

California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN)

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What is the Board and What is its Purpose

- ▶ The BRN is a state governmental agency established by law to protect the public by regulating the practice of registered nurses;
- ▶ It is responsible for implementation and enforcement of the Nurse Practice Act; the laws related to nursing education, licensure, practice and discipline.

Composition of the BRN; Nine Members

- ▶ 4 members of the public and 5 registered nurses.
- ▶ Includes 2 direct patient care nurses, an advanced practice nurse, a nurse administrator and a nurse educator.
- ▶ *Seven members appointed by the Governor and 2 public members appointed by the Legislature*

Current Board Members

- ▶ Trande Phillips, RN, President (direct patient care provider) N.C.
- ▶ Donna Gerber, V ice-President(public member) N.C.
- ▶ Elizabeth Woods (Advanced Practice Nurse) N.C.
- ▶ Michael Jackson, RN, (Nurse Educator) San Diego
- ▶ Cynthia Klein, RN, (direct patient care provider) S.C.
- ▶ Barbara Yaroslavsky, (public member) S.C.
- ▶ Imelda Ceja-Butkiewicz, (public member) SJV
- ▶ Pilar De La Cruz Samoulian, RN, (Nurse Administrator) SJV

Board Meetings

- ▶ Held monthly except for July and December in different parts of the state (held in Fresno in October);
- ▶ First day of meetings is discipline; Students are encouraged to attend;
- ▶ Second day is committee meetings
- ▶ Meetings are open to the public;
- ▶ Time allowed for public comment

How Does it Regulate?

- ▶ Oversees practice of over 450,000 RNs
- ▶ Approves California nursing programs;
- ▶ Evaluates licensure applications;
- ▶ Issues and renews licenses to practice;
- ▶ Issues Certificates;
- ▶ Takes disciplinary action when necessary.

Collaboration

- ▶ BRN works with schools of nursing, hospitals and health care agencies to determine the need for registered nurses;
- ▶ Works with UCSF to perform biennial RN Surveys and Forecasting Reports for the need for RN workforce in California;

Inflow and Outflow of Nurses

- ▶ Projected RN shortage for the Central Valley and Sierra regions of 20% by 2030;
- ▶ Rapid population growth projected; workforce must keep up;
- ▶ Younger RN workforce but not enough new graduates;
- ▶ Inflows: 1830 now; Outflows: 2703 now

New Roles for Nurses

- ▶ The move to more of a wellness model versus a sick model will require different roles for nurses;
- ▶ More ambulatory care clinics are opening their doors;
- ▶ Will need to educate our nurses differently that we are currently doing

New Roles for Nurses

- ▶ New roles for nurses according to Health Impact include:
- ▶ Care coordinator, Faculty team leader, informatics specialist, community nurse and primary care partner

BRN Website: rn.ca.gov

- ▶ Forms and Publications; (forecasting RN workforce)
- ▶ Careers in Nursing;
- ▶ Steps to become a registered nurse;
- ▶ Minorities and men in nursing;
- ▶ How to file a complaint.

QUESTIONS????

▶ Thank You