



**Washington State Board of Nursing (WA BON)
Licensing Subcommittee Minutes
August 15, 2023 1: 00 pm to 2: 00 pm**

Committee Members: Dawn Morrell, BSN, CCRN, RN, Chair
Adam Canary, LPN
Helen Myrick, Public Member
MaiKia Moua, RN, BSN, MPH

Staff: Amber Zawislak-Bielaski, MPH, Assistant Director of Licensing
Shana Johnny, MN, RN, Nurse Practice Consultant, Ad- Hoc
Karl Hoehn, JD, Assistant Director of Discipline- Legal Services
Miranda Bayne, Staff Attorney
Lori Underwood, Licensing Supervisor

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I. 1:00 PM Opening – Dawn Morrell, BSN, CCRN, RN Subcommittee Chair

- **Roll Call**
- **Call to Order** - Commissioner Dawn Morrell, Commissioner Helen Myrick, Commissioner Adam Canary, Ms. Amber Zawislak-Bielaski, Mr. Karl Hoehn, Ms. Miranda Bayne, Ms. Lori Underwood

II. Standing Agenda Items

- **Announcements/Hot Topic/WABON Business Meeting Updates** - Commissioner Morrell asked the committee if there were any topics to be discussed, no topics were brought forward.
- **Approve Minutes for June 20, 2023**– Commissioner Morrell confirmed with Commissioner Myrick that there was a consensus to approve the minutes for June 20, 2023.

III. Old Business

- **Florida School Issues and Current Actions** – Mr. Hoehn shared with the committee that there are still cases that are coming through CMT, but they have slowed down quite a bit. The cases that are being reviewed with Legal right now are very difficult because they are having to consider the fact that some of these schools were once a completely legitimate school. He explained that they must be careful when reviewing these cases and ask lots of questions. Mr. Hoehn asked Ms. Bayne if she had any additional comments. Ms. Bayne added that right now they are reviewing schools that are not necessarily publicized as being on the official FBI list so we're having to take a closer look at those files. Mr. Hoehn also added that they had received a few more schools involved in the FBI operation, and these were added to the current list on our website.

- **Temporary Practice Permit Rules** – Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski shared with the committee that the CR102 for the temporary practice permit rules were filed and it sounds like we are on track for a hearing at the November business meeting for permanent rulemaking. Commissioner Morrell asked when the rules will go into effect after the hearing. Ms. Dagum explained that after the language is approved by the Board, they will move forward and file the CR103 which is the final step of the rules process. This will move the language into a permanent rule which will then be effective as early as thirty-one days after filing or otherwise indicated. Ms. Dagum also added that it does take a month after the last filing date to become effective and that communication will be sent through our different avenues about that.

IV. New Business

- **Governor's Weekly Report** - Ms. Underwood provided a summary of the current Governor's report. She shared that we are currently at a four-day processing time to issue temporary practice permits. She also added that in July the average days to process was six days. Ms. Underwood explained that we are seeing the impact of the Nurse License Compact going into place. In July, we received a total of 1,222 new applications; in July of last year, we had a total of 2,435 new applications. She continued to add that we are starting to see pre COVID numbers now because of the compact. Commissioner Morrell asked the committee if there were any questions. Commissioner Myrick commented that these numbers are almost half of what they were last year, and she was curious about the major implications this is having on revenue. She asked if this was on track with what was anticipated or if it was even a further loss of revenue than anticipated. Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski replied that we are in line with what we had anticipated when we were looking at the initial data. She shared that approximately fifty to sixty percent of our endorsement applicants came from a state where they held a multistate license. She commented on it will be interesting to see the numbers in the upcoming months.

Ms. Dagum shared some information from the demographic data survey. She shared that we had 890 submissions and that this is a rough indicator of just how many nurses are using their multistate license here now. Mr. Hoehn commented that it will be interesting to see what the numbers look like in September. Ms. Dagum added that beginning in September, employers will have 30 days to report to the Board the nurses holding a multistate license working at their facility.

- **Nurse Licensure Compact Implementation Update** – Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski provided an update. She shared with the committee that we had to create a couple of band-aid processes on our current database pending HELMS since our current database was not set up for multistate licensure. This has been creating some issues, but the band-aids we have created will hold up at least until we have HELMS implemented. She continued to explain that one of the band-aids is for the ARNPs. They can work in Washington state without obtaining a Washington state RN license if they hold an active multistate RN license. We had to create a tracking credential in ILRS for the sake of making sure their multistate RN license was combined with their ARNP license in ILRS. We are also using that for renewals. She also added that on the Department of Health's Provider Credential Search, we have added better

language to help users. It redirects users to our credential verifications page where it explains how to search for multistate licenses.

Mr. Hoehn provided information regarding the Interstate Commission of Nurse License Compact administrators Rule 302, sub section four. He explained that this rule states that an NLC party state shall not renew or reinstate a single state license if the nurse holds a multistate license in another party state. He continued to share that they had a good meeting with Mr. Jim Puente and Mr. Fred Knight with NCSBN to review these rules. Mr. Hoehn explained that we need to investigate this more as we currently have automated processes for nurses to renew in our current system. The system does not check to see if nurses renewing their license hold an active multistate license. Mr. Hoehn also shared a few situations that we have experienced so far. A nurse submitted their application, and for a variety of reasons, their application was flagged as an exception application. The file was sent to CMT for review, but we noticed that this person had a multistate license. CMT completed the review and approved licensure; however, because they hold an active multistate license, we cannot issue their Washington single state license. This person applied back in June before the compact became effective, their file was approved, but we could not issue a Washington single state license. Mr. Hoehn concluded that we will surely see other situations that will arise, and we will have to review each file case by case.

- **Initial Out-of-State Exam and Endorsement Licensing rules** – Ms. Dagum presented an update on the Initial Out-of-State Exam and Endorsement Licensing rules. The CR-101 for this rulemaking was filed on May 24, 2023. Rule workshops were held in June of 2023 to gather input from interested parties. Ms. Dagum reminded the subcommittee that the rule language is currently in emergency rule and will be refiled as the permanent rulemaking is ongoing. The purpose for this rulemaking is to move the language from emergency to permanent rule. The subcommittee was presented with the rule language, currently in emergency rule. The subcommittee reviewed the language and agreed to bring it to the September WABON business meeting with the recommendation for the board to approve the language and move forward with the filing of a CR-102.
- **Subcommittee Meeting Schedule** – Commissioner Morrell asked the subcommittee their thoughts on having meetings every month, or on a different day. Commissioner Myrick and Commissioner Canary agreed that every other month on a Tuesday works best.

V. Ending Items

- **Public Comment** - None
- **Review of Actions** - None
- **Meeting Evaluation** - All
- **Date of Next Meeting** - October 17, 2023
- **Adjournment** 1:42PM