



BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING MINUTES

- TIME AND PLACE:** June 9, 2022
Benton Event Center, 17322 I-30N, Benton, AR 72015
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lance Lindow, RN; Stacie Hipp, APRN; Janice Ivers, MSN, RN, CNE; Neldia Dycus, BS, MHSM, MHRD, RN; Jasper Fultz, LPN; Melanie Garner, LPN, CLC;
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ramonda Housh, MNSc, APRN, CNP, C-PNP
- STAFF ATTENDING AT VARIOUS TIMES:** Sue A. Tedford, Director, MNSc, APRN
David Dawson, General Counsel, JD
Ashley Fisher, Attorney Specialist
Lisa Wooten, Assistant Director, MPH, BSN, RN
Shannon McKinney, Assistant Director, DNP, APRN, WHNP-BC
Janet Simpson, Program Coordinator, MSN, RNP, RNC-MNN
Leslie Suggs, Executive Assistant to the Director
LouAnn Walker, Public Information Coordinator
Albert Williams, Information Systems Coordinator

President Lance Lindow called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A flexible agenda was declared.

I. BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING AGENDA

A copy of the agenda for the day along with a copy of the corresponding hand-outs are attached.

David Dawson, JD, ASBN General Counsel, presented on Medication Assisted Treatment. As of April 5, 2022, the Department of Justice announced guidelines on how the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) protects people with opioid use disorder (OUD) who are in treatment or recovery, including those who take medication to treat their OUD. After discussion, the following recommendations were made and will be presented to the full Board during July 2022 Meetings:

- Rescind Policy III-40 – Methadone or Buprenorphine Use in a Treatment Plan;
- Individuals scheduled for board hearings taking specific medications should have a neuropsych evaluation, disability documentation, and a current PMP; and
- Schedule speaker to provide the Board with education on the safety of a nurse practicing while taking medications for MAT.

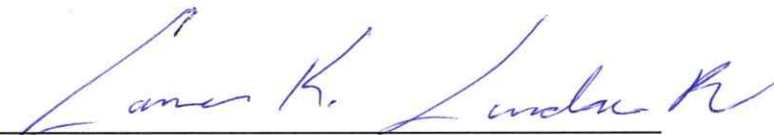
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Sue Tedford, MNSc, APRN, Director, presented on the Complaint and Investigative process. After discussion, the following suggestions were made:

- Add an additional question on initial applications for licensure related to convictions being sealed, expunged, or pardoned;
- Do not issue a Letter of Warning (LOW) for examination applicants if the conviction was prior to enrollment in the nursing program;
- Continue issuing a Letter of Warning for endorsement applicants if the conviction/plea occurred after issuance of their first nursing license; and
- Licensed nurses be issued a LOW for Class B and C misdemeanors and Letter of Reprimand (LOR) for felonies and Class A misdemeanors.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



Lance Lindow, President



Leslie Suggs, Recording Secretary

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Date Approved