



CREATING TRANSFORMATIONS IN NURSING REGULATION

Louisiana State Board of Nursing

Dr. Karen Lyon, CEO

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OBJECTIVES

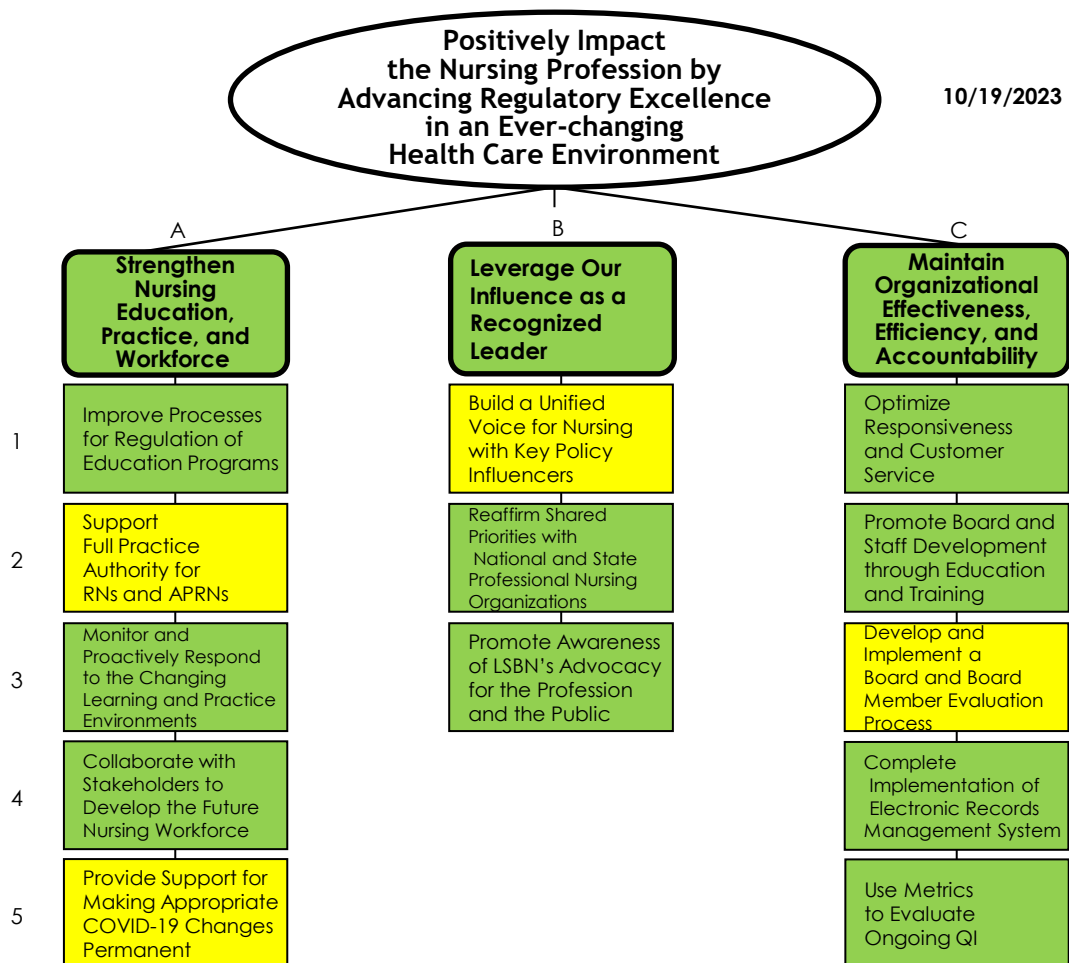
- ◉ Identify key nursing issues addressed in 2022-2023
- ◉ Review strategic accomplishments of LSBN 2021 - 2023

Louisiana State Board of Nursing Strategic Plan: 2021-2023

Mission: To safeguard the life and health of the citizens of Louisiana by assuring persons practicing as registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses are competent and safe

Vision: LSBN will be a nationally recognized leader and trend-setter in regulatory excellence that advances nursing education, practice, and workforce

LSBN Strategic Map





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LICENSURE

- 39,296 RNs by renewal
 - 5,412 APRNs
 - 2,756 RNs and 242 APRNs failed to renew
 - 417 RNs and 34 APRNs went inactive
 - 177 RNs and 14 APRNs retired
 - 7.1% decrease from previous year
- 1,119 RNs and 479 APRNs by endorsement
- 320 RNs and 55 APRNs reinstated their privilege to practice

REGULATORY ACTIVITY 2021

- HB 218 Authorizes the installation and use of newborn safety devices at infant relinquishment sites designated in the Save Haven Law. (Act 421; effective 8/1/2021)
- HB 460 Establishes the Rare Disease Advisory Council within LDH. (Act 321; effective 8/1/2021)
- SB 229 Provides for the creation, dedication, use, and investment of the Healthcare Employment Reinvestment Opportunity (H.E.R.O.) Fund. (Act 109; effective 8/1/2021)

REGULATORY ACTIVITY 2022

- ◉ HB 54 by Rep. Larry Bagley (R-Stonewall) would have created a new cause of action against any governmental entity or public educational institution for discriminating against any employee based on vaccination status. Action: Vetoed by the Governor.
- ◉ HB 143 by Rep. Rhonda Butler (R-Ville Platte) provides for the development and implementation by state agencies of policies, training, and reporting relative to compliance with requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Action: Signed by the Governor, effective 5/25/2022 (Act 103)
- ◉ HB 312 by Rep. Dustin Miller (D-Opelousas), creates several new requirements for healthcare facilities related to workplace violence. Specifically, the legislation requires 1) facilities to post signage indicating that abuse or assault of healthcare staff will not be tolerated and could result in a felony conviction; 2) LDH to make available information about workplace violence, and 3) facilities to develop and maintain a workplace violence prevention plan; effective Aug. 1, 2022 (Act 461).

REGULATORY ACTIVITY 2022

- HB 555 by Rep. Charles Owen (R-Rosepine) provides requirements to state agencies, including LSBN, relative to occupational licensing; to provide definitions; to require certain boards to publish information relative to occupational licensing on their website; to require an annual update; to require submission of certain summaries, and to provide for related matters. Most of the requirements in the bill are already provided by LSBN on our website. Action: Signed by the Governor, effective 8/1/2022 (Act 483).
- SB 183 by Senator Fred Mills (R-Senate 22 District) requires each state entity that issues a permit or licenses to prominently include on its internet website information including a brief description of each permit or license that the state entity issues and links to the full text of the application, a checklist of all information required to be submitted to complete the application process, the name and contact information of the person within the state entity responsible for responding to inquiries about the status of an application, and the anticipated timeline for review of a completed application. A copy of the agency's annual report must also be submitted to the legislative oversight committees or subcommittees. This information is already available on LSBN's website. The legislation was signed by the Governor and becomes effective August 1, 2022 (Act 590)

REGULATORY ACTIVITY 2022

- ◉ HCR 44 by Rep. Dustin Miller creates the Health Inequities and Disparities in Rural Areas Task Force.
- ◉ HCR 45 by Rep. Larry Bagley requests a comprehensive assessment and report on substance use disorder treatment capacity and needs statewide.
- ◉ HR 155 by Rep. Christopher Turner forms a study group to evaluate options and make recommendations for reforming healthcare workforce training and development in this state.
- ◉ LSBN Website: [Home - Louisiana State Board of Nursing](#)
- ◉ Louisiana Nursing Synergy Summit and World Café

REGULATORY ACTIVITY 2023

- ◉ January 23, 2023: Meeting with Board of Regents to discuss challenges to increase health workforce especially nursing faculty recruitment, improving salaries to facilitate nurse faculty recruitment, practice/academic partnerships, increasing the pipeline for health workers.
- ◉ HCR 44 Health Disparities in Rural Areas Task Force Playbook completed and submitted.
- ◉ Operation Nightingale continues with only two names from Louisiana on the FBI's initial list. However, the investigation continues with multiple major jurisdictions identifying hundreds of fraudulent licenses.
- ◉ HB 181/Act 363: Telemedicine Access for Coroners. Allows for emergency certification designation by PMHNP or other CNP in accordance with guidelines within CPA. Examination may be conducted by telemedicine. Within 72 hours, patient must be examined independently by coroner, his deputy, or his assistant. Effective 8/1/2023
- ◉ HB 319/Act 4: Repeals certain aspects of licensure by endorsement. Repeals RS 37:920(B)(1)(b) in its entirety, eliminating the requirement that an applicant for licensure by endorsement holds a current license issued from the jurisdiction of his last employment. This routinely has only been an issue for internationally educated nurses. While it will require more work for LSBN, we will still be able to check discipline and licensure through CES documents and former employers. Effective 5/23/2023.

REGULATORY ACTIVITY 2023

- ◉ HB 599(Substituted by HB 652)/Act 296: Provides for signature authority for APRNs to issue certification of illness and extended sick leave for teachers, teaching staff, and bus drivers. Effective 8/1/2023.
- ◉ SB 135/Act 207: Provides for Medicaid reimbursement for midwife services at minimum of 95% of reimbursement rate for physicians; prohibits any decrease of currently authorized reimbursement rate for midwife services for professional midwives and CNMs. Effective 8/1/2023.
- ◉ Senate Resolution 160: Senators Luneau and Barrow
 - ◉ Urges and requests LSBME, LSBD, and LSBN to make information regarding collaborative practice agreements publically accessible to patients. Specifically, the resolution desires to include information on name of participating providers, their license numbers, the participating APRN's role(s) and population(s), and specialty practice of participating physician or dentist. LSBN already had most of the information available on our website at the License Verification site, [License Lookup \(boardsofnursing.org\)](https://boardsofnursing.org)

NATIONAL ISSUES

○ Workforce

- Increased need for RN/APRNs
- RNs aging
- Faculty vacancies-decrease student capacity
- Education funding -Title VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act-created in response to shortage of health care providers

○ Opioid issues

NATIONAL ISSUES

- Social media
- VA affairs
- Telehealth
 - Reimbursement
 - Licensing issues-when across state lines
 - Funding for infrastructure
 - Proposed language often excludes APRNs (esp. at state level)

NATIONAL ISSUES

- NCSBN-National Council for State Boards of Nursing
 - Environmental Scan 2020: [NCSBN's Environmental Scan A Portrait of Nursing and Healthcare in 2020 and Beyond](#)
 - Lifting restrictions on APRNs: [Home | Nursing America](#)
 - APRN Consensus Model Act: [2012_APRN_Model_and_Rules.pdf \(ncsbn.org\)](#)



THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?