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Board Appoints CNS Advisory Task Force

The Board established the Clinical Nurse Specialist Advisory Task Force (Task Force) in December 1997. The Task Force advised the Board on matters relating to Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs), including certification, establishing CNS categories, and developing the standards that must be met by RNs who wish to use the title CNS. (See accompanying article "BRN Issues Clinical Nurse Specialist Certificates.")

The Task Force is composed of nine members including CNSs, a physician who works with CNSs, and a representative of a health care organization which employs CNSs. The members are Mary Campbell Bliss, MS, RN; Elissa E. Brown, MSN, RN; Ann Marie Mayo, MSN, RN; Anne L. Roby, MA, RN; Kathleen Stacy, MS, RN; Nancy Stotts, EdD, MN, RN; Lauri Carpenter Tveit, MSN, RN; Barbara Williams, MA, RN; and Charlie Wilson, MD. Members are appointed for a two-year term.

Attention Northern California Nurses

A satellite-based or video compression teleconference on California Strategic Planning Committee for Nursing/Colleagues in Caring (CSPCN/CIC), California Nursing Outcomes Consortium (CalNOC), and differentiated practice will be held throughout northern California on Wednesday, November 4, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Watch your mail or workplace and school bulletin boards for additional information; or
- Call the Nursing Department at California State University, Sacramento (916) 278-6525; or
- Access the Internet at <http://www.med.uci.edu/~cspcn>.

BRN Issues Clinical Nurse Specialist Certificates

A new state law authorizes the BRN to issue certificates to RNs who wish to use the title "Clinical Nurse Specialist" (CNS). Assembly Bill 90, authored by Assemblyman Cunneen and signed by Governor Wilson, adds Section 2838 to the Business and Professions Code and becomes effective July 1, 1998. This law requires that any RN who holds out as a "Clinical Nurse Specialist" must be certified as such by the BRN. The law defines a CNS as an RN with advanced education who participates in expert clinical practice, education, research, consultation, and clinical leadership as major components of his or her role.

The legislation was enacted after a statutorily mandated study of the use of the title CNS was conducted by the BRN in 1994. (BRN Clinical Nurse Survey, December 1994.) Study findings disclosed that there was substantial confusion regarding the use of the title CNS in the state. Private and public employers were using varied and conflicting definitions of CNSs. There was a lack of consistency in the qualifications of RNs using the title. Registered nurses who were expert clinicians in a particular aspect of nursing care, but who did not have the breadth of knowledge to fulfill the advanced practice role of a CNS, were using the title. For consumer protection purposes, the Board recommended to the Legislature that CNSs in California be certified through a titling act.

To obtain CNS certification, RNs must submit proof of education, experience, and other credentials as required by the Board. The Board has established three methods by which the RN may qualify:

1. Possession of a master's degree in a clinical field of nursing and experience in the five CNS role components.
2. Certification by a national association whose educational and clinical experience standards are equivalent to the Board's.
3. Possession of a master's degree in a clinical field related to nursing (e.g., psychology, public health, behavioral sciences, social work, etc.), graduate course work in each of the CNS role components, and clinical experience as a CNS.

Qualifying applicants will receive a wall certificate and a separate pocket license indicating CNS status. The certification is renewable at the time of the RN license renewal. The application fee for the certificate is \$75.00, and the renewal fee is \$50.00.

Clinical nurse specialist certification is separate from all other advanced practice certifications. Therefore, RNs who hold a BRN-issued advanced practice certificate (e.g., nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, etc.) or are listed with the BRN as a psychiatric/mental health nurse cannot use the title CNS unless they are also certified by the BRN as such.

Employers of RNs who use the title CNS must verify that the RN has BRN certification. (See related article "Employer Must Verify the Status of Certificates Issued by the BRN" on page 4 of this issue.)

Applications for and information about CNS certification can be obtained by contacting the BRN offices at (916) 322-3350 (press 2) or the Los Angeles office at (626) 575-7080.

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Purpose

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- *Establish and uphold competency standards, provide guidance and interpretation, prevent patient harm, and intervene with discipline and rehabilitation.*
- *Serve the public in a customer-oriented, well-managed, and respectful manner.*
- *Provide employees with the opportunity for satisfying work in an atmosphere of shared commitment.*

A Note to the Reader

This section explains terms which appear in the articles and provides the Board of Registered Nursing's addresses, phone and fax numbers.

"Board" refers collectively to the nine appointed members. The "Board" is the Board of Registered Nursing's policy making body which has responsibility for interpretation and enforcement of the Nursing Practice Act.

"BRN" is the Board of Registered Nursing. This is the state agency within the Department of Consumer Affairs which has the responsibility for implementation of Board policy and programs.

"NPA" refers to the Nursing Practice Act with Rules and Regulations. The NPA contains laws and regulations which govern the practice of registered nurses in California. It consists of sections 2700-2838 of the Business and Professions Code and Title 16, Division 14, of the California Code of Regulations. Nurses are responsible for knowledge of subsequent changes in the law. *The BRN Report* is one mechanism for informing registered nurses of these changes.

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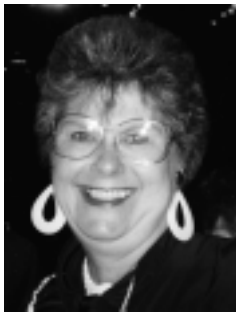
Meet the Board Members

The BRN Report will present a profile of one or two members of the BRN's Board in each issue. There are nine members on the Board—three who represent the public at large; five who are registered nurses (three engaged in direct patient care, one in nursing education, and one in nursing administration); and one member who is a licensed physician.

The initial appointments for Monta Huber and Kay Schroer were for the completion of unexpired terms of two former Board members. Huber and Schroer have both been reappointed by Governor Wilson to terms which end June 1, 2001.

Monta Huber, BS

Monta Huber was appointed to the Board in 1996 as a public member and serves on the Diversion/Discipline Committee and the Legislative Committee. She was previously appointed to the Advisory



Board, Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair, and is currently a public member and Vice President of the Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists.

Huber received a bachelor of science degree in education with math as her major. She has taught high school math, served as an administrator for the RAND Corporation, and worked as a real estate broker. She has numerous political affiliations, including being an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1996. She is active in the California Center for the Arts, Escondido.

“Serving on state regulatory boards since my retirement has afforded me a wonderful opportunity to serve the public and to continue my ‘education’ in areas formerly unfamiliar to me. Since joining the BRN, I have been most impressed with the dedication of the professional members and the efficiency and dedication of the staff. It has been a pleasure to work with such a well-rounded group of individuals as we strive to provide the needed oversight for the public’s protection. Learning firsthand of the rapid changes occurring within the nursing community, as well as the health field in general, offers a true challenge to seek good direction and to establish new and better policy directions on behalf of the Board’s mission,” Huber stated.

Kay Schroer, MSN, RN

Kay Schroer is chairperson of the Nursing Practice Committee and serves on the Education/Licensing Committee. She is the Board member who represents nursing administration.

Schroer received her diploma from Aberdeen Hospitals, Scotland, her baccalaureate degree from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and her master’s degree in nursing from the University of California, San Francisco.

As a nurse traveler, Schroer worked in Zambia, England, and France. She emigrated to the United States in 1973. She has sixteen years’ experience as an operating room nurse. She currently serves as a Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist and Program Director for Home-based Primary Care at VA Palo Alto Health Care System.

Schroer describes herself as a “political junkie” with over twenty years’ involvement in political advocacy for nursing. She is a cofounder of a Nursing Roundtable in the South Bay Area. Other organization activities include membership in ANA-C, the Nurses Organization of the VA (NOVA), the American Geriatric Society, Sigma Theta Tau, and the UCSF Alumni Association.

Asked to take a moment to speak to the RNs in California, Schroer responded, “Rapid changes in the health care delivery system make this an unusually challenging time for nurses and for Board members who are charged with protecting consumer safety. Nurse managers facing cost-slashing mandates cannot abdicate their



patient advocacy responsibilities, but must balance fiscal pressures with quality control and patient safety considerations. I believe the tide is about to turn in favor of patient care, nurses, and the nursing profession.

“I love nursing and living in California. Serving on the Board is a unique opportunity to give something back to nursing and California.”

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno has been reappointed to a term which ends June 1, 2001, and was reelected Board President with **Genevieve D.R. Deutsch** as Vice President for 1998. Committee assignments are:

Administrative Committee: Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno (Chair) and Genevieve D.R. Deutsch

Education/Licensing Committee: Genevieve D.R. Deutsch (Chair), Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno, and Kay Schroer

Nursing Practice Committee: Kay Schroer (Chair), Genevieve D.R. Deutsch, Sharon Ecker, and Kim D. Enomoto, MD

Legislative Committee: Judith M. Jonilonis (Chair), Sharon Ecker, Monta Huber, and Anne Panush

Diversion/Discipline Committee: Judith M. Jonilonis (Chair), Monta Huber, Seth Liebman, and Anne Panush

Board Reaffirms Advisory Statement on Patient Abandonment

The Board approved the document "Abandonment of Patients" in 1994 in response to numerous concerns of RNs who felt threatened by their employer if they did not work additional shifts. This document was prepared during a period of RN shortage.

A number of factors are again contributing to regional shortages of RNs. Consequently, the BRN has again received a substantial number of inquiries related to what constitutes patient abandonment. The full Board reaffirmed the statement "Abandonment of Patients" at its April 3, 1998, meeting. We've reprinted the document in this issue of *The BRN Report* to reiterate the BRN's interpretation of patient abandonment and to provide guidance to RNs and their employers.



ABANDONMENT OF PATIENTS

Inquiries have been received by the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) regarding which actions by a nurse constitute patient abandonment and thus may lead to discipline against a nurse's license.

For patient abandonment to occur, the nurse must have:

- First accepted the patient assignment, thus establishing a nurse-patient relationship, and then
- Severed that nurse-patient relationship without giving reasonable notice to the appropriate person (e.g., supervisor, patient) so that arrangements could be made for continuation of nursing care by others.

A nurse-patient relationship begins when responsibility for nursing care of a patient is accepted by the nurse.

Refusal to accept an assignment or a nurse-patient relationship is not considered patient abandonment by the BRN. Failure to notify the employing agency that the nurse will not appear to work an assigned shift or refusal to work additional hours or shifts also is not considered patient abandonment by the BRN. Once the nurse has accepted responsibility for nursing care of a patient, severing of the nurse-patient relationship may lead to discipline of a nurse's license.

The RN who follows the above BRN advisory statement will not be considered to have abandoned the patient for purposes of Board disciplinary action. However, it should be noted that the BRN has no jurisdiction over employment and contract issues.

Employers Must Verify the Status of Certificates Issued by the BRN

A spring 1997 *BRN Report* feature article provided a few tips to employers to prevent license fraud and referred to the duty of employers to ascertain an RN's current authority to practice as required by Section 2732.05 of the Business and Professions Code. The BRN would like to additionally emphasize that an RN license is not the only "license" that must be verified.

"Licenses" by definition also include certificates that convey an authority to hold a title or practice under that title. If an RN must also be certified as a nurse practitioner, nurse practitioner with furnishing number, nurse-midwife, nurse-midwife with furnishing number, public health nurse, nurse anesthetist, or clinical nurse specialist for employment, then these certificates must also be verified by the employer in addition to the RN license. Only the nurse practitioner title appears on the RN license itself. All others are identified by separate certificates issued by the BRN. A number is assigned to those RNs who are listed with the BRN as a Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse but no certificate is issued.

There may be an employment requirement for RNs to be currently certified in one of these categories. Verifying the status of the registered nurse license alone **never** ensures that the other certification requirements are met. Employers must also verify that the applicant or employee is certified for the categories listed above.

The BRN toll-free phone number for verifying licenses and certificates is 1-800-838-6828.



Summit on Differentiated Practice

The Nursing Summit held January 22, 1998, was a great success.

More than 575 RNs, LVNs, and students attended the summit, which was co-sponsored by the BRN, Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, and the California Strategic Planning Committee for Nursing/Colleagues in Caring (CSPCN/CIC).

The focus of the summit was discussion and presentation of a *California Differentiated Practice Model* that was developed by representatives from the health care industry, education, and regulatory agencies. The summit's objectives were to give participants adequate information to enable them to describe:

- the implications of differentiated practice for California advanced practice nurses, RNs, and LVNs.
- how nursing educators will prepare RNs, LVNs, and advanced practice nurses for the employers of tomorrow.
- how employers will better utilize RNs, LVNs, and advanced practice nurses.

- the political and regulatory issues surrounding nursing practice.

Partnerships between nursing service and nursing education have been encouraged to demonstrate differentiated practice and education throughout the state. These will be monitored closely by CSPCN/CIC to determine the most effective strategies.

The Future

Work will continue on refining the model. Regional forums are being held throughout the state over the next 12 to 18 months so that more RNs, LVNs, consumers, administrators, third-party payers, and state and local government officials will be informed *and* have input during the implementation process.

For additional information about conferences and regional forums related to differentiated practice and CSPCN/CIC, log on to the Internet at <http://www.med.uci.edu/~cspcn> or call CSPCN/CIC staff at (949) 824-7057.

DIVERSION Program

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at the Board of
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To reach the program
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via our contractor,
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(800) 522-9198, and outside
California,
call (415) 491-7449.*

Program participants as of 5/1/98..... 403

*RNs successfully completing
the Program as of 5/1/98 629*

Advanced Practice for the New Millennium: A Seminar for Advanced Practice Nurses

Save this date!! Friday, February 19, 1999. The BRN, in collaboration with California State University, Long Beach and representatives of advanced practice nurses, will present an educational seminar in Los Angeles. The purpose of the seminar is to present pertinent and vital information to advanced practice nurses in California in areas that affect their practice such as the legal requirements for advanced practice, obtaining provider status, and a legislative update.

Barbara Safriet, JD, Associate Dean of Yale University Law School and the author of several informative articles on advanced practice nurses, will be the keynote speaker. The title of her presentation is *Advanced Practice Nursing: Where Are We Headed for the Year 2000 and Beyond?*

The afternoon's featured speaker is Suzanne Gordon, investigative reporter and author of *Life Support* who will present "Advancing the Practice of Nursing for Future Generations."

The meeting will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton. The fee for early registration is \$85.00 if received before January 15, 1999. After January 15, the registration fee is \$100.00. Both of these fees include lunch. The fee for registration at the door is \$115.00 but such registration is not encouraged.

Registration information can be obtained from the BRN offices in the fall.

BRN Seeks Applicants for Diversion Evaluation Committees

The BRN is actively recruiting applicants for its statewide Diversion Evaluation Committees. Each member is required to have expertise in mental health or chemical dependency. Each committee is comprised of five members:

- 3 RNs
- 1 physician
- 1 public member

To ensure diversity of the committees, the BRN encourages applications from men and members of all ethnic groups.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please request an application by calling (916) 322-3724.

Continuing Education Corner

Frequent Questions about Continuing Education and License Renewal

QUESTION: *What is the difference if a continuing education provider (CEP) issues contact hours or continuing education units?*

ANSWER: A contact hour is at least 50 minutes of participation in an organized learning experience. One continuing education unit (CEU) equals 10 continuing education contact hours. Thirty contact hours or three CEUs are required to renew the RN license in the active status.

QUESTION: *What if I am unable to complete the 30 contact hours?*

ANSWER: You can become **inactive** by paying your renewal fee (on time) and checking the inactive box on the renewal notice. You can **not** practice nursing with an inactive license. In order to reactivate your license, you must submit documentation of completing 30 contact hours within the previous renewal cycle. Your license will be reactivated and you can practice again as an RN.

If your license is not renewed with an active or inactive status on time, your license is delinquent and you are practicing nursing illegally. In order to renew your license and to practice, you will have to pay both the renewal fee and the delinquent fee and provide documentation of 30 contact hours of continuing education.

QUESTION: *What should I do with my certificates of completion and gradeslips or transcripts of completed academic courses that I plan to use for license renewal?*

ANSWER: Retain the certificates of completion, gradeslips, and transcripts you use for license renewal for four years. If you are randomly audited, you will be required to send a copy of the documents to the BRN. Do not send a copy of these documents with your renewal form unless you are instructed

to do so by BRN staff. Please respond promptly if you receive an audit request.

QUESTION: *Sometimes I receive a signed, blank continuing education (CE) certificate of completion. Is this OK?*

ANSWER: Continuing education providers are responsible for distributing completely filled out certificates of completion. This includes your name, license number, course title, CEP name, address, and provider number, date of course, number of contact hours, and signature of the instructor, CEP, or a designee. If you receive incomplete certificates of completion, please notify us so we can advise the CEP to adopt correct procedures.

QUESTION: *Are there any exceptions to completing CE requirements?*

ANSWER: The exceptions, called exemptions in the NPA, are:

- the first cycle after passing the licensing examination;
- serving outside the state of California in a federal institution or agency;
- employed for more than one year overseas; or,
- the RN or an immediate family member has a total disability for a period of more than one year and the RN is providing care to the family member.

Please call the BRN for detailed information.

QUESTION: *What about taking courses out of state or study tours?*

ANSWER: These can be accepted if the course content meets BRN requirements as noted in the regulations and the course is offered by a provider approved by another RN licensing agency or a health-related professional organization recognized by the BRN. The BRN has

jurisdiction over the CEP and the content of the course; it has no jurisdiction over tour arrangements. If you have questions, please contact the BRN.

QUESTION: *Is a course offered in California by a national professional association or by a provider approved by a national association automatically accepted by the California BRN?*

ANSWER: Not necessarily. Continuing education courses taken in California need to be offered by a provider already approved by the BRN; by another California licensing agency that meets the BRN's requirements (e.g., Boards of Medicine [CME Category 1], Pharmacy, Osteopathy, etc.); or by an organization with its own BRN provider number. If you have questions when a national organization or vendor offers a course in California, check with the course/conference staff or call the BRN's Sacramento office.

QUESTION: *Can CEPs offer the 30 contact hour advanced pharmacology course to nurse practitioners and nurse-midwives who want to apply for a furnishing number?*

ANSWER: Yes, but these CEPs should contact one of the BRN's offices to assure that the course meets the BRN's specific requirements for the advanced pharmacology course.

“Continuing education courses taken in California need to be offered by a provider already approved by the BRN, or by another California licensing agency that meets the BRN's requirements...”



NCSBN Researching Computer Simulated Testing as a Component of NCLEX-RN Exam

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) has been investigating a new testing methodology which uses a series of patient scenarios to evaluate a candidate's ability to apply the clinical decision-making process to the management of care. This exciting new testing methodology, referred to as Clinical Simulation Testing, or CST, is being researched as a possible component of the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

Clinical Simulation Testing is different from the current NCLEX Computerized Adaptive Testing (CAT) because there are no testing cues in the form of multiple choice questions. In CST, the examinee is presented with an introduction to the patient situation and then works through the scenario by typing in free-text responses for the implementation of nursing assessments and interventions. The temporal nature of CST permits the evaluation of the appropriateness of nursing actions as well as their sequencing and prioritization.

For the purposes of CST, clinical decision-making competence is defined as the appropriate and timely sequencing of nursing actions taken with, or on behalf of, the client. Evidence of competence in clinical decision-making is demonstrated by specifying assessment (data collection), diagnosis, intervention, and evaluation (follow-up assessment) actions for a client during an unprompted, time sensitive, dynamic scenario. Inferences about examinee ability to analyze and interpret client data can be made based upon the appropriateness—as well as the timing and sequencing—of assessment, diagnostic, and intervention actions.

In keeping with a NCSBN Delegate Assembly directive, in spring 1998, NCSBN is conducting a nationwide investigation of CST to evaluate the psychometric soundness and legal defensibility of CST as a potential component of the NCLEX-RN. California is one of ten states involved, and nine of its schools are participating in the CST pilot study.

In the fall of 1997, schools participating in the pilot study received CST software free

of charge for the 1997-98 academic year for use as an educational resource and to orient potential study participants to CST. Recruitment of study participation has been underway in preparation for the CST pilot study scheduled from April to July 1998.

The results of the pilot study will then be presented for consideration in August 1999 to the Delegate Assembly for a decision regarding the use of CST as a component of the NCLEX-RN. If it is determined that CST is to become a component of the NCLEX-RN examination, a transition plan

will be implemented. It is anticipated that CST would not be used prior to 2001.

In addition to the research of CST as a component of NCLEX-RN, NCSBN is also evaluating the possible use of CST for RN education and assessment. Some boards of nursing are participating in an investigation of CST as a potential tool for RN continuing education, assessment of RNs re-entering practice, and as a component of the assessment of RNs who are being disciplined. Results of this research will be provided to the Delegate Assembly for its consideration.

Licensing Exam Results

JANUARY 1, 1997 – JUNE 30, 1997

	TOTAL	PASS	%PASS
<i>FIRST TIME CANDIDATES</i>			
California Graduates	2,119	1,879	88.7%
California Non-Graduates	103	91	88.3%
Other U.S. Educated Candidates	234	186	79.5%
Non-U.S. Educated Candidates	855	297	34.7%
TOTAL FIRST TIME CANDIDATES	3,311	2,453	74.1%
<i>REPEATING CANDIDATES</i>			
California Graduates	485	251	51.8%
California Non-Graduates	24	12	50.0%
Other U.S. Educated Candidates	108	58	53.7%
Non-U.S. Educated Candidates	1,746	258	14.8%
TOTAL REPEATING CANDIDATES	2,363	579	24.5%
GRAND TOTAL	5,674	3,032	53.4%

JULY 1, 1997 – DECEMBER 31, 1997

<i>FIRST TIME CANDIDATES</i>			
California Graduates	2,853	2,468	86.5%
California Non-Graduates	93	78	83.9%
Other U.S. Educated Candidates	376	299	79.5%
Non-U.S. Educated Candidates	1,037	360	34.7%
TOTAL FIRST TIME CANDIDATES	4,359	3,205	73.5%
<i>REPEATING CANDIDATES</i>			
California Graduates	487	239	49.1%
California Non-Graduates	41	26	63.4%
Other U.S. Educated Candidates	83	43	51.8%
Non-U.S. Educated Candidates	1,885	300	15.9%
TOTAL REPEATING CANDIDATES	2,496	608	24.4%
GRAND TOTAL	6,855	3,813	55.6%

RNs Obligated to Report Abuse

The prevalence of abuse of children, adults (including spouses), elders, and dependent adults is increasing. Registered nurses are among those health practitioners who must report known or observed instances of abuse to the appropriate authorities. This mandate applies to those situations that occur in the RN's professional capacity or within the scope of employment. Registered nurses must also be aware that failure to report as required is also considered unprofessional conduct and can result in disciplinary action against the RN's license.

The NPA contains the text of the abuse reporting statutes. Highlights of these reporting laws are noted below.

CHILD ABUSE—Section 11166 of the Penal Code *REQUIRES* that any child care custodian, health practitioner, or employee of a child protective agency (in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment) who has knowledge of or observes a child whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse must report the known or suspected instance of child abuse to a child protective agency immediately or as soon as practically possible by telephone and prepare and send a written report thereof within 36 hours of receiving the information about the incident.

ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE—Section 15630 of the Welfare and Institutions Code *REQUIRES* that care custodians, health practitioners, employees of adult protective services agencies, or local law enforcement agencies who (in their professional capacity or within the scope of their employment) observe evidence of or have been told by an elder or dependent adult that he or she is a victim of physical abuse must report this to county adult protective services or a local law enforcement agency immediately, or as soon as possible, by telephone with a written report submitted within two working days. For persons in long-term care facilities, the observed physical abuse or client-described abuse should be reported to the long-term care ombudsman

coordinator or local law enforcement agency. State law *PERMITS* reporting of other types of abuse such as neglect, intimidation, fiduciary abuse, abandonment, isolation, or other treatment that results in physical harm, pain, or mental suffering when the reporter has knowledge of or reasonably suspects one or more of these types of abuse have occurred. Elders are defined as persons 65 years or older, and dependent adults are defined as persons between the ages of 18 and 64 whose physical or mental limitations restrict their ability to care for themselves.

GENERAL ABUSE—Section 11160 of the Penal Code *REQUIRES* health practitioners who, in their professional capacity or within their scope of employment, provide medical services for a physical condition to a patient whom they know or reasonably suspect has an injury that is the result of assaultive or abusive conduct to report this to a local law enforcement agency immediately or as soon as practically possible. A written report to the law enforcement agency is due within two working days. This statute is extremely broad. It includes **adults, children and other persons (including spouses)**.

Failure to comply with these laws is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in jail, by a fine of \$1,000, or both.

The telephone numbers and addresses of the various agencies to whom these reports must be made should be available through your employment setting or in the portion of the telephone directory that covers county or city government.

Information about contacting the Long Term Care Ombudsman is available through the Area Agency on Aging or by calling the Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman at (800) 231-4024. An inability to locate the correct agency for reporting purposes is **not** an acceptable reason for not reporting abuse! Your local telephone operator can also direct you to the correct agency's telephone number. Your facility or practice setting may also have reporting requirements to the state Department of Health Services or the state Department of Social Services because of their facility licensing laws. Your administrator or director of nursing would know how to comply with these laws.

See page 19 of this issue of *The BRN Report* for information about ordering the NPA which contains the text of these code sections.

BRN Statistics APRIL 30, 1998

	ACTIVE	INACTIVE	TOTAL
Registered Nurses	241,635	18,115	259,750
Nurse Anesthetists	1,380	14	1,394
Nurse-Midwives	942	11	953
Nurse-Midwife Furnishing	386	0	386
Nurse Practitioners	8,212	148	8,360
Nurse Practitioner Furnishing	4,712	11	4,723
Psychiatric/Mental Health	413	10	423
Public Health Nurses	37,934	2,227	40,161
Continuing Education Providers	3,458	N.A.	3,458
Public Health Nurses	39,268	37,193	2,075

Legislative Update

AB 90, Cunneen, regarding clinical nurse specialists, is discussed on page 1 of this issue. The following bills related to nursing were also chaptered into law during the 1997 legislative session. Although these bills address many subjects, each affects registered nursing in some way.

AB 103, FIGUEROA

Chaptered 97-0359

Physician and Surgeons: Professional Reporting

AB 103, among other provisions, requires the Medical Board to post on the Internet certain information regarding licensed physicians and to provide links to other Web sites on the Internet which provide information on certain board certifications.

AB 174, NAPOLITANO

Chaptered 97-0400

Medicine: Acupuncture

AB 174 makes it unprofessional conduct for a physician and surgeon, osteopathic physician, dentist, or podiatrist to direct or supervise the performance of acupuncture by a person licensed as a healing arts practitioner who is not licensed under the Acupuncture Licensure Act.

It prevents RNs from continuing to practice acupuncture unless the RN is enrolled in an educational program leading to certification or licensure as an acupuncturist, is a graduate of a school of acupuncture, or possesses an acupuncturist's license.

AB 206, HERTZBERG

Chaptered 97-0416

Citizen Complaint Act of 1997

AB 206 requires each state agency, including the California State University, to make available on its Internet Web site, on or before July 1, 1998, or within six months of the establishment of such a site, whichever is later, a form in plain language through which residents of the state can register complaints relating to the performance of the state agency. This bill also requires that a state agency making a complaint form available on its Internet Web site provide instructions on filing the complaint electronically.

AB 221, GOLDSMITH

Chaptered 97-0550

Health: Blood Glucose

AB 221 authorizes blood glucose testing to be performed in a child daycare facility by non-licensed staff, in accordance with specified requirements, for the purpose of monitoring a minor child with diabetes.

AB 515, ASHBURN

Chaptered 97-0720

Psychiatric Technicians

AB 515 authorizes a psychiatric technician, working in a mental health facility or developmental disability facility, to administer medications by hypodermic injection and administer specified skin tests and immunizations. It also authorizes the withdrawing of blood if the psychiatric technician has been certified by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians to perform this procedure.

AB 1545, ARONER

Chaptered 97-0526

Community Care Facilities: Incidental Medical Services

AB 1545 authorizes adult community care facility staff to provide incidental medical services. The facility staff need not be health care professionals, but must be trained and supervised by a licensed health care professional, according to the client's individualized health care plan. Permissible incidental medical services that may be provided by trained facility staff include the following:

- Colostomy and ileostomy: changing bags and cleaning stomas.
- Urinary Catheter: emptying bags in day care facilities; emptying and changing bags in residential facilities.
- Gastrostomy: feeding, hydration, cleaning stomas, and adding medication per physician's or nurse practitioner's orders for the routine medication of patients with chronic, stable conditions.

SB 402, GREENE

Chaptered 97-0839

Health: Opiate drugs

SB 402 establishes the Pain Patient's Bill of Rights and states legislative findings and declarations regarding the value of opiate drugs for persons suffering from severe chronic intractable pain. It, among other provisions, authorizes a physician to refuse to prescribe opiate medication for a patient who requests the treatment for severe chronic intractable pain, requires the physician to inform the patient that there are physicians who specialize in the treatment of severe chronic intractable pain with methods that include the use of opiates, and authorizes a physician who prescribes opiates to prescribe a dosage deemed medically necessary.

SB 571, WRIGHT

Chaptered 97-0384

Radiologic Technology: Venipuncture

SB 571 authorizes a radiologic technologist, under the general supervision of a physician and surgeon, to perform venipuncture in an upper extremity to administer contrast materials, manually or by using a mechanical injector, if the radiologic technologist has received specified training and education and has been issued a certificate from an approved school of radiologic technology or an instructor indicating satisfactory completion of the required training.

SB 827, GREENE

Chaptered 97-0759

Professional Licensing: Boards (Sunset Bill)

SB 827, among other provisions, extends the inoperative and repeal dates for the Board of Registered Nursing to July 1, 2004, and January 1, 2005, respectively.

Annual Report of the Department of Consumer Affairs Reflects BRN Activities for 1996-1997

The BRN is one of the 27 boards, committees, or commissions within the state's Department of Consumer Affairs. The Department's 1996-1997 Annual Report included a summary of the BRN's activities during the last fiscal year. That summary has been reprinted in this issue of The BRN Report to illustrate the BRN's accomplishments along with additional data in table form to provide a more detailed graphic illustration of BRN activities.

Purpose

The mission of the Board of Registered Nursing is to protect the health and safety of consumers and to promote quality registered nursing care in the State of California. The Board acts as an advocate for health care consumers by setting and enforcing safe nursing practice standards and by educating the public.

Enforcement

To reduce the risk of fraud and licensee impersonation, the Board replaced its paper license with a tamper-resistant plastic card license bearing a unique hologram and secure signature panel. In addition, the Board's new cite and fine authority provides an enforcement process for violations of the Nursing Practice Act where formal discipline is not indicated. Staff evaluate the level of the fine and whether an order of abatement is required. In cases of unlicensed practice, an order of abatement is **always** included and cases are referred to the District or City Attorney if criminal activity is involved.

Exams

The Board is working with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) in a pilot study to evaluate a new testing methodology called Computer Simulated Testing which may become part of the licensure exam. Nine schools in California and four alternates were selected as pilot testing sites. Computer Simulated Testing uses a series of patient scenarios to evaluate the candidate's ability to use the clinical decision-making process in care management.

Sunset Review

In 1997, the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee recommended that the Board of Registered Nursing continue for six more years as the agency responsible for the regulation of registered nursing. The committee also supported the Board in seeking statutory authority to certify Clinical Nurse Specialists. A bill authorizing the titling of Clinical Nurse Specialist was chaptered August 2, 1997.

Regulation Review

In conjunction with the preparation of its Sunset Review report, the Board conducted a comprehensive review of all its regulations pursuant to Executive Order W-127-95. This identified

outdated, unclear, or unnecessary regulations requiring revision or repeal. Most of the changes were incorporated into the Board's 1997 rulemaking calendar, with the remainder scheduled to follow in 1998.

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<i>ITEM</i>	<i>NUMBER</i>
<i>Licensing Activity</i>	
Applications Received	17,544
Applications Denied	24
Licenses Issued	10,289
Total Active Licenses	238,414
Total Clear Inactive Licenses	18,140
Licenses Renewed	120,511
<i>RN Program Approvals</i>	
Programs approved	20
<i>Continuing Education</i>	
CE Providers	3,438
CE Audits	1,875
<i>Enforcement Program</i>	
Complaints Received	1,525
Administrative Outcomes Against Licenses	
• Revocation	88
• Surrender of License	22
• Probation with Suspension	13
• Suspension Only	1
• Probation Only	46
• Licenses Denied	5
Petitions for Reinstatement of Revoked Licenses	
• Granted	6
• Denied	9
Diversion Program	
• Self-referrals	69
• Board Referrals	77
• Total Number of Participants	404

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Area I Meeting

The BRN and the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians co-hosted the Area I Meeting of the NCSBN in March 1997. In attendance were 78 participants representing 12 states and the Northern Mariana Islands. The Regulatory Day of Dialogue/Education Sessions and Area I Business Meeting were well received. Important regulatory issues, such as multistate licensure and electronic licensure verification, were discussed.

Public Education and Information

The Board developed and distributed new consumer videos and brochures to inform the public about available services and programs. It also sent the latest Nursing Practice Act, routinely provided to new licensees, to all 254,000 RNs to ensure access to current laws regulating nursing. In April, the Board conducted a successful educational conference for 500 participants regarding needs for registered nurse student education in light of the changing health care delivery system. To recognize RNs who retire from the practice of nursing, the Board developed an honorary certificate and cover letter which are sent to those who notify the Board of their retirement at the time of license renewal.

Strategic Planning

In a public/private partnership, the Board provides leadership in the California Strategic Planning Committee/Colleagues in Caring (CSPCN/CIC) activities. This group obtained a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to refine a forecasting model for projecting the supply and demand of RNs, advanced practice RNs, and licensed vocational nurses. This information will be crucial to legislators, executive branch policy makers, employers, and educational programs in determining the allocation of resources. It will also enable California's nursing education programs to prepare the appropriate number and type of nurses to meet the future needs of California residents.

Remembrance of Nerée Paprota

It is with sadness that the BRN informs its readers of the death of Nerée Denise Paprota, Nursing Education Consultant, who passed away on September 4, 1997.

Paprota attended Los Angeles Valley College for both her LVN and RN education. She then received her BSN and MSN degrees at California State University, Los Angeles, where she also earned a certificate in Business Computer Programming.

Having experience as a staff nurse, clinical educator, director of staff development, and system implementation analyst, Paprota joined the BRN in January 1990 and was based in the Los Angeles Office. Although she participated in many BRN activities and served as the resident computer expert for the Los Angeles Office, Paprota primarily consulted with prelicensure nursing programs and was involved in the activities of the Enforcement Program by evaluating complaints against RNs for violations of the Nursing Practice Act and monitoring RN probationers in southern California.

In addition to her husband, Chester Paprota, she leaves daughters Denise, Janice, and Danielle, and five grandchildren.

The California Organization of Associate Degree Nursing Program Directors and the California Association of Colleges of Nursing have each awarded a scholarship in Paprota's memory.

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Board Disciplinary Actions and Reinstatements

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2750, the Board of Registered Nursing has authority to discipline a registered nursing license for violation of the Nursing Practice Act. The disciplinary penalty is determined based on a number of factors including but not limited to: severity and recency of offense, rehabilitation evidence, current

ability to practice safely, mitigating factors, and past disciplinary history. Although the disciplinary list appears lengthy, it does not reflect widespread problems in the nursing field. The BRN takes action against approximately 200 licensees annually, which represents less than one-tenth of one percent of the total population of 255,000 California RNs. Following are disciplinary actions

imposed by the Board between 7-1-96 and 12-31-97.

The Board recommends that the accuracy and currency of the information be verified with the BRN before any decisions are made based on the information. If you have any questions regarding these disciplinary actions, please call (916) 322-3350.

JULY 1, 1996, TO DECEMBER 31, 1997

(NOTE: This list represents 18 months of disciplinary actions and reinstatements. It does not reflect an increase of disciplinary activity.)

LICENSES REVOKED

ABELA, Laura Lee (GADDIS) (RN 91242)

Mount Vernon, WA

Disciplined by another state for acts constituting unprofessional conduct. Revoked effective 1-10-97.

ANDERSON, Vonna Jane (RN 151283)

Highland, CA

Convicted of possession of illegal drugs for sale. Revoked effective 8-28-96.

ANGEL, Patricia J. (ESQUIBEL, PLENT)

(RN 159339) Albuquerque, NM

Disciplined by another state for failing to comply with terms of probation. Revoked effective 8-28-96.

ASHLEY, Bruce A. (RN 377337)

Denair, CA

Violated terms of probation. Revoked effective 10-30-97.

ATWOOD, Ronald Dwight (RN 315121)

Brisbane, CA

Violated terms of probation. Revoked effective 6-2-97.

AUSTIN, Gary Lynn (RN 262591)

Alexandria, VA

Disciplined by another state for falsifying application for licensure. Revoked effective 10-23-96.

BAIRD, Ronald Lee (RN 409544)

Fairview, TN

Disciplined by another state for negligently or willfully acting in a manner inconsistent with the practice of nursing. Revoked effective 6-16-97.

BANISTER, Mary Dorothy (OWEN)

(RN 425657) Walnut Creek, CA

Committed acts constituting gross negligence/incompetence; convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol. Revoked effective 9-12-97.

BARILE, Kathy (RN 403614)

Stockton, CA

Impaired due to mental illness. Revoked effective 11-8-97.

BECKERT, Margaret Weier (RN 110008)

Napa, CA

Convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol, reported for work with odor of alcohol. Revoked effective 8-2-96.

BIRTLE, Debra L. (ALLARDYCE-BLANK)

(RN 333449) San Clemente, CA

Unprofessional conduct/impaired due to mental or physical illness. Revoked effective 6-16-97.

BLACKBURN, Lana Lee (RN 276207)

Los Angeles, CA

Violated terms of probation. Revoked effective 8-20-97.

BLANCHARD, Darlene Kay (RN 367819,

NP and NPF 1058) San Diego, CA

Passed forged prescriptions to obtain controlled substances for self-use. Revoked effective 8-2-96.

BLASZIENSKI, Debra Lee (RN 497740)

Baldwinsville, NY

Disciplined by another state for cause which resulted in the voluntary surrender of her license. Revoked effective 11-8-97.

BRANDT, Paul Kenneth (RN 436207)

San Francisco, CA

Disciplined by another state for diversion of controlled substances for self-use. Revoked effective 8-2-96.

BRINK, Deborah Anne (RN 474804)

Stockton, CA

Obtained controlled substance by presenting fraudulent prescriptions. Revoked effective 3-1-97.

BROWN, Wayne J. (RN 460434)

Los Angeles, CA

Violated terms of probation. Revoked effective 6-30-97.

BRUCKER, David (RN 289253)

Baltimore, MD

Disciplined by another state for patient abuse. Revoked effective 11-8-97.

BURSTEIN, David Lee (RN 374712)

Woodbridge, CA

Convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse. Revoked effective 3-1-97.

BUSER, Marcia Cyn (RN 418637)

Magalia, CA

Convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol and acts constituting gross negligence. Revoked effective 10-23-96.

CALLAHAN, Kathleen Anne (RN 270928)

Boca Raton, FL

Failed to comply with order to compel psychiatric examination. Revoked effective 8-28-96.

CHUNG, Esther An (KIM, Sung Hwa)

(RN 344812) Norwalk, CA

Diverted controlled substance for self-use. Revoked effective 1-8-97.

CIELO, Patria Cordero (RN 196496)

Foster City, CA

Gross negligence, unprofessional conduct. Revoked effective 5-27-97.

COFFINO, Karen Ann (WHITE)

(RN 332604) Oroville, CA

Substance abuse problem with alcohol that impaired her ability to safely practice nursing. Revoked effective 3-15-97.

COLEMAN, Joyce Ann (PRICKETT)

(RN 209135, PHN 19781, NP and NPF 186)

Laytonville, CA

Convicted of possession of an illegal drug for sale. Revoked effective 10-28-96.

COOK, Mickey Jean (RN 471552)

Stockton, CA

Used controlled substance to extent it impaired her ability to conduct safe nursing. Revoked effective 1-4-97.

COSSAIRT, Patricia Lynn (RN 462402)

Orangevale, CA

Misrepresented and/or omitted conviction on application for licensure. Revoked effective 1-8-97.

CRITCHFIELD, Brenda J. (RN 288046)
Hopkinsville, KY
Diverted controlled substances for self-use.
Revoked effective 10-30-97.

DeVERA-SANTOS, Julieta V. (RN 460208)
Daly City, CA
Impersonated another nurse, falsified records
and defrauded her employer. Revoked effective
3-15-97.

DIESING, Jill Karen (IPPISCH) (RN 251859,
PHN 39826) Chico, CA
Unprofessional conduct. Revoked effective
4-11-97.

DOBINE, Alice Emma (RN 247970)
Sioux City, IA
Violated terms of probation. Revoked
effective 3-1-97.

DOUGLASS, Cassandra Sue (RN 217046)
Ione, CA
Violated terms of probation. Revoked
effective 11-30-97.

DOUTHIT, Daniel Ray (RN 349505)
La Mirada, CA
Violated terms of probation. Revoked
effective 8-2-96.

**DRYER, Ricginda Lynn (BALLEW,
COLEMAN)** (RN 365287) Ahwahnee, CA
Diverted controlled substance for self-use and
convicted of burglarizing hospital. Revoked
effective 10-16-96.

DUDNATH, Taramattie (McDANIEL)
(RN 297950) Sacramento, CA
Patient abuse. Revoked effective 8-14-97.

EFFNER, Mary Ann (CRUZAT)
(RN 357028) Indio, CA
Failed to comply with order to compel
psychiatric examination. Revoked effective
10-16-96.

EFIN, Emily (DINKINS) (RN 318168)
Grover Beach, CA
Convicted of a crime substantially related to
the qualifications, functions, and duties of a
registered nurse; violated terms of probation.
Revoked effective 10-11-97.

ELLIS, Ethel Margaret (RN 240236)
Grand Terrace, CA
Violated terms of probation. Revoked effective
5-14-97.

ELLIS, Joyce Lorraine (RN 279020)
Phoenix, AZ
Disciplined by another state for failing to comply
with terms of probation. Revoked effective
8-28-96.

FOSTER, Patricia L. (RN 426024)
Woodland, CA
Used alcohol to extent it impaired her ability to
conduct safe nursing. Revoked effective 9-12-97.

FRANKS, Cynthia Jo (REED) (RN 246131)
San Dimas, CA
Took controlled substances from hospital
supplies. Revoked effective 5-5-97.

GAITAN, Isabel Monterrosa (RN 417498)
San Francisco, CA
Used an illegal drug to extent it impaired her
ability to conduct safe nursing. Revoked
effective 10-23-96.

GAMEZ, Robin Lynn (RN 392162)
Ceres, CA
Reported for work under the influence of and
tested positive for alcohol. Revoked effective
1-8-97.

GARNER, Jeanette Katherine (RN 186836,
PHN 12617) Stockton, CA
Reported for work under the influence of alco-
hol; convicted of a crime substantially related to
the qualifications, functions, and duties of a
registered nurse. Revoked effective 1-16-97.

GERBINO, Laurie (RN 487942, PHN 51005)
Roseville, CA
Possessed and used controlled substances to an
extent and in a manner dangerous to herself or
others. Revoked effective 5-5-97.

HANSON, Laurie Lee (RN 376786)
North Bend, OR
Obtained and self-administered controlled sub-
stances illegally; committed acts constituting
gross negligence/incompetence. Revoked
effective 4-11-97.

**HARPER, Therese Kathleen (LOPEZ,
LACROSSE)** (RN 425720) Porterville, CA
Tested positive for alcohol and illegal drugs
while on duty. Revoked effective 7-12-96.

HENDERSON, Marilyn Merchant
(RN 380440) Las Vegas, NV
Called in false prescription to obtain dangerous
drug and used same to extent dangerous to self or
others. Revoked effective 2-20-97.

HICKENBOTTOM, Ronald Dean
(RN 309280) Felton, CA
Violated terms of probation. Revoked effective
7-12-96.

HOFFMAN, Elizabeth Jane (RN 490541)
Joliet, IL
Disciplined by another state for altering prescrip-
tion to indicate a refill. Revoked effective
3-28-97.

HOOVER, Paula Louise (RN 499198)
Prescott, AZ
Used cocaine to extent it impaired her ability to
conduct safe nursing. Revoked effective 7-25-97.

HYMAN, Kenneth Aaron (RN 375613)
Wheeling, WV
Failed to comply with order to compel psychiat-
ric examination. Revoked effective 10-24-97.

INGRAM, Charlene Paulette (RN 326460)
Moreno Valley, CA
Failed to comply with order to compel psychiat-
ric examination. Revoked effective 3-15-97.

KENNEDY, Sue Ellen (PRYOR) (RN 334765)
Tioga, TX
Disciplined by another state for failure to comply
with terms of probation. Revoked effective
4-18-97.

KENNEY, Nancy Ann (RN 204831)
Seal Beach, CA
Convicted in another state of attempting to kill
her mother with illegal injection. Revoked
effective 10-3-96.

KNIGHT, Frazier Lee (RN 214883)
San Leandro, CA
Disciplined by another state for acts constituting
unprofessional conduct. Revoked effective
5-16-97.

KOEHLER, Pamela Rae (STATON)
(RN 374664, PHN 40415, NP and NPF 5752)
McKinleyville, CA
Obtained controlled substances by fraud, deceit,
misrepresentation, or subterfuge for self-use.
Revoked effective 10-24-97.

LAND, Brenda C. (SIRON) (RN 484171)
Watsonville, CA
Admitted to smoking an illegal drug. Revoked
effective 10-28-96.

LASKY, Kellye Jo (RN 357224)
San Jose, CA
Unprofessional conduct. Revoked effective
4-18-97.

LEDINGHAM, Jeanne Crase (RN 207712)
Redlands, CA
Impaired due to mental illness. Revoked
effective 8-20-97.

LONG, Marguerite Rose (PELLETIER)
(RN 217104) Oxnard, CA
Diverted controlled substances for self-use.
Revoked effective 6-16-97.

LUCERO, Erlinda Bernardez (RN 229315)
Alameda, CA
Convicted of grand theft for taking hospital
supplies and medications. Revoked effective
12-21-96.

LUTHER, Wanda Sue (APPLEGATE)
(RN 281102, PHN 36967) Elizabeth, IN
Disciplined by another state for acts constituting
unprofessional conduct. Revoked effective
4-11-97.

MACK, Karen Thurston (RN 333698)
Los Angeles, CA
Violated terms of probation. Revoked
effective 5-5-97.

- MAMMATO, Louis, Jr.** (RN 380953)
Los Angeles, CA
Falsified hospital/patient records; gave medications without physician orders. Revoked effective 7-12-96.
- MARTINEZ, Gina Amelia** (RN 400277)
Omaha, NE
Disciplined by another state for diversion of medication for self-use. Revoked effective 7-12-96.
- McNEELY, Denise Joanne (STABILE)** (RN 363648) Las Vegas, NV
Disciplined by another state for substance abuse and failure to comply with its terms. Revoked effective 8-20-97.
- MERRITT, Pamela Lorene** (RN 332454)
El Cajon, CA
Convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol and falsifying hospital/patient records. Revoked effective 4-11-97.
- MILLER, Jane Elizabeth (CHAPMAN)** (RN 370796) Stockton, CA
Diverted controlled substance for self-use. Revoked effective 10-23-96.
- MILLER, Sandra Ann (CHILDS)** (RN 469776) Merced, CA
Convicted of diverting controlled substances for self-use. Revoked effective 12-22-96.
- MILLER-LUNDAHL, Marianne** (RN 225766) Fullerton, CA
Disciplined by another state for falsifying patient's medical chart. Revoked effective 8-28-96.
- MOHR, Nancy Jane (ENGLE)** (RN 325582) Los Angeles, CA
Violated terms of probation. Revoked effective 4-11-97.
- MOLNAR, Jean Thomas** (RN 480160)
Arimo, ID
Convicted of driving under the influence with bodily injury/property damage/hit and run. Revoked effective 1-2-97.
- MORGAN, Sara June** (RN 366519)
Sacramento, CA
Violated terms of probation. Revoked effective 6-2-97.
- OLDAKER, Aileen (JACK)** (RN 415358)
Lakeview Terrace, CA
Used alcohol on duty to extent it impaired her ability to conduct safe nursing. Revoked effective 7-12-96.
- PRESEPE, Carol Louise** (RN 163595)
Fresno, CA
Violated terms of probation. Revoked effective 3-2-97.
- RAITANO, Mary Angela** (RN 359151)
Pasadena, CA
Violated terms of probation. Revoked effective 10-28-96.
- RAMIREZ, Linda Sue** (RN 390362)
Sierra Madre, CA
Diverted controlled substances for self-use. Revoked effective 10-16-96.
- RASCHE, Dorothy E.** (RN 344458)
Sacramento, CA
Violated terms of probation. Revoked effective 1-16-97.
- READ, Sandra Louise (GOODWIN, BURLEY)** (RN 201338, PHN 35849)
Rohnert Park, CA
Committed acts of gross negligence/incompetence. Revoked effective 10-16-96.
- REED, Judi Marie (McCASLIN)** (RN 283909) Eureka, CA
Had multiple convictions of driving while under the influence of alcohol. Revoked effective 6-16-97.
- ROTRAMEL, James D.** (RN 230620, NA 669)
Castaic, CA
Diverted controlled substance and used same to extent dangerous to self or others. Revoked effective 1-8-97.
- SHORTINO, Lori Ann** (RN 343650)
Canoga Park, CA
Admitted to diverting controlled substances for self-use. Revoked effective 5-14-97.
- SILACCI, Susan W.** (RN 378490)
Kellogg, ID
Disciplined by another state for consuming small amounts alcohol while on duty. Revoked effective 6-30-97.
- STANFIELD-NIELSEN, Louise D. (MAJOR)** (RN 334885) Long Beach, CA
Diverted controlled substance for self-use. Revoked effective 8-27-97.
- STARRING, Doris Dean (INMAN)** (RN 120771) Tacoma, WA
Disciplined by another state for failure to comply with order for psychological evaluation. Revoked effective 3-15-97.
- STREATY, Claudia H.** (RN 312771)
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
Misrepresented nursing experience and education to obtain employment. Revoked effective 1-8-97.
- SULLIVAN, Joffre Rolland** (RN 303244)
San Jose, CA
Committed acts constituting gross negligence. Revoked effective 10-24-97.
- SZERWO, Laura Katherine (SOLOMON)** (RN 383863) Santa Barbara, CA
Convicted of passing forged prescriptions for controlled substances for self-use. Revoked effective 8-2-96.
- TAGGE, Kent Joseph** (RN 342889)
West Valley City, UT
Disciplined by another state for failing to disclose conviction on his application for license. Revoked effective 10-16-96.
- TAYLOR, Olivia Danita (COOK-LAMKIN)** (RN 424219) Paramount, CA
Convicted of altering US Postal Service money orders. Revoked effective 9-12-97.
- TONKINSON-FISHER, Jean Patricia** (RN 345896) Nevada City, CA
Convicted for embezzling money from her employer. Revoked effective 4-18-97.
- TORCHIA, John A.** (RN 418416)
Pebble Beach, CA
Violated terms of probation. Revoked effective 2-20-97.
- TORRES, Linda Renee** (RN 495886)
Fresno, CA
Violated terms of probation. Revoked effective 4-11-97.
- TOWNSEND, June Dale** (RN 276617)
Apple Valley, CA
Committed acts constituting gross negligence. Revoked effective 10-24-97.
- TUGGLE, Cathleen** (RN 320997)
San Manuel, AZ
Diverted controlled substances for self-use. Revoked effective 10-16-96.
- VAN VLIET, Bradley Russell** (RN 377904)
Kenwood, CA
Violated terms of probation. Revoked effective 4-18-97.
- WALKER, Elaine Phyllis** (RN 162623)
Sonora, CA
Used alcohol and prescription drugs to extent it impaired her ability to conduct safe nursing. Revoked effective 1-4-97.
- WALTON, Joyce Lee** (RN 264926)
Carmichael, CA
Voluntarily surrendered RN license in another state in lieu of other disciplinary action. Revoked effective 3-2-97.
- WATSON, Leanna D. (BERKOWITZ)** (RN 199145) Conroe, TX
Disciplined by another state for alcohol abuse. Revoked effective 1-8-97.
- WEBSTER-FEE, Pamela R.** (RN 491319)
San Francisco, CA
Disciplined by another state for acts constituting unprofessional conduct. Revoked effective 8-28-96.
- WILSON, Phyllis Delane** (RN 374024)
Stockton, CA
Used controlled substances to extent it impaired her ability to conduct safe nursing. Revoked effective 10-24-97.

WILSON, Kathryn Ann (RN 440089)

Reno, NV
Violated terms of probation. Revoked effective 1-16-97.

WISE, Rosalynn Denise (RN 471447)

Los Angeles, CA
Disciplined by another state for having a positive blood alcohol of 0.034 while on duty. Revoked effective 1-8-97.

WULFF, Zoe Ann (LIND, HUGHES)

(RN 216931) Las Vegas, NV
Disciplined by another state for working beyond the scope of her license. Revoked effective 1-4-97.

WYMAN, Rosemary A. (RN 300955)

Huntington Beach, CA
Practiced as RN without valid license; submitted false claims for payment. Revoked effective 1-4-97.

YARCOVSKY, Donna Marie (RN 460605)

Sacramento, CA
Administered medications intravenously instead of by method ordered by MD. Revoked effective 1-4-97.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE**ANASTASOFF, John William** (RN 480605)

Lake Havasu City, AZ
Committed acts constituting gross negligence/incompetence; convicted of administering dangerous drug to his son without order. License surrendered effective 4-18-97.

BIGLER, Debra Lynn (RN 380705)

Canyon Country, CA
Surrendered license effective 1-21-97.

BRAY, Sally Margaret (RN 199354)

El Cajon, CA
Ability to competently practice nursing impaired due to physical illness. Surrendered license effective 8-4-96.

COWAN, Patrick L. (RN 321409)

Everett, WA
Surrendered license effective 1-8-97.

DIXON, Andrea Louise (RN 377438,

NMW 750) Mount Shasta, CA
Surrendered license effective 2-14-97.

DRIVER, Suzanne (RN 388260)

San Francisco, CA
Surrendered license effective 2-20-97.

EDIIN-STANLEY, Linda Gaye (RN 362869)

Julian, CA
Surrendered license effective 1-4-97.

GIOMETTI, Renee G.M. (MILLER)

(RN 378855) Graeagle, CA
Diverted controlled substances for self-use. Surrendered license effective 1-8-97.

GLOVER, Marion E. (RN 108344)

Sacramento, CA
Committed acts constituting gross negligence and incompetence. Surrendered license effective 11-30-97.

GOLDGRUBER, Gail Louise (RN 365273)

Pinole, CA
Committed acts constituting gross negligence/incompetence; used controlled substances to extent it impaired her ability to conduct safe nursing. Surrendered license effective 7-25-97.

HAIRSTON, Rosetta Elizabeth (GOFF)

(RN 450780, PHN 47942) Tracy, CA
Admittedly gave false information on application for licensure. Surrendered license effective 8-2-96.

HEALEY, Kimberlee Ann (RN 468761)

Cardiff by the Sea, CA
Admittedly diverted controlled substances for self-use. Surrendered license effective 5-5-97.

HUTTON, Carol Ann (STEPHEN)

(RN 403286) Norfolk, VA
Committed acts constituting gross negligence/incompetence. Surrendered license effective 10-3-96.

JONES, Tammy Jo (RN 457107)

St. Joseph, MI
Admittedly diverted controlled substance for self-use. Surrendered license effective 10-23-96.

KRAMER, Carolyn I. (GARWOOD)

(RN 99945) La Mirada, CA
Surrendered license effective 6-16-97.

LOUDON, Scott Greene (RN 438958)

Fremont, CA
Admittedly diverted controlled substances for self-use. Surrendered license effective 10-3-96.

MILLER, Anna S. (RN 75844)

El Sobrante, CA
Charges: acts constituting gross negligence and incompetence. Surrendered license effective 10-20-97.

NEAL, Amy Susanne (ARNETT) (RN 498106,

PHN 52161) Napa, CA
Charged with diversion of controlled substances for self-use. Surrendered license effective 8-2-96.

PARSHALL, Nancy O. (FROST) (RN 320430)

Arcata, CA
Surrendered license effective 1-4-97.

RANDOLPH, Elizabeth Marie (RN 257798,

PMH 263) Yuba City, CA
Convicted by court on plea of guilty of aiding another in commission of misdemeanor. Surrendered license effective 8-2-96.

ROBERTS, Joseph Thomas (RN 461105)

Bardwell, KY
Surrendered license effective 1-8-97.

ROBERTS, Mary Anderson (HOLLAND)

(RN 436714) Santa Ana, CA
Presented forged prescription for controlled substance. Surrendered license effective 1-8-97.

SALEM, Nympha Y. (RN 189637)

Tulare, CA
Violated terms of probation. Surrendered license effective 10-23-96.

TAYLOR, Lisa Gay (RN 293658)

Victorville, CA
Diverted controlled substances for self-use. Surrendered license effective 4-18-97.

TORREY, Suzanne Lynn (RN 470946)

Stonington, ME
Falsified hospital/patient records pertaining to controlled substances. Surrendered license effective 7-7-97.

TRACEY, Paula Sansone (RN 362252)

Los Angeles, CA
Violated terms of probation. Surrendered license effective 12-16-96.

SUSPENSION**PETTIBONE, Jennifer Ruth** (RN 464317)

Novato, CA
Impaired due to mental illness. Suspended indefinitely effective 2-20-97.

RUSSELL, Audrey Eleanor (RN 282364)

Banning, CA
Impaired due to mental illness. Suspended indefinitely effective 8-28-96.

**REVOCATION STAYED,
PLACED ON PROBATION****AHNBERG, Michele M.** (RN 384598)

Petaluma, CA
Committed acts constituting unprofessional conduct. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 10-20-97.

ALLISON, Beth (SMITH) (RN 319797,

NP 3882) Willits, CA
Passed forged prescriptions to obtain controlled substances for self-use. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 7-12-96.

ANDERSON, Ferdia Cornelius (RN 246890)

Los Angeles, CA
Passed forged prescriptions to obtain controlled substances for self-use. Revocation stayed, placed on five years probation effective 9-2-96. Suspension one month.

BABB, Theresa Marie (RN 334156)

Denton, TX
Diverted controlled substances for self-use. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 10-30-97.

BANNON, Gregory Wayne (RN 361396)

Downey, CA

Convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol, used alcohol to extent it impaired his ability to conduct safe nursing. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 8-28-96.

BARELA, Cruz, Jr. (RN 474645)

Bakersfield, CA

Disciplined by another board for possessing controlled substance without prescription and falsifying physician's order. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 4-11-97.

BARTLETT, Susan A. (RN 384324)

Woodlake, CA

Diverted and used controlled substance to extent it impaired her ability to conduct safe nursing. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 8-27-97.

BAUTISTA, Lourdes Roxas Dizon

(RN 227779) Rowland Heights, CA

Convicted of acts/crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 10-25-97.

CAIATI, Marvel Boyce (GAUS, MURREY, HOOD) (RN 370872) Fresno, CA

Obtained controlled substances by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 11-30-97.

CARCONE, Pamela A. (KIRKHAM)

(RN 422687) Simi Valley, CA

Diverted controlled substances for self-use. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 2-20-97.

CASPER, Diann Lynn (RN 372313)

San Diego, CA

Violated terms of probation. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 4-3-97.

COLHOUE, Roberta Sue (RN 235595)

Sonoma, CA

Committed acts constituting unprofessional conduct. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 5-19-97.

COLLINS, Gina Aline (RN 423125)

Oroville, CA

Convicted of reckless driving involving alcohol; reported to work under the influence of alcohol. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 12-20-96.

COQUIA, Edward Cabaliw (RN 492615)

Los Angeles, CA

Failed to report conviction that occurred between date of application and date of issuance of license. Suspension stayed, placed on two years probation effective 4-3-97.

DIXON, Tyrone (RN 475316)

Elk Grove, CA

Convicted of spousal abuse. Revocation stayed, placed on five years probation effective 6-2-97.

DUQUE, Diana (BALLAUF) (RN 182603)

Santa Cruz, CA

Committed acts constituting unprofessional conduct. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 7-12-96.

ELGIN, Melody Louise (RN 367468)

Tulare, CA

Disciplined by another state for falsifying hospital record pertaining to controlled substance. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 7-25-97.

FECHTNER, Maribel Saturnina (RN 462734)

Granada Hills, CA

Convicted of disturbing the peace. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 7-7-97.

FLEMING, Flora (RN 493125)

Belmont, CA

Failed to report conviction that occurred between date of application and date of issuance of license. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 4-11-97.

FOSTER, Carolina Mannone (RN 351198)

Redwood City, CA

Used alcohol to extent it impaired her ability to conduct safe nursing. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 3-1-97.

FOSTER, Clinton H. (RN 241680, PHN 19488)

San Luis Obispo, CA

Disciplined by another state for acts constituting unprofessional conduct. Revocation stayed, RN license and PHN certificate placed on three years probation effective 1-2-97. Suspension for up to one year with military teaching activity exception.

GARLEY, Jacquelyn Marie (RN 260393)

Union City, CA

Was under the influence of and tested positive for alcohol. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 9-12-97.

GIOVACCHINI, Michael Gino (RN 283400)

Valley Springs, CA

Gave false information on employment application. Revocation stayed, placed on five years probation effective 8-2-96.

GOODWIN, Noreen Ann (RN 419401)

Tempe, AZ

Falsified hospital/patient records, falsified application for licensure to another state. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 8-4-96.

HABERSHAM, Beverly E. (RN 332872)

Richmond, CA

Committed acts constituting gross negligence. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 10-20-97.

HALE, Bertheola Rebecca Renee (RN 517490)

Manchester, CA

Convicted of acts substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 11-30-97.

HARFORD, Jennifer Ann (RN 439094)

Albany, CA

Admitted to committing acts constituting gross negligence/incompetence. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 6-2-97.

HARRIS, Pamela Kay (RN 478280)

Modesto, CA

Misrepresented herself as a provisional nurse practitioner. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 3-28-97.

HASSAN, Elizabeth P. (PANGILINAN)

(RN 451676) Folsom, CA

Convicted of an act substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 3-1-97.

HAYES, John Joseph (RN 403011)

Elk Grove, CA

Made inconsistent entries in hospital/patient records. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 8-28-96.

HENLEY, Fern (MYHAND, HANKINS)

(RN 236810) Sacramento, CA

Convicted of cultivating and possessing marijuana. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 9-12-97.

JACOBS, Janet Kay (CALLIHAN, PEDROZA, WOMACK, FILLINGAME)

(RN 171769, NP 445) Murrieta, CA

Intoxicated by alcohol while on duty. Revocation stayed, RN license and NP certificate placed on three years probation effective 10-28-96.

JENKINS, Hiram James (RN 328346)

Suisun City, CA

Falsified and/or made grossly incorrect, grossly inconsistent, or unintelligible entries in hospital/patient records pertaining to controlled substances. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 1-23-97.

KAPLAN, Julie B. (RN 236736)

Calistoga, CA

Admitted to administering Marcaine intravenously causing patient's death. Revocation stayed, placed on five years probation effective 5-14-97. Suspension 30 days.

KENNEDY, Linda Mae (RN 404741)

Los Gatos, CA

Made medication errors constituting gross negligence. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 12-4-96.

LAIRD, Shawn Michelle (RN 388505)
San Diego, CA

Allowed unlicensed staff to perform functions required by licensed persons and falsified hospital/patient records. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 1-2-97.

LLOYD-RECTOR, Victoria Clare
(RN 506785) Elk Grove, CA
Attempted to obtain controlled substance by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 10-24-97.

MACHECA, Debra Lynn (RN 476494)
Chester, WV
Disciplined by another state for using restraint on patient and administering injection without order. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 6-30-97.

MADISON, Nancy Jean (RN 427677)
Reno, NV
Disciplined in another state for felony conviction (driving under the influence of alcohol). Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 10-11-97.

MANN, Peter Michael (RN 271413)
Crescent City, CA
Unprofessional conduct; must enter sex offender treatment program. Revocation stayed, placed on five years probation effective 6-2-97. Suspension for one year.

MARLER, Dewey Ann (RN 417657,
PHN 51030) Yuba City, CA
Convicted of obtaining controlled substance by fraud and driving while under the influence of alcohol. Revocation stayed, placed on five years probation effective 4-18-97.

MASON, Cheri R. (RN 403098)
Ventura, CA
Diverted controlled substances for self-use. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 1-8-97.

MEDWEDEFF, Richard (RN 483116)
Joshua Tree, CA
Failed to follow physician's orders; falsified patients' charts. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 7-12-96.

MILLER, Patricia A. (RN 436004)
San Diego, CA
Convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 1-10-97. Suspension 90 days.

MUNOZ, Barbara Jean (RN 389761)
Chino Hills, CA
Flushed heparin lock with potassium chloride instead of normal saline. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 1-4-97.

NARDUCCI, Barbara Lee (FRAMPTON)
(RN 236752) San Lorenzo, CA
Diverted controlled substances for self-use. Revocation stayed, placed on five years probation effective 12-21-96.

ORTIZ, Cynthia Lucille (RN 377781)
Santa Maria, CA
Passed forged prescriptions to obtain controlled substances for self-use. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 1-16-97.

PASS, Richard (RN 387182)
Tarzana, CA
Admitted to obtaining, possessing, and self-administering controlled substance illegally. Revocation stayed, placed on two years probation effective 5-19-97.

PAYNE, Barbara E. (RN 332479)
Sacramento, CA
Violated terms of probation. Probation continued for additional two years effective 7-12-96.

PIERCE, Deborah Jean (RN 352637)
Woodland, CA
Possessed controlled substance without prescription. Revocation stayed, placed on one year probation effective 7-25-97.

QUANDT, Michelle Ann (HENNING)
(RN 427711) St. Francis, WI
Committed acts of gross negligence (administered medication directly into patient's IV resulting in patient death). Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 10-23-96.

REISWIG, Clyde Dennis (RN 296254)
Sonora, CA
Convicted of prowling/peeking. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 12-22-96.

RICE, Larry Kyle (RN 477294)
Roseville, CA
Convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 11-7-97.

ROGERS, Franklin Delanore (RN 344619)
Sun City, CA
Committed acts constituting gross negligence/incompetence. Revocation stayed, placed on six years probation effective 7-25-97.

ROUND, Andrea A. (RN 500337)
Prunedale, CA
Violated terms of probation. Probation extended for two years effective 6-2-97.

SABINO, Jeffer Ymson (RN 231407,
NP and NPF 4985) Madera, CA
Committed acts of gross negligence/incompetence relating to nurse practitioner services. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 11-25-96. NP and NPF certificates suspended for six months.

SALVADOR, Reynaldo Cabacungan
(RN 470468) San Jose, CA
Convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse. License suspended for one year. Suspension stayed, placed on one year probation effective 11-16-97.

SAUNDERS, Elizabeth Nannette (RN 367669)
Oceanside, CA
Made medication errors. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 8-4-96.

SCHIMMEL, Mary Ann (RN 281128)
Mammoth Lakes, CA
Failed to chart correctly on patient's chart. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 2-20-97.

SCHMIT, Dee (SYLVESTER, Dorothy Eileen; McALISTER, Dee, Dorothy E.) (RN 375959)
Capitola, CA
Diverted a prescription drug for self-use. Revocation stayed, placed on three year probation effective 8-28-96.

SMITH, Eileen Marie (RN 377188)
Vista, CA
Committed act constituting gross negligence. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 3-21-97. Suspension 90 days.

SPONSLER, Virginia Ann (RN 308815)
Eureka, CA
Made medication dosage error. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 7-12-96.

STANSBURY, Deborah Lee (RN 472742)
Suisun City, CA
Convicted of public intoxication and driving with a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher; self-administered marijuana. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 6-16-97.

STEWART, Cheryl Ann (HUTLER)
(RN 468933) Modesto, CA
Attempted to work as RN while under the influence of alcohol. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 4-11-97.

STREMPPEL, Linda Beth (RN 436868)
Hermosa Beach CA
Diverted controlled substances for self-use; convicted of same. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 3-2-97. Suspension two months.

TORKELSON, Richard Howard (RN 253755)
Rancho Cordova, CA
Diverted controlled substances for self-use. Revocation stayed, placed on five years probation effective 10-23-96.

TROUTMAN, Margaret (RN 395838)

Nipomo, CA

Convicted of a crime substantially related to qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse. Revocation stayed, placed on five years probation effective 1-16-97.

VISSER, Melinda Jayne (RN 453002)

Susanville, CA

Convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol. Revocation stayed, placed on five years probation effective 7-24-97.

VOGEL, Jeffrey Floyce (RN 405920)

Atascadero, CA

Convicted of a crime substantially related to qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 3-23-97.

WHITE, Kimiko Ellen (RN 496858)

Sacramento, CA

Disciplined in another state; working while under the influence/tested positive for marijuana and benzodiazepines. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 10-30-97.

WHITSON, June A. (CROWLE)

(RN 188001, NMW 74) La Honda, CA

Committed acts of gross negligence/incompetence related to midwifery services. Revocation of NMW certificate stayed, suspended for one year effective 10-28-96, then placed on three years probation at conclusion of suspension. Revocation of RN license stayed, placed on three years probation effective 10-28-96.

**APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE
GRANTED, PLACED ON PROBATION**

GARIBALDI, Eugene Frank (RN 534601)

Cloverdale, CA

Denial based on disciplinary action taken by another state for conviction of illegal possession of marijuana. To be placed on three years probation upon issuance of license 7-30-97.

JORDAN, Laurie Leanne (RN 529370)

Santa Maria, CA

Denial based on action taken by another state for administering medication without physician's order. To be placed on three years probation upon issuance of license. Decision effective 12-21-96.

KRAYK, Kathryn Noelle (RN 529447)

Woodland, CA

Denial based on convictions of driving while under the influence of alcohol. To be placed on three years probation upon issuance of license 2-4-97.

LEE, Larry Gene (RN 527164)

San Francisco, CA

Denial based on action taken by another state for falsely stating on nursing notes that he had performed assessments when he had not. To be placed on three years probation upon issuance of license. Decision effective 10-3-96.

MARINAS, Jonathan Hora (RN 520759)

Chino Hills, CA

Convicted of acts substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse. Application for license granted. License to be issued and immediately revoked. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 10-30-97.

RYAN, Scott James (RN 538931)

Whittier, CA

Convicted of acts substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse. License to be issued and immediately revoked. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 11-30-97.

ZVILNA, Ursula (RN 538146)

Yucaipa, CA

Denial of application based upon conviction for obtaining controlled substances by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or subterfuge. License to be issued and immediately revoked. Revocation stayed, placed on three years probation effective 10-25-97.

**APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED
PRACTICE CERTIFICATE GRANTED,
PLACED ON PROBATION**

AMIN, Margaret Lynn (RN 301723,

NMW 315) Moreno Valley, CA

Denial based on charges resulting in disciplinary action against RN license and NMW certificate: failing to refer patient for hospital birth when patient became high-risk patient. Placed on probation to run concurrent with RN license and NMW probation effective 6-2-97.

WALKER, Lorri Lynn (RN 452390, NP 6043)

Huntington Beach, CA

Denial of application for NMW based on respondent offering to practice nurse midwifery without certification. Upon certification as NMW, to be placed on three years probation to run concurrent with her RN and NP probation which commenced 7-10-95.

**LICENSES REINSTATED,
PLACED ON PROBATION**

CAMBEROS, Sandra M. (RN 445470)

Los Angeles, CA

Placed on three years probation effective 3-12-97.

DEGROOT, William (RN 443472)

Casa Grande, AZ

Placed on five years probation effective 3-12-97.

FRANK, Wanda (RN 326376)

Gardena, CA

Placed on three years probation effective 11-2-96.

LAURITO, Kim Marie (RN 302540,

PHN 39680) Azusa, CA

Placed on three years probation effective 11-2-96.

ROWE, Patricia E. (RN 209806)

Waterford, CA

Placed on three years probation effective 10-23-97.

THORPE, Robert Lee (RN 360149)

Point Richmond, CA

Placed on three years probation effective 5-29-97.

TOKOPH, Cynthia Louise (RN 465060)

Tucson, AZ

Placed on three years probation effective 10-23-97.

WAREHAM, Mona Y. (RN 211423)

Bakersfield, CA

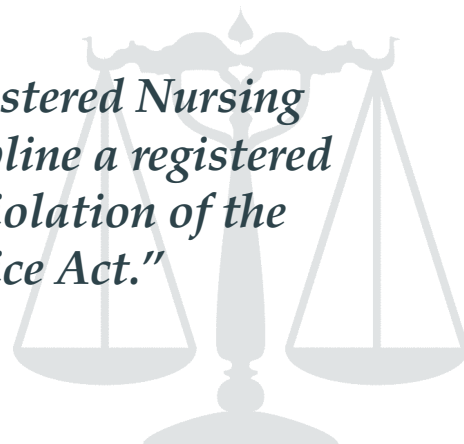
Placed on three years probation effective 10-23-97.

YOUNG, Victoria Anne (RN 363028)

North Hills, CA

Placed on three years probation effective 11-2-96.

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