



## WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF NURSING

### Licensing Subcommittee Minutes

February 20, 2024 1: 00 pm to 2: 00 pm

**Committee Members:** Dawn Morrell, BSN, RN, Chair  
Adam Canary, LPN  
Helen Myrick, Public Member  
Yvonne Strader, RN, BSN, BSPA, MHA  
Jacob Garcia, MBA, MSN, RN, PCCN

**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  
Jessilyn Dagum, Policy Analyst  
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** - Board Member Dawn Morrell, Board Member Helen Myrick, Board Member Yvonne Strader, Board Member Jacob Garcia, Mr. Karl Hoehn, Ms. Miranda Baines, Ms. Jessilyn Dagum, Ms. Lori Underwood.

#### **II. Standing Agenda Items**

- **Announcements/Hot Topic/WABON Business Meeting Updates** - Board Member asked the committee if there were any topics to be discussed, no topics were brought forward by the Board members. Board member Morrell asked Ms. Underwood to share with the committee a few insights on the Multistate License launch party that we had on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Underwood shared how awesome it was to have many of the Board members attend either in person or virtually to witness the very first Washington state multistate license be issued. She further shared that Board Member Kiana Daniels was the first licensee to apply and be issued a Washington state multistate license. She added that the staff and Board members, people from the Department of Health IT joined in celebration of this occasion with sparkling apple cider and a variety of goodies that people brought in to share.

Board Member Morrell recognized everyone that helped to build the license behind the scenes. She concluded that it was amazing to see all hands-on deck building this license, ironing out all the wrinkles. Ms. Underwood gave recognition to Ms. Dagum as all her help played such a huge instrumental piece to this. With Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski on maternity leave, Ms. Dagum was always available to help anytime we needed her to step in.

- **Approve Minutes for December 19, 2023** - Board Member Myrick moved with a second from Board Member Strader to approve the minutes for December 19, 2023.

### III. Old Business

- **Temporary Practice Permit Rules** – Ms. Dagum provided an update on where we were on the Temporary Practice Permit rules. She announced that this rule was in effect as of February 11, 2024. She continued by adding that the CR103 was just filed a month ago on January 11, 2024, under Wizard 2403-055. She explained that this rule reduces the length of time the Temporary Practice Permit is active. The Permit is now active for 60 days rather than 180 days except for military spouses. It can be extended for an additional 30 days if necessary. Ms. Dagum concluded that this rulemaking has been completed. Board member Morrell asked about the temporary practice permits which were issued with the previous time frame. She inquired whether those nurses would be contacted, and their permits be adjusted to reflect the new 60 days. Ms. Underwood spoke to this question by replying that those nurses holding a temporary practice permit with the previous time frame would not be affected, they would keep their permits as issued. Only those permits issued on February 11<sup>th</sup> and moving forward will reflect the new 60-day expiration date.

### IV. New Business

- **Governor's Weekly Report** – Ms. Underwood provided an update on the Governor's report. She shared that we remain under the seven days to issue a temporary practice permit and that currently we are at three days. She shared with the committee that we are starting to see our new application count start to rise again. Ms. Underwood added that these application numbers include the multistate license conversions, exams and endorsement applications. She provided the application count from this time last year was at two hundred, twenty-one. Today, the new application count was at five hundred, sixty-eight. Board member Morrell asked what kind of questions we were receiving with regards to the multistate license applications. Ms. Underwood shared that mostly the questions were about the Primary State of Residence rules and obtaining their fingerprints for the required FBI background check. Ms. Underwood provided an example of when we would require a declaration of primary state of residence being Washington state. Board member Strader inquired if this was a lot more work for the staff and if we were able to keep up with the reviews. Ms. Underwood replied that it was just a little more detail to the review process that we needed to incorporate, but that our staff had been preparing for this time since a few months back. Board member Myrick complimented the staff on how well they have been moving through the review of the high number of multistate license applications.
- **Nurse Licensure Compact Implementation Update** – Ms. Underwood shared that our website has been updated with the multistate license requirements and directions on applying online. She shared that we are constantly updating our website with any changes. Ms. Underwood advised the committee that since January 31, 2024, we have received over one thousand, five hundred multistate conversion applications. Ms. Underwood shared that we are working on providing more data to share at our next meeting. Soon, we will be presenting to school and facilities on the multistate license. In addition to these, there will

be a webinar offered that will provide information regarding the multistate license requirements in Washington state. Ms. Dagum added that our informational webinar on the multistate license will be presented on February 28, 2024.

- **Initial Out of State and Exam Licensing Rule – Emergency to Permanent Rule Update** – Ms. Dagum reminded the committee that there will be a rule hearing for this on March 8, 2024. She also added that we held a rules workshop back in June 2023 and now the next step is to move forward with filing the CR102 and having the hearing. This will be permanent rule making and moves our current emergency rule into permanent rules.

**V. Ending Items**

- **Public Comment** - None
- **Review of Actions**
- **Meeting Evaluation** - All
- **Date of Next Meeting** - April 16, 2024
- **Adjournment** 1:22 PM

