approval to admit a full time day classes of 30 students commencing on December 2, 2014, graduating on January 25, 2016, only, to **replace** the class graduating on November 29, 2014.

Finally, the director requests approval to increase the program's ongoing admission of 30 students three (3) times each year to **replace** graduating classes only; to 30 students four (4) times each year in January, April, July, and October to **replace** graduating classes only.

The EO approved the program's request to admit one (1) full time day class of 30 students to commence on December 2, 2014 **only**; graduating on January 25, 2016 to **replace** students graduating on November 29, 2014; **and** denied the program's request to increase ongoing admissions of 30 students from three (3) times each calendar year to **replace** graduating students only, to four (4) times each calendar year in January, April, July, and October to **replace** graduating students only.

Rationale: During the last six (6) quarters, the program has been compliant with Section 2530 (l) pass rate requirements. However, over the last four (4) quarters there has been a **consistent decline** from **eleven (11) percentage points above** to **eight (8) percentage points below** the State average annual pass rate. It is warranted to observe the program's pass rate further, prior to increasing on going admissions from three (3) times to four (4) times per year.

The program has adequate resources, faculty, and facilities to effectively provide vocational nursing education. The program's current pass rates support the recommendation to approve the college's requested class to **replace** graduating students. The Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

**3. West Hills Community College PT Program – Request for Continued Approval
(Director: Charles Freeman, Coalinga, Fresno County, Community College)**

In accordance with Section 4532 of the Psychiatric Technicians Law, the Board shall provide for the periodic inspection or review of all psychiatric technician schools in this State. Written reports of the inspection or visit shall be made to the board, which shall then approve the schools which meet the standards prescribed by it.

The West Hills Community College, PT Program submitted a Program Records Survey requesting continued approval on July 11, 2014. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the PT Rules and Regulations. Two (2) violations were noted.

The EO issued the West Hills Community College PT a Notice of Violation, identifying violations, required corrections, and timeline for completion specifying that submission of a written plan to correct violation #2 is required no later than September 30, 2014; **and** continued full approval of the West Hills Community College PT Program for the four (4) year period from June 28, 2014 through June 30, 2018; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing pattern of 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 includes admission of three (3) full-time classes of 45 students per year, and three (3) part-time classes of 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: During the evaluation of the program, two (2) violations of article 5 of the PT Rules and Regulations were found. Violation #1, Section 2528(b) has been corrected. Violation #2, Section 2585(k) has not been corrected.

The program has demonstrated possession of adequate faculty, clinical facilities, and other critical resources required to achieve the program's objectives.

Published examination statistics evidence that the program has consistently remained within 10 percentage points of State average annual average pass rates on the California Psychiatric Technician Licensure Examination for the last **ten (10)** quarters. Based on the most recent reporting period, the program's average annual pass rate is 84%. The program's history of compliant pass rates supports the recommendation to continue approval and approval of the ongoing pattern of admissions.

Effective October 8, 2014

4. Career Development Institute VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Lily Lee-Martyn, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Private).

On July 14, 2014, the Board received correspondence from the director of Career Development Institute VN Program requesting approval to admit forty (40) students into a full-time day class commencing November 12, 2014, and graduating December 19, 2015, to **replace** the class that graduates in October 2014.

The EO approved the Career Development Institute VN Program's request to admit forty (40) students into a full-time day class commencing November 12 2014, **only**, graduating December 19, 2015, to **replace** the class that will graduate in October 2014; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: Although the program has a 100% annual pass rate on the NCLEX-PN®, the Board notes with concern that only **48.5%** of graduates have taken the licensure examination. The program instituted changes to try to increase the numbers of students who would be able to pass the program's exit examination and then take the licensure examination. Since those changes, the attrition rate has decreased from 57% to the more recent rate of 32%.

The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations and has documented resources sufficient to support the requested students. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate each quarter, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the director, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

5. Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Concord, PT Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Larisa Revzina, Contra Costa, Private)

Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Concord, PT Program, requests approval to admit a class of 15 students into its daytime class commencing October 15, 2014 and graduating October 2, 2015. The proposed day class would **replace** day students scheduled to graduate October 14, 2014.

The program also requests approval to admit a class of 15 students into an evening class commencing October 15, 2014 and graduating October 2 2013. The proposed evening class would **replace** evening students scheduled to graduate October 14, 2014.

The program is also requesting ongoing admission of two (2) classes per year of 15 students per class. One (1) class would be a day class and one (1) would be an evening class.

The EO approved Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Concord, PT Program's request to admit a day-time class of 15 students commencing October 15, 2014, graduating October 2, 2015, only, to **replace** day students scheduled to graduate October 14, 2014; **and** approved the program's admission of a class of 15 students into an evening class commencing October 15, 2014, and graduating October 2, 2015, only, to **replace** evening students scheduled to graduate October 14, 2014; **and** denied the program's request for ongoing admissions; **and** required the program to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program's pass rate supports the recommendations to approve a **replacement** day – time class of 15 students and a **replacement** evening class of 15 students on October 15, 2014. However, the instability in pass rates supports the recommendation to deny the program's request for ongoing admissions at this time.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in the current and proposed classes. 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.

6. Kaplan College, Salida, formerly Stockton, VN Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: VACANT, Salida, San Joaquin County, Private)

The Kaplan College, Salida, VN Program requests approval to admit 30 students on September 8, 2014, graduating September 11, 2015. This class will **replace** students who graduated on August 5, 2014.

Additionally, the program is requesting the following new classes with 30 students each:

- January 5, 2015; graduating January 5, 2016; **and**,
- September 28, 2015; graduating September 29, 2016.

The EO denied Kaplan College, Salida, VN Program's, request to admit 30 students on September 8, 2014, graduating September 11, 2015, to **replace** students who graduated on August 5, 2014; **and** denied the program's request to admit the following new classes with 30 students each to begin on:

- a. January 5, 2015; graduating January 5, 2016; **and**,
- b. September 28, 2015; graduating September 29, 2016.

Additionally, the EO directed issuance of a notice to the school administrator relative to the program's lack of a director and adequate faculty for achievement of program objectives; **and** continued to require the program to request Board approval prior to the admission of students.

Rationale: Published examination statistics substantiate the program's compliance with regulatory requirements for seventeen (17) consecutive quarters. However, it is important to note, that the school has one (1) faculty member. Further, the program currently lacks a Board - approved director. Based on submitted information submitted, the program lacks adequate faculty for the proposed enrollment. Given the insufficiency of resources required to achieve the educational objectives, denial of the program's requests is recommended.

7. Marian College, Los Angeles, VN Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Lynette Ferro Mutia; Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California; Private)

Marian College, Los Angeles, VN Program requests approval to admit 15 students into a full-time class commencing December 1, 2014, to **replace** the class scheduled to graduate November 26, 2014. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for February 11, 2016.

The EO approved Marian College, Los Angeles, VN Program's request to admit 15 students into a full-time class commencing December 1, 2014 **only**, to **replace** the class graduating November 26, 2014. The projected graduation date is February 11, 2016. The EO continued the program's requirement to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The program's average annual pass rate has been within 5 percentage points of the state average annual pass rate for the last four (4) quarters. The program has adequate resources, including faculty and facilities, to support the proposed enrollment.

Board staff will continue to monitor closely the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, resources, and the program's quarterly annual average pass rates.

8. Mt. San Jacinto College VN Program – Program Closure (Director: VACANT, San Jacinto, Riverside County, Community College)

On August 26, 2014, the Board received electronic correspondence from Peter Zografos, Assistant Director of the Associate Degree School of Nursing, and former director of the Mt. Jacinto College VN Program, requesting deactivation of the VN Program.

Based on published examination statistics, program graduates last completed the NCLEX-PN® during Quarter 4 2012. At that time, the program's quarter pass rate was 82% and the average annual pass rate was 95%. There are no students currently enrolled in the program.

The EO removed the Mt. San Jacinto College, VN Program from the Board's *List of Approved Vocational Nursing Schools*, effective immediately.

Rationale: The program has requested “deactivation” of the program due to declining enrollment and decreased availability of clinical placements.

9. Napa Valley College, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval; Consideration of Revision of Curriculum, (Director: Janice Ankenmann, Napa, Napa 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.

On April 1, 2014, the Board received correspondence from Napa Valley College VN Program requesting continued program approval. A completed Program Records Survey was attached. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. While the program had not changed the curriculum, the program was not utilizing a formalized instructional plan. The updated instructional plan, including curricular revisions, was completed and submitted on August 26, 2014. After submission of the instructional plan, no violations were identified.

The EO approved the Napa Valley Community College VN Program’s request for curriculum revisions to include the program’s 1616 hours, including 585 theory hours and 1031 clinical hours; **and** continued full approval for the Napa Valley Community College VN Program for the period May 11, 2014 through May 10, 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) part-time class of 30 students every 24 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 Napa Valley Community College VN Program is currently compliant 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 rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

The curriculum revision is educationally sound and the program has demonstrated the resources to support the students utilizing this curriculum.

10. NCP College of Nursing, South San Francisco, VN Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Roland Jaochico, South San Francisco, Private)

On July 29, 2014, the program director submitted a request to admit a full – time class of thirty-six (36) students commencing on October 27, 2014 and graduating October 26, 2015. The proposed class would **replace** the class scheduled to graduate on October 22, 2014.

The EO approved the NCP College of Nursing, South San Francisco, VN Program's request to admit thirty-six (36) students into a full time class commencing on October 27, 2014, graduating October 26, 2015 to **replace** the class graduating on October 22, 2014; **and** continued to require 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 the past six (6) consecutive quarters. Additionally, the program has documented resources to support the requested students. That data supports the recommendation to approve the requested class.

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.

11. North – West College, West Covina, VN Program – Request for Continued Full Approval (Director: Adnan AlMouazzen, West Covina, 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' inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

North-West College, West Covina, VN Program's completed Program Records Survey was analyzed on July 23, 2014. The program performance was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval of the North – West College, West Covina, VN Program for the four-year period from September 16, 2014 through September 15, 2018, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued the program's approved pattern of ongoing admissions 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 three (3) full – time classes of 45 students every year 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 (I) of the Code.

Rationale: The program has maintained an annual pass rate that is within ten (10) percentage points of the State average pass rate, for first time candidates of accredited vocational nursing programs, for twenty (20) consecutive quarters. As such, the program's current pass rate statistics are consistent with regulatory requirements, which supports a recommendation for full approval.

The Program Record Survey provided by the director indicated that the program has maintained full compliance of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. The program has the resources, faculty, and facilities to adequately deliver the approved program at the current enrollment.

12. Santa Barbara Business College, Santa Maria, VN Program – Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Dawn Lopez, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County, Private)

Santa Barbara Business College, Santa Maria, VN Program requests approval to admit 35 students on October 13, 2014, graduating December 17, 2015, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate September 4, 2014.

The program is additionally requesting ongoing admission of two (2) classes per year with 35 students per class. The classes would start every 30 weeks to **replace** graduating classes.

The EO approved Santa Barbara Business College, Santa Maria, VN Program's request to admit 35 students on October 13, 2014, only, graduating December 17, 2015 to **replace** students scheduled to graduate September 4, 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 pattern of admissions will include admission of one (1) class of 35 students every 30 weeks, to **replace** graduating students, only, to begin March 1, 2015.

- 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 rates on the licensure examination have been compliant with regulatory requirements for twenty – five (25) consecutive quarters. The program's current average annual pass rate of 100% is 26 percentage points **above** the State average annual pass rate.

13. Stanbridge College VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Kimberly Martin; Irvine, 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.

The Stanbridge College VN Program completed a Program Records Survey July 30, 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 Stanbridge College VN Program for the period May 11, 2014 through May 10, 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 four (4) full-time day classes of 45 students each per year to **replace** graduating students, only and four (4) part-time evening classes of 45 students each per year 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: The Stanbridge College VN Program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

Based on the **most recent data available** (April through June 2014), the program's average annual pass rate is 88%, 15 percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. The program has

maintained an average annual pass rate **above** the state average annual pass rate for the past four (4) years.

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.

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14. 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 January 12, 2015; graduating December 20, 2015. This class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate on January 11, 2015.

The program is additionally requesting approval to admit a class of 45 students on May 18, 2015; graduating May 8, 2016. This class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 17, 2015.

Lastly, the program is requesting approval to admit a class of 45 students on September 7, 2015; graduating August 28, 2016. This class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate September 6, 2015.

The EO approved Advanced College VN Program's request to admit a class of 45 students on January 12, 2015; graduating December 20, 2015. This class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate on January 11, 2015. The EO approved the program's request to admit a class of 45 students on May 18, 2015; graduating May 8, 2016. This class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 17, 2015. The EO approved the program's request to admit a class of 45 students on September 7, 2015; graduating August 28, 2016. This class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate September 6, 2015. The EO required the director to document that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students. Additionally, the EO continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional classes.

Rationale: The Advanced College VN Program was placed on provisional approval for the two-year period from February 25, 2011 through February 28, 2013, due to noncompliance with regulatory requirements relative to program pass rates. At that time, the program's average annual pass rate was 38%.

On February 22, 2013, the Board approved the program's full approval. At that time the program's average annual pass rate was 82%, an improvement of 44 percentage points.

The program has maintained its average annual licensure pass rates above state average annual pass rates for the last 11 consecutive quarters. As such, the recommendation to approve the requested three (3) classes is appropriate.

15. Institute of Technology, Clovis – Request to Begin a VN Program (Director: Paula Richards, Clovis, Fresno County, Private)

The Institute of Technology submitted a request to begin a vocational nursing program in Clovis, California with an initial full-time class of 30 students with three (3) alternates on January 5, 2015. The projected graduation date is January 4, 2016.

The program will utilize the Board-approved curriculum currently used at the Institute of Technology's VN Program in Redding.

The program's philosophy addresses the program's beliefs about Man, Environment/Society, Health, Nursing and Nursing Education and the Teaching/Learning Process. The program's conceptual framework is based on the theory of self-care, developed by nursing theorist Dorothea Orem.

The full-time program consists of three 15-week terms. Students will have the following holidays: Martin Luther King's birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

The EO approved the Institute of Technology, Clovis, request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial full-time class of 30 students on January 5, 2015 only, and graduating January 4, 2016; **and** approved the program curriculum for 1575 hours, including 585 theory and 990 clinical hours; **and** required the program to obtain prior Board approval before admission of subsequent classes to maintain compliance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 2526(c) that states:

“(c) A Board representative shall make a survey visit prior to graduation of the initial class. A program shall not commence another class without prior Board approval.”

Rationale: The school has demonstrated compliance with requirements specified in California Code of Regulations Article 5. Schools of Vocational Nursing.

Board staff will monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of the curriculum and employed instructional methodologies, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

16. North West College, Long Beach, VN Program - Reconsideration of Provisional Approval; Consideration of Request to Admit Students (Director: Patricia Anne Garrett, Long Beach, Los Angeles County, Private)

On September 9, 2011, the Board placed the North - West College, Long Beach, VN Program on provisional approval for a two (2) year period from September 9, 2011, through September 30, 2013, due to due to the program's noncompliance with California Code of Regulations Section 2530 (l). The Board directed that the program admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.

On September 13, 2013, the Board extended the program's provisional approval for the one-year period from September 13, 2013 through September 30, 2014. Reconsideration was scheduled for September 2014.

On June 24 -25, 2014, Board representatives conducted an unannounced onsite survey of the program. Five (5) violations of the California Code of Regulations were identified.

On September 12, 2014, the Board reconsidered the program's status, considered findings from the unannounced program survey, and considered the program's request to admit 30 full-time students commencing January 7, 2014, and graduating March 31, 2016. This is not a replacement class. At that time, one (1) identified violation had not been corrected. The Board extended the program's provisional approval from September 30, 2014, through November 30, 2014, and rendered the decision to defer to the Executive Officer reconsideration of the program's approval status and request to admit contingent upon the program's correction of all compliance issues.

The EO approved the North West College, Long Beach, VN Program's for the four (4) year period from November 30, 2014 to November 30, 2018, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's request to admit 30 full-time students to a day class commencing January 7, 2015, and graduating March 31, 2016 **only**. This is not a replacement class. The EO required the program to admit no additional classes unless approved by the Board.

Rationale: Published examination statistics substantiate that the program's average annual average pass rate has consistently improved over the past five (5) quarters. The program has implemented changes that have positively affected the pass rate of the December 2013 graduating class. As stated above, all of the December 2013 graduates have taken the licensing examination and **89%** passed on the first attempt.

The Director has developed and submitted the lesson plans as required by California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 2530 (e). The program has now corrected all violations identified during the June 2014 unannounced site visit.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports and other required documents and reports as submitted by the program.

17. Shepherd University VN Program – Consideration of Request to Admit (Director: Agustin Dominic Pacis, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Private)

On September 26, 2014, the Board approved Shepherd University VN Program's request to admit 20 students commencing November 3, 2014, and graduating February 19, 2016 only, on the condition the Director submit an approved clinical rotation calendar specifying proposed placement of each student; and required the program to submit a written evaluation of each clinical facility by September 30, 2014.

On September 30, 2014, the director supplied the required clinical rotation calendar specifying proposed placement for each student. The rotations were divided so no more than ten (10) students were assigned to a clinical instructor.

On October 20, 2014, the director submitted a letter stating the administration of Shepherd University had decided to cancel the requested class in November due to insufficient numbers of prospective students. The letter also contained the resignation of the vocational nursing program director.

The assigned consultant sent electronic correspondence to the director acknowledging receipt of the program's decision to cancel admission of the class of 20 students on November 3, 2014.

The EO rescinded approval of the class of 20 students scheduled to commence November 3, 2014, and graduating February 19, 2016, **only**.

Rationale: The Director of the VN Program submitted all of the Board required documentation. However, the administration of Shepherd University made the decision to cancel the requested class due to insufficient number of prospective students. In consideration of the action of Shepherd University administration, and the lack of a vocational nursing program director, it is appropriate to rescind the requested class.

18. Summit Career College, Colton, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continuing Approval (Director: Renee Sheehan, Colton, 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 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 Summit Career College, Colton, VN Program completed a Program Records Survey August 28, 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 Summit Career College, Colton, VN Program for the period September 15, 2014 through September 14, 2018, and directed staff to issue a certificate accordingly; **and** continued to require the program to obtain approval by the Board prior to the admission of each class.

Rationale: The Summit Career College, Colton, VN Program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

Based on the **most recent data available** (July through September 2014), the program's average annual pass rate is 79%, six (6) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. The program has maintained an average annual pass rate **above** the state average annual pass rate for the past four (4) years.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the students' achievement of the competency-based objectives of the program. However, given the program's history of noncompliance and the actions taken by ACCET relative to the program, approval of the Executive Officer for future admissions is warranted.

19. Tri-County Regional Occupational Program (ROP) VN Program – Request for Continued Approval; Request to Admit Students (Director: Kathleen Harris, Marysville, Sutter County – Regional Occupation Program).

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 or visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

Tri-County ROP VN Program's completed Program Records Survey was submitted on May 8, 2014. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The EO approved full approval for the Tri-County ROP, VN Program for the four – year period May 12, 2014 through May 11, 2018 and issued a certificate accordingly.; **and** approved the program's request to admit a class of 20 part-time, students commencing on August 2015, graduating August 2017, **only**. The proposed class would **replace** the class that graduated on February 14, 2014.

Rationale: The Program was reviewed on May 8, 2014, to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources, faculty and facilities, to support the current and proposed enrollment.

However, violation of section 2530 (l) was verified by the statistics, furnished by Pearson VUE and published by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. At that time, the program had zero (0) candidates eligible to test over the four (4) reporting periods from April 2013 to March 2014, which dropped the annual average pass rate to zero (0). The pass rate was influenced by the current graduation schedule of one (1) class every 71 weeks.

According to the most current data, the program's annual average pass rate is **76%**, three (3) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. All of the candidates who tested during the second quarter of 2014 are of the most recent group of graduates, from the February 2014 graduating class. Taking into consideration the current average annual pass rate it would be appropriate to approve continued full approval.

The director has completed an analysis of the program and implemented an action plan with a timeline. Additionally the program's average annual NCLEX-PN® pass rate meets the requirements of section 2530 (l) of Article 5, of the VN Rules and Regulations. As such, it would be appropriate to approve the requested class of 20 students.

20. Unitek College, San Jose (formerly Santa Clara), VN Program – Consideration of Request to Admit an Evening Class (Director: Samantha Sanchez, San Jose, Santa Clara County, Private)

The Unitek College, San Jose, VN Program is requesting approval to admit a class of 36 evening students on October 27, 2014; graduating March 18, 2016 to meet community needs.

The EO approved the Unitek College, San Jose, VN Program to admit a class of 36 **evening** students on October 27, 2014, **only**, graduating March 18, 2016 to meet community needs; **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 12 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 approval surveys every four (4) years.

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21. 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 20 students commencing November 4, 2014 with a projected graduation date of September 18, 2015. This class will **replace** students who will graduate on October 3, 2014.

The EO approved Curam College VN Program's request to admit a class of 20 students on November 4, 2014, only, graduating September 18, 2015. This class will **replace** students that will graduate October 3, 2014. The program is required to continue to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

Rationale: Published examination statistics evidence the program's difficulties maintaining average annual pass rates that are compliant with regulatory requirements. Specifically, noncompliance is substantiated over the most recent six (6) consecutive quarters.

Based on identification of factors negatively impacting student achievement, the director has completed a revision of the program curriculum. Initial revisions were submitted and implemented with the class admitted in January 2014. Additionally, the program developed and implemented strategies to assist recent graduates awaiting testing.

The improved examination statistics demonstrate the effectiveness of those interventions. Of the ten (10) graduates completing the program in May 2014, five (5) graduates, to date, have taken and passed the NCLEX-PN®. A class of 12 graduated in September and are expected to take the licensure examination in Quarter 4 2014 and Quarter 1, 2015.

Over the most recent four (4) consecutive quarters, the program's average annual pass rates have increased eight (8) percentage points. Based on the most recent data, the program's average annual pass rate is 52%. As such, the program's average annual pass rate is 21 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. However, it is noted that the program average annual

pass rate has **increased** ten (10) percentage points over the last two (2) quarters prior.

Ten (10) students are currently enrolled in classes. If approved, the additional 20 students would give the program a total of 30 students. Board staff will continue to closely monitor program statistics.

Effective November 4, 2014

22. Sri Sai Krish Institute – Request to Begin a VN Program (Director: Vijayakumari Bhaskar, Stanton, Orange County, Private)

Sri Sai Krish Institute submitted a request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial full-time class of 55 students and five (5) alternates on January 29, 2015. The projected graduation date is February 21, 2016.

The program's philosophy addresses the program's beliefs about the individual, society, environment, health/illness, nursing/nursing practice, professionalism and teaching/learning. The program's conceptual framework is based on an adaptation of Orem's theory, for self-care, self-care deficit and nursing system (See Attachment B).

The full-time program is 55 weeks in length divided into four terms. Term 1 is 13 weeks long; Term 2 is 15 weeks long; Term 3 is 13 weeks long; and Term 4 is 14 weeks long. Students will have the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King's Birthday, Presidents' Day, Teacher Inservice Days (2), Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and day after, and Winter Break (December 25-31).

The EO approved the Sri Sai Krish Institute request to begin a vocational nursing program with an initial full-time class of 55 students and five (5) alternates on January 29, 2015 only, and graduating February 21, 2016; **and** approved the program curriculum for 1670 hours, including 665 theory and 1005 clinical hours; **and** required the program to obtain prior Board approval before admission of subsequent classes to maintain compliance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 2526(c) that states:

“(c) A Board representative shall make a survey visit prior to graduation of the initial class. A program shall not commence another class without prior Board approval.”