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### **BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

SACRAMENTO - The California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) announces the appointment of Loretta S. Melby RN, BSN, MSN as its new Executive Officer effective June 4, 2020.

Ms. Melby has 25 years of healthcare experience including 19 years as a registered nurse with 13 of those years being in a variety of nurse management and leadership roles. Most recently, Ms. Melby has served as the acting executive officer for BRN where she has had to navigate the board during the COVID-19 pandemic and think strategically and creatively and work well under pressure. During this time Ms. Melby has led BRN, finding alternative solutions within relevant statutes and regulations to help nursing students while maintaining the integrity of the nursing practice. She has showcased her relationship building skills by having to collaborate with internal and external stakeholders to develop resources for students and the board.

Throughout her career, Ms. Melby has demonstrated an in-depth knowledge of the nursing practice from all levels. From being a nurse, clinical instructor, director of nursing program, a nurse education specialist, sexual assault nurse examiner, nursing administration and practice manager, and a nurse education consultant she has enveloped a wide range of skills that will be valuable to BRN.

Ms. Melby has earned several professional degrees and certificates which include a Bachelor of Science in nursing, Master of Science in nursing, and is planning on resuming her pursuit of her terminal degree after taking some time off.

**ABOUT BRN:** The Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) is a state governmental agency established by law to protect the public by regulating the practice of registered nurses. The BRN is responsible for implementation and enforcement of the Nursing Practice Act: the laws related to nursing education, licensure, practice, and discipline. The Nursing Practice Act created a nine-member Board which serves as the BRN decision-making body. Learn more at [www.rn.ca.gov](http://www.rn.ca.gov).

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