INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

Between the Department of Consumer Affairs
&
California Board of Registered Nursing

WHEREAS, Business and Professions Code Sections 2701 and 2708, establishing the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board") and providing for an Executive Officer to perform the duties delegated by the Board will become ineffective and repealed effective January 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Nursing Practice Act has not been repealed and will remain in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the Board is within the Department of Consumer Affairs ("Department); and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Board and Department to provide as much consumer protection as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Board has, by vote at its meeting on November 16, 2011, delegated to the Department as of December 31, 2011, those duties, powers and responsibilities that the Board has previously delegated to the Board's Executive Officer as of December 31, 2011, and, further, approved entering into this agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Department wish to provide for the continued administration of those provisions of the Nursing Practice Act that have been delegated to the Board's Executive Officer in an uninterrupted and stable manner until legislation re-establishing the Board takes effect;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties to this Interagency Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") agree as follows:

1. The Department accepts the delegation as approved by the Board and confirmed in this Agreement, and agrees to perform all such responsibilities in the best interests of protecting the public and consistently with the Nursing Practice Act.

2. The Board hereby authorizes and empowers the Department to the extent authorized by law, and subject to the review and approval of the State and Consumer Services Agency, to exercise those powers, duties and responsibilities that have been delegated to the Board's Executive Officer as of December 31, 2011, to administer the Nursing Practice Act.

3. The Board hereby authorizes the Department to utilize any previously appropriated funds of the Board to carry out the responsibilities in administering the Nursing Practice Act in conjunction with this Agreement; and those funds shall be used for the

purposes for which the Board of Registered Nursing Fund, Professions and Vocations Fund was established.

4. The Department shall adhere to all current Board policies while this Agreement is in effect; all regulations and policies that have been adopted by the Board as of December 31, 2011, shall remain in effect until the time that legislation re-establishing the Board takes effect.

5. This Agreement shall take effect on December 31, 2011, and remain in effect until the time that legislation re-establishing the Board takes effect.

6. In the event that any provision of this Agreement is unenforceable or held to be unenforceable, then the parties agree that all other provisions of this Agreement have force and effect and shall not be affected thereby.

IT IS SO AGREED:

Department of Consumer Affairs ("Department")

By _____ 12/14/11
Brian Stiger, Acting Director Date

California Board of Registered Nursing

By _____ 12/14/11
~~Jeannine Graves~~, President Date
Doug Hofmeier Vice President

Approved:
By _____ 12/14/11
Anna M. Caballero, Secretary Date
State and Consumer Services Agency