

BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
Administrative Committee
Agenda Item Summary

AGENDA ITEM: 6.1

DATE: June 4, 2015

ACTION REQUESTED: Summary of Findings of the 2014 Survey Report of California RNs with Active Licenses

REQUESTED BY: Raymond Mallel, Chairperson
Administrative Committee

BACKGROUND: (Report will be provided under separate cover)

The 2014 RN study is the ninth in a series of surveys designed to collect and evaluate nursing workforce data and identify trends that may assist policy makers and the public in addressing the nursing shortage and workplace issues. Since 2004, studies have been completed on a biennial schedule, prior to 2004 studies were conducted in 1990, 1993 and 1997. Findings from the 2010 and 2012 survey provide some indication of how the RN supply responded during the economic recession and the 2014 survey may provide some indication on the level of recovery. Data for the 2014 study was collected in late spring to early summer of 2014.

The 2014 survey was conducted and analyzed for the Board of Registered Nursing by the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), Institute for Health Policy Studies. Joanne Spetz, Ph.D., UCSF, served as the principal investigator for the study. Dr. Spetz is presenting a summary today to the Board of the 2014 survey findings and will also present preliminary 2015 RN forecasting data if available.

NEXT STEPS: Disseminate information about the findings to interested parties including posting the final report when complete on the Boards website. Begin the process for the next biennial survey of RNs due for completion in 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT, IF ANY: The Board budget includes funding for this biennial survey

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AGENDA ITEM: 6.2

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ACTION REQUESTED: Presentation from the Health Professions Education Foundation for the Scholarship and Loan Repayment Awards Program for Registered Nurses

REQUESTED BY: Raymond Mallel, Chairperson
Administrative Committee

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the Scholarship and Loan Repayment Awards Program (Program) for Registered Nurses is to ensure that funds are available to support the education of Registered Nurses and recruit qualified nurses into medically underserved areas of California. The Health Professions Education Foundation (Foundation), housed in the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) was established in 1987 and administers the Program. The Program is funded by the Registered Nurses Education Fund, supported through a \$10 surcharge on Registered Nurse licensure renewals.

Financial incentive in scholarships is offered to students so that once licensed they will work in areas of unmet need. In exchange for funding of educational costs, the scholarship recipient agrees to work in a medically underserved area for two years. The purpose of the BSN loan repayment program is to retain nurses currently working in medically underserved areas of California by repaying educational debt from their BSN degree. In exchange for the award, the professionals commit to working in a medically underserved area for two years.

Ms. Meredith Smith, Marketing and Outreach Director of the Foundation will be presenting information about the Registered Nurse Education Fund and other financial awards programs that are available for RNs.

NEXT STEPS: Disseminate information to interested parties.

FISCAL IMPACT, IF ANY: None

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