

# WYOMING STATE BOARD of NURSING

## ANNUAL RePORT for FY 2016 (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016)

### Agency Information:

- **Executive Director:** Cynthia LaBonde MN, RN
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**Statutory References:** W.S. 33-21-101 through 33-21-118 (Repealed). W.S. 33-21-119 through 33-21-157; 33-21-201 through 33-21-202; and 33-21-301 through 33-21-302.

### Basic Information:

- **Number of Employees:** 10
- **Clients served:** Consumers of nursing care, Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), Registered Nurses (RN), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN), nursing education programs, nursing and nursing assistant students and employers of nurses and CNAs.
- **Report to:** Department of Administration and Information
- **Number of Members:** Seven (7)
- **Meeting Frequency:** Monthly with special meetings as required

**Budget Information/Expenditures for FY16:** \$1,242,707

**Core Business/Primary Function:** The mission of WSBN is to serve and safeguard the people of Wyoming through the regulation of nursing education and practice. Our primary responsibility is protection of the public through regulatory operations: grant licenses, certifications and recognition; investigate applicants and nurses with alleged violations of the Nurse Practice Act and Administrative Rules and Regulations; discipline licensees/certificate holders and assure compliance with Board orders, approve nursing education programs in the state and provide guidance related to nursing practice.

### Performance Highlights/Major Accomplishments of FY2016:

- Enacted “enhanced” Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Licensure Compact (APRNC) into law March 1, 2016.
- Participation by Executive Director in the eNLC model rules and implementation workgroup at National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN).
- Approved a new nursing education program for Eastern Wyoming College, Douglas campus .
- Amendments to Chapter 6: Standards for Nursing Education Programs approved April 2016.
- Participated in the development of Wyoming Telehealth Standards in collaboration with representatives from the Departments of Health and Insurance, and the Boards of Medicine and Pharmacy.
- Transferred APRNs/RNs/LPNs with substance use disorders to third party monitoring program, Wyoming Professional Assistance Program, February/March 2016..
- Completed analysis of Disciplinary Board action for all violation types over past two (2) year period October 2015.
- Participated in NCSBN Commitment to Ongoing Regulatory Excellence (CORE).
- Held luncheon/public session with nurses from healthcare facilities in region during travel Board meeting in Jackson, WY, October 2015
- Restructured Organizational Chart to better meet WSBN needs.

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