



RN UPDATE

The mission of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas is to protect and promote the welfare of the people of Texas by ensuring that each person holding a license as a registered professional nurse in the State of Texas is competent to practice safely. The Board fulfills its mission through the regulation of the practice of professional nursing and the accreditation of schools of nursing. This mission, derived from Chapters 301, 303 & 304 of the Texas Occupations Code, supersedes the interest of any individual, the nursing profession, or any special interest group.



All Texas Registered Nurses to Renew Online Effective April 1, 2003: BNE Saving Measures Implemented to Address Budget Reductions

Texas RNs, beginning April 1, 2003, will be required to renew their licenses online via the internet. The Board of Nurse Examiners, like all other state agencies, is required to reduce its budget 7.5 percent through the end of this fiscal year and another 12.5 percent for the next two fiscal years. Online renewal is one of the steps that the Board implemented to achieve this goal. RNs can renew their licenses by visiting the agency web site located at: www.bne.state.tx.us or by visiting the registered nurse renewal site hosted by Texas Online located at: www.texasonline.state.tx.us/NASApp/bnexam/BNExamManager. RNs will receive a yellow postcard in the mail indicating that it is time to renew their license. Nurses can then visit either of the two web sites listed above and follow the instructions on the screen.

The BNE has offered the option to renew licenses online since last year and many nurses have selected this method of renewal because of the convenience and speed with which one can renew their license. BNE staff have received feedback, such as the following e-mail, from nurses renewing their licenses online who have described the process as easy, quick and reliable.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for the online renewal for my license. It was so simple and easy, and I really appreciate the convenience. Keep up the good work!
Sincerely,
Stacy Burke, RN

For nurses who do not have a computer or access to the internet, several options are available. Most libraries have computers with internet access that can be used for little or no cost. Another option is to talk to your employer about accessing the internet to renew your license.

Nurses renewing online have two choices on how to renew. Most licenses will be renewed through the

secure Texas Online Portal with payment done by credit card or electronic check. Printed licenses will arrive approximately 10 days after completion of renewal. Licenses can be verified electronically or by phone on the following day. Licensees who do not wish to pay their fees by credit card or are unable to renew through the Texas Online site will need to visit the BNE web site and download a paper renewal application. The renewal fee, in the form of check or money order, must be mailed with the paper renewal form.

RN licenses **can not** be renewed through the Texas Online web site if one of the following is true:

- * The license is delinquent or inactive and/or the licensee is requesting a change in licensure type, such as: inactivation of one's APN status.
- * The licensee does not have a social security number.
- * The licensee has not met the mandatory CE requirements.
- * The licensee has defaulted on a Texas Guaranteed Student Loan.
- * The licensee has been convicted or received a deferred order or adjudication of a felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation since the last renewal.
- * The licensee has been diagnosed with or treated/hospitalized for schizophrenia, psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder or borderline personality disorder and has not completed or is not in compliance with TPAPN for mental illness.
- * The licensee has been addicted or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug in the last 5 years and has not completed or is not in compliance with TPAPN.

If you meet any of the conditions listed above, you will need to download the paper renewal application from the BNE web site, and mail the application with the appropriate fee to the BNE's office.

Other Agency Changes in Response to Budget Reductions

Texas RNs will see other changes in how the BNE operates. The agency eliminated two positions for this

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fiscal year and will eliminate another four positions in the next fiscal year, beginning September 1st. In response to the elimination of positions, staff are taking additional work load from vacated positions and cross training to perform other job duties needed for agency operation.

The Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN), which is funded entirely by the BNE and Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners, will see a 7% reduction in it's budget for this fiscal year and another 12% reduction for the following two years. The agency will reduce the quantity of disciplinary referrals directed to TPAPN to compensate for the reduction in funding.

Other cost saving measures include:

- * conversion of all agency licensing forms to be downloadable from the BNE web site.
- * addition of BNE workshop registration forms to Texas Online so attendees can register and pay registration fees by credit card or electronic check.
- * downsizing of the *RN Update* from 16 to 12 pages, with folding and tabbing, to qualify for a lower postage rate and lower printing cost.

The agency will analyze the effectiveness of the steps implemented so far while continuing to review further options to cut costs, such as offering the *RN Update* **online only** or offering space for advertising to offset printing and postage costs.

Balancing the duties and responsibilities of the agency with a shrinking budget will be a continually evolving process. We value your feedback and welcome any comments on the budget reduction or cost saving measures. E-mail comments should be addressed to: webmaster@bne.state.tx.us.



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Proposed and Adopted Rules



At the January 23-24, 2003 meeting of the Board of Nurse Examiners, the Board took the following actions:

- * voted to adopt amendments to existing Rule §217.16 relating to Minor Incidents. Adopted amendments became effective February 20, 2003.
- * voted to adopt amendments to existing Rule §217.18 relating to Registered Nurse First Assistants. Adopted amendments became effective February 20, 2003. (See related article on page 4.)
- * voted to repeal existing Rule §218 relating to Delegation of Selected Nursing Tasks by Registered Professional Nurses to Unlicensed Personnel. New Rules §§224 relating to Delegation of Nursing Tasks by Registered Professional Nurses to Unlicensed Personnel for Clients with Acute Conditions or in Acute Care Environments and 225 relating to RN Delegation to Unlicensed Personnel and Tasks not Requiring Delegation in Independent Living Environments for Clients with Stable and Predictable Conditions were enacted. Rules 224 and 225 became effective February 20, 2003. (See January 2003 *RN Update* for more information on new Rules 224 and 225.)

Board was notified of adoption of amendments, after comments were received, to existing Rules §§221.4(b) and 221.5 relating to Requirements for Full Authorization to Practice and Provisional Authorization for advanced practice nurses. Adopted amendments became effective February 20, 2003. (See related article on page 4.)

For more information on rules mentioned above, refer to the *Texas Register* via the Office of the Secretary of State for the State of Texas located at <http://lamb.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.html>.

Board Adopts Revised Position Statements

At the January 2003 meeting, the Board passed revisions to the following position statements:

- 15.7 Guidelines for Nurses Administering Medications via the Epidural and Intrathecal Routes for the Purpose of Pain Control**
- 15.8 Administration of IV Conscious Sedation by the Registered Nurse**
- 15.9 Performance of Laser Therapy by RNs**
- 15.11 Delegated Medical Acts**
- 15.13 Role of the School Nurse**
- 15.14 Role of the RN in the Restructured Health Care Delivery System**
- 15.20 Nurses in the Management of an Unwitnessed Arrest in a Resident in a Long Term Care Facility (New, October 2002)**

Position Statements, as well as new and/or revised rules may be accessed in their entirety on the BNE web page at www.bne.state.tx.us/position.htm. You may browse under either "Practice Issues" or the "Files and Download" sections to locate position statements. Changes to Position Statements 15.11, 15.13, and 15.14 were to update references to the latest delegation rules, 224 and 225, relating to RN Delegation. Though these two new rules are available on the BNE web page, a summarization of the changes may be viewed either on the web page under "BNE News" or in the January 2003 *RN Update*.

Board Meeting Schedule - 2003

April 24-25
July 24-25
October 23-24

Meetings to be held in Austin

VOLUNTEER FOR A PEER

You can make a difference. "TPAPN saved my life."
 Become a part of nurses helping nurses by calling the Texas Peer Assistance Program for nurses at 1-800-288-5528.

Board Adopts Revision of Rules 221.4(b) and 221.5, relating to Advanced Practice Nurses

At its October 24, 2002 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to propose changes to two sections of Rule 221, relating to advanced practice nurses. No comments were received, and these changes were adopted on February 20, 2003. The first change addresses the requirement that an applicant for authorization to practice as an advanced practice nurse obtain national certification within two years of his/her program completion date [§221.4(b)]. The Board charged its Advanced Practice Nursing Advisory Committee (APNAC) with reviewing this requirement and making a recommendation regarding any necessary changes after receiving numerous petitions from advanced practice nurses who practiced in other states where national certification is not required. APNAC recommended that the Board maintain the requirement that advanced practice nurses obtain national certification but eliminate the two year time limitation. This change should make it easier for experienced advanced practice nurses who practice in states where certification is not required to obtain authorization to practice in Texas after obtaining national certification in the appropriate advanced role and specialty area.

The first revision served as a catalyst for a change to the requirements for new graduate advanced practice nurses (§221.5). The provisional authorization period is decreased to no more than one calendar year from the date the applicant completed his/her advanced educational program. In addition, the applicant must cease practice in the advanced role and specialty if he/she fails the national certification examination on the first attempt. He/She may, however, continue to practice as a registered nurse. The revised rule also eliminates the requirement that the individual complete a program for re-education if he/she does not pass the national certification examination within a certain time period. The change provides assurance to the public that the practice of new graduate advanced practice nurses who fail the national certification examination on the first attempt is appropriately monitored by another qualified advanced practice nurse or physician. Please note: This change does not apply to those graduate advanced practice nurses who applied for authorization to practice prior to the date the rule was adopted. Graduate advanced practice nurses and their employers should review the content of the provisional authorization approval letter to determine whether the individual falls under the previous Rule 221.5 or the newly adopted section of the rule.

Revision to RNFA Rule Adopted

At the October 2002 meeting, the Board proposed an amendment to Rule 217.18, relating to registered nurses functioning as first assistants in surgery. The emergency revisions permitted RNs who did not meet the criteria specified in the original rule to continue to first assist for a limited period of time provided they met certain alternate criteria. At the time they proposed the amendment to the rule language, the Board also adopted the language on an emergency basis.

Since the emergency rule became effective, staff received multiple inquiries on the requirements for operating room experience listed in §217.18(b)(4). Many individuals inquired whether the Board intended to develop its own criteria for acceptable operating room experience or recognize operating room experiences not recognized by the Certification Board Perioperative Nursing (CBPN). These inquiries prompted the Board to add a statement that clarifies that CNOR-eligibility criteria are defined by the CBPN.

Staff also received numerous inquiries regarding the requirement that the RN have "One year or 500 hours of experience first assisting as of March 1, 2002. . . ." Many RNs expressed that they were uncertain whether they met this requirement as they believed that "one year" was too vague and cannot be quantified. One individual queried whether first assisting in two or three cases over the course of twelve months meant that he could continue first assisting if he meets all other criteria. The intent of this language was to view one year as equivalent to 500 hours first assisting; however, the proposed language did not specify how much first assisting experience was required during the one year time period. Based on these inquiries, the Board elected to make a change to this requirement. Under the adopted rule, RNs who wish to first assist under the alternate criteria must have 500 hours of experience first assisting as of March 1, 2002.

The amendment to Rule 217.18 was adopted on February 20, 2003. The text of the rule can be reviewed on the Board's web site at <http://www.bne.state.tx.us/rr217.htm#18>.



EDUCATION REPORT

By Sandra Owen, MN, RN



January 2003 Board Action

Based on a review of the 2002 Annual Report and NCLEX-RN® pass rates:

Continued Full Accreditation with Commendations for:

Diploma Programs:
Baptist Health System

Associate Degree Nursing Programs:
Alvin Community College
Amarillo College
Houston Community College
Howard College
North Central Texas College
North Harris Montgomery Community College District
St. Phillip's College
Temple College
Texarkana College
Trinity Valley Community College
University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College
Wharton County Junior College

Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Programs:
Baylor University
Tarleton State University
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
Texas Woman's University
University of Mary-Hardin Baylor
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Master's Degree Nursing Programs:
University of Texas at Austin - Alternate Entry MSN

Continued Full Accreditation with Commendations and Recommendations for:

Associate Degree Nursing Programs:
Angelo State University

Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Programs:
Abilene Intercollegiate School of Nursing

Continued Full Accreditation with Commendations and Requirements for:

Associate Degree Nursing Programs:
Austin Community College
College of the Mainland
Midland College
Navarro College
Northeast Texas Community College
Panola College

Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Programs:
Lamar University at Beaumont
Stephen F. Austin State University
University of Texas at El Paso

Continued Initial Accreditation with Commendation for:

Associate Degree Nursing Program:
Weatherford College

Based on a Review of the 2002 Annual Report :

Continued Full Accreditation with no Recommendations and no Requirements for:

Post-Licensure Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Programs:
Angelo State University - RN to BSN
Southwestern Adventist University - RN to BSN
Texas A&M International University - RN to BSN

Advanced Practice Programs:
Abilene Intercollegiate School of Nursing
- MSN/Family Nurse Practitioner
Angelo State University - Medical-Surgical Clinical Nurse Specialist
Houston Baptist University - Family Nurse Practitioner
University of Texas - Pan American - Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas - Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner

Continued Full Accreditation with Requirements for:

Post Licensure Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Programs:
University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College

Advanced Practice Nursing Programs:
Prairie View A&M University - Family Nurse Practitioner

Continued Initial Accreditation with Requirements for:

Advanced Practice Nursing Programs
Texas Christian University - Harris College of Nursing - Clinical Nurse Specialist/Adult Health

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Based on a Review of the 2002 Annual Report and NCLEX-RN® Pass Rates:

Changed the Accreditation Status from Full to Warning with a Requirement for:

Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Programs:
University of Texas at Tyler

Associate Degree Nursing Program:
Cisco Junior College

Changed the Accreditation Status from Warning to Full for:

Associate Degree Nursing Programs:
Southwestern Adventist University

Changed the Accreditation Status from Warning to Full with a Requirement for:

Associate Degree Nursing Programs:
Odessa College

Changed the Accreditation Status from Warning to Full with a Commendation and Requirements for:

Associate Degree Nursing Programs:
Paris Junior College

Changed the Accreditation Status from Initial to Full with a Commendation for:

Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Programs:
Texas A&M International University

Associate Degree Nursing Programs:
South Texas Community College

Approved Closure of a Distance Education Initiative for:
West Texas A&M University College in cooperation with
Amarillo College

Approved a Modification for a Distance Education Initiative for:
University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost
College at Harlingen

Approved placing a Distance Education Initiative in Dormant Status for:

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
in cooperation with the the Rio Grande College of
Sul Ross State University in Del Rio

Approved a Formalized Mentoring Plan for the Director for:

Odessa College

Approved a Formalized Mentoring Plan for Faculty for:
North Harris Montgomery Community College District
Weatherford College

Texas Nurses Participate in NCLEX-RN® Development

The Board of Nurse Examiners is pleased to announce the selection of the following registered nurses as participants in the NCLEX-RN® test development process: Joyce Laurie of Laredo, Exam Item Reviewer; Patti Clements of Texas City, Valoree Murray of Cleburne, and Veronica Parker of San Antonio, Item Reviewer Alternates; Rosemary Berumen of Temple, and Jo Anne Nance of Del Rio, Master Pool Alternates. By contributing their expertise, these RNs assisted the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to insure the inclusion of NCLEX-RN® content that is current, accurate, practice related and appropriate for an entry level practitioner.

Advisory Committee Update

APN Advisory Committee Update

The APN advisory committee met on February 10, 2003 in Austin to continue work on their charges from the Board. The committee continues to discuss guidelines for a refresher course/extensive orientation for advanced practice nurses with inactive status who have not practiced in more than four years. The committee also gave further consideration to the development of standardized criteria for review of new and existing national certification examinations. The committee is scheduled to meet again in May 2003.

Advisory Committee on Education

The Advisory Committee on Education completed their review and proposed revision of Rule 215. The Committee will present recommendations for revisions to the rule at the April 24-25, 2003, Board Meeting.

IMPOSTOR WARNING

If you have any knowledge or information regarding the employment practices of the following individual(s), please contact the Board's Enforcement Division immediately at (512) 305-6838.

Clifton Ray Daulton Jr.

Clifton Ray Daulton Jr. secured employment as a Marketing Consultant with a home health agency in Houston, Texas, and worked from February 1, 2002 through November 5, 2002. At the time of hire, Mr. Daulton indicated that he had a professional nursing license in the State of Texas, but was not required to provide a copy since a RN license was not a requirement. As time passed, the Director of Nursing began asking Mr. Daulton to assist with some aspects of nursing. On October 16, 2002, Mr. Daulton was asked to discharge a patient. The agency asked Mr. Daulton for a copy of his RN license, however various excuses were given as to why he could not provide one. On November 1, 2002, the human resources department contacted the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners and was unable to verify a Texas RN license number for Mr. Daulton. A meeting was held with Mr. Daulton, and he admitted to misrepresenting himself as an RN. On November 5, 2002, Mr. Daulton was terminated from employment. Mr. Daulton's case was referred to the Houston Police Department.



Julia M. Ojeda

On October 14, 2002, Julia M. Ojeda applied for a position as a Charge Nurse with a clinic in Houston, Texas. The Clinical Director interviewed Ms. Ojeda for the RN position and asked about the status of her Texas RN license. Ms. Ojeda stated that she had an RN license in Texas but changed it to Florida when she moved. She stated that now that she's back in Texas, she has changed her license from Florida back to Texas. The Clinical Director went online to the automated service and spoke to someone in Enforcement but could not verify that Ms. Ojeda ever had an RN license in the State of Texas. He then told Ms. Ojeda that he was unable to verify her Texas license and recommended that she call the Texas Board of Nursing to clear up the matter. Ms. Ojeda was not offered a position but was told to call once everything was straightened out and they would consider her application again.



NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The following registered nurses had disciplinary action taken against their licenses. If you would like to receive additional information regarding the disciplinary action which has been imposed, please send your request to the Board of Nurse Examiners, Enforcement Division, P.O. Box 430, Austin, Texas, 78767-0430.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LICENSE #</u>	<u>DISCIPLINE</u>	<u>DATE OF ACTION</u>
Abrego, Maria	654175	Warning with Stipulations	February 11, 2003
Anderson, Christy D.F.	217626	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Baker, Martha G. A.	227201	Remedial Education	December 10, 2002
Bates, Kristi L.	617252	Remedial Education	February 7, 2003
Bennett, Rebecca C. Wheeless	237557	Warning with Stipulations	February 11, 2003
Brown, Vicki Cheryl	579847	Warning with Stipulations	February 11, 2003
Burnett Jr., Harlen	633111	License Revoked	January 23, 2003
Cantu, M. Silvia Rodriguez	563331	License Revoked	February 11, 2003

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>LICENSE #</u>	<u>DISCIPLINE</u>	<u>DATE OF ACTION</u>
Carlock, Brenda J. King	433452	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Cawthon, Bruce David	593999	Remedial Education	January 6, 2003
Chickering-Moore, Doris Marie	460175	Remedial Education	January 28, 2003
Clements, Tammy Dean	665273	Warning with Stipulations	February 11, 2003
Coles, Mary Lorraine	581919	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Cooper, Cynthia	653139	Reprimand with Stipulations	January 23, 2003
Cornell, Karen Sue	661333	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Cox, Dawn Starr	682221	Remedial Education	February 12, 2003
Cox, Karen R.	232161	Remedial Education	January 23, 2003
Cruse, Beverly Lynn	654140	Remedial Education	January 28, 2003
Danforth, Kerrie Sheraye	678511	Remedial Education	January 28, 2003
Davis, Mary Lynn	623343	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Day, Rebecca Sue	237145	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Difilippo, Irene M.	246477	Reprimand with Stipulations	February 11, 2003
Farris, Debra	577420	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Flower, Christopher	657556	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Forrest, Glenn Nelson	646809	Reprimand with Stipulations	February 11, 2003
French, Deborah Kay	434889	Warning with Stipulations	January 23, 2003
Garza, Christine Marie	621403	Warning with Stipulations	February 11, 2003
Geerdes, Leslie Gleneva	639809	Remedial Education	December 17, 2002
Gibson, Laura Young	535487	Remedial Education & Fine	January 8, 2003
Hammond, Sonya Michelle	649429	Remedial Education	December 20, 2002
Hargrove, Nora M. Hahn	215364	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Harmon, Lila L.	540439	Remedial Education	December 27, 2002
Harrison, Nancy Ruth	562832	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Hodges, Kristene	572229	Remedial Education	December 12, 2002
Holmes, Tiffaney Dawn	641419	Warning with Stipulations	February 11, 2003
Hom, Lisa L.	569137	Remedial Education & Fine	February 21, 2003
Horton, Robert Giraud	562977	Warning with Stipulations	January 28, 2003
Hutchinson Jr., James Willis	554762	Remedial Education	December 31, 2002
Jennings, Dionne Marie	678980	Reprimand with Stipulations	January 23, 2003
Keyworth, Darrell B.	673277	Warning with Stipulations	January 23, 2003
Lagunas, Norma Isela	589305	Warning with Stipulations	February 11, 2003
Ledeczi, Mona Mary	591613	Remedial Education	January 24, 2003
Levy, Leleith May	449763	Warning with Stipulations	January 23, 2003
Mahan, Kerri Jean	563387	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Mansfield, Nancy L.	501981	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Martinez, Robin	638026	Remedial Education	January 14, 2003
McCormack, Ann Marie	673817	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
McCullough, Dessie A.	517514	Limited License	February 11, 2003
McGee, Leahnn Veronica	581364	Reprimand with Stipulations	February 11, 2003
McNees, Diana	629614	Remedial Education	December 31, 2002
Murphree, Sherrie S. C.	227544	Reprimand with Stipulations	January 23, 2003
Newsom, Teresa Jo	605387	Remedial Education	February 7, 2003
Nohpal Jr., Edgar	672022	Reprimand with Stipulations	January 23, 2003
Nwaobasi, Rachel N. Imo	429907	Remedial Education	February 11, 2003
Orr, Sharron Juanita	589662	Remedial Education	January 21, 2003

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Peacock, Joan Marie	555365	Warning with Stipulations	February 11, 2003
Polsin, Michael J.	649854	License Revoked	January 23, 2003
Quinney, Brenda Lynn	605577	Remedial Education & Fine	January 6, 2003
Ramsey, Gwendolyn Walters	669932	Remedial Education	February 7, 2003
Reynolds, Trudy W.	618716	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Roberts, Kara	664379	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Robinson, Judith	599961	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Rodriguez, Douglas Alces	625819	Remedial Education	January 31, 2003
Saunders, Janice Ann	541456	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Stockton, Maxine Roberts	507991	Remedial Education	January 23, 2003
Valdez, Joe R.	238811	Warning with Stipulations	January 23, 2003
Valencia, Judy Solis	555934	Warning with Stipulations	February 11, 2003
Webb, Patrice R.	257162	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Wilson, Kenneth Wayne	568792	Remedial Education	December 12, 2002
Woodard, Lisa Sue	635714	License Revoked	February 11, 2003
Ybarra, Leslie Marie	679748	Warning with Stipulations	February 11, 2003
Zima, Robert	527329	License Revoked	February 11, 2003

VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS

The following individuals have voluntarily surrendered their license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LICENSE #</u>	<u>DATE OF SURRENDER</u>
Adams Jr, Benjamin Franklin	636636	February 21, 2003
Ailles, Alan Dale	550302	December 20, 2002
Baker, Sherry Elaine	570963	February 11, 2003
Billing, Tracy Lee	624100	February 13, 2003
Calvelo Jr., Arsenio Cuevas	680154	December 31, 2002
Caudle, Sheryl Nan	243546	January 23, 2003
Cockrell, Della Frances	606147	February 18, 2003
Costa, Kristie T.	612688	February 6, 2003
Eubank, Darla Diane	547292	February 3, 2003
Feddersen, Janie Louise	582341	February 19, 2003
Gill, Melanie Brook	582518	December 20, 2002
Gloria, Meinrad Dayrit	635133	January 31, 2003
Hare, Delma D.	619059	January 9, 2003
Harper, Dana Mark	234939	December 31, 2002
Hicks, Anita	630084	December 10, 2002
Higgins, Tonda Jean	532003	January 17, 2003
Malott, Terry Sue	454690	January 28, 2003
Manuel, Joan Carol	442231	November 8, 2002
Marriott, Thomas Foster	667606	January 2, 2003
Marsh, Kenneth A.	622159	January 23, 2003
Mattera, Dianna Lynn	667558	January 14, 2003
Moss, Jodi McDonald	577950	January 16, 2003
Nowajewski, Tammera C.	553724	December 19, 2002
Patch, Melissa Donn	612004	December 16, 2002

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>LICENSE #</u>	<u>DATE OF SURRENDER</u>
Powell, Carla Raye	559390	December 17, 2002
Smith, Randi Brueggemann	674947	December 23, 2002
Waldon, Ramona Lynn	548660	February 14, 2003
Warthan, Angela	643436	January 21, 2003

Insufficient Funds

As of March 11, 2003, the following nurses appear on the records of the Board of Nurse Examiners as debits for failure to respond to notices of returned checks. Should any of these nurses be employed or seeking employment with your agency/institution, please contact the Board's office. If any of these nurses are practicing in Texas as a registered nurse, they may be in violation of the Nursing Practice Act and may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LICENSE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LICENSE #</u>
Gonzalez, Cynthia	RN 541332	O'Dell, Jennifer Ann	TL 86521
Hiett, Martha	TL 88174	Walls, Lillian	RN 565105
Johnson, Vickie	TL 87956	Wilson, Cynthia	RN 689573
Mosely, Julia	RN 251209	Wilcox, Bobbie	LVN 168101

Change of Address

Last Name: _____
First Name: _____
Middle Name: _____
SSN: _____ / _____ / _____
RN# _____
Today's Date: _____

Old Address:

Address _____

 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____

New Address:

Address _____

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Workshop Update

Overview of Current Regulations: A Foundation for Safe RN Practice

Four workshops addressing nursing jurisprudence issues are currently scheduled:

El Paso - May 1, 2003
Ft. Worth - July 31, 2003
Dallas - August 1, 2003
Austin - August 21, 2003

The workshop has been approved for 6.4 Type 1 contact hours. The workshop fee is currently \$80 for pre-registration and \$95 at the door; however, this fee is subject to change.

Registration Information

Via the BNE website, brochures/registration forms will be available with pre-registration accepted **six weeks** prior to the workshop. Preregistration is always encouraged since space is limited. Payment *must* accompany the registration form, so registration cannot be taken over the phone, e-mail, or fax. If you are unable to download the brochure from our website, you may request one by contacting us. Our phone number for workshop information is (512) 305-6844 and e-mail address is **Tiffany.Sloane@bne.state.tx.us**

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