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### **Mission of the Board:**

**The mission of the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners (BVNE) is to protect the health and safety and to enhance the well-being of the citizens of Texas.**

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## LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT



It is with mixed feelings that I bring you greetings from the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners. As you know, the 78th Legislature was a very busy one. HB1483 passed and the Board of Nurse Examiners will assume the responsibilities of the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners February 2004. Even though the staff of the B.V.N.E. has been doing an outstanding job for 50 plus years our current state government feels that money can be saved by combining the boards.

Many of you are to be commended for your years of lobbying on behalf of the B.V.N.E. You are outstanding nurses. Please continue to be involved with your profession. Now more than ever we need to network. You can do this by joining one of the L.V.N. organizations. I hope you enjoy this issue of The Lone Star LVN. There will be one more in December. May God bless you,

**Geneva Harvey, LVN**



## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR 78<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION COMES TO AN END

The June issue of the LVN Lone Star is arriving in July so that we could provide a summary of the bills passed this session that affects all nurses and specific to LVNs. Of particular interest to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners was HB 1483 by Representative Allen. The new law abolishes the BVNE and transfers the functions of regulating LVNs to the Board of Nurse Examiners creating a Single Nursing Board and a single licensing act.

Effective February 1, 2004, the BVNE will no longer exist. Prior to this date, the agency will begin to transfer the regulation of LVNs to the Board of Nurse Examiners. Since both boards, offices are located on the same floor in the Hobby building the address will remain the same. In December, the last issue of the LVN Lone Star, we will further update you on the transition progress.

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Listed below are other bills related to the practice of nursing that may be of interest. Full text of legislation can be found at [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us).

- HB 1 Heflin and Bivins- General Appropriations Act for FY 04-05 Provides funding to maintain nursing school enrollments and board operation.
- HB 3126 Truit / et al. - Relating to the practice and regulatory environment for registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses. Dedicates income from tobacco lawsuit fund for RN enrollments. Authorizes larger Texas grants to nursing students.
- HB 776 Naishtat/SB 1549 Nelson- Relating to requiring that certain individuals who provide nursing services in a nursing institution receive annual training in caring for people with dementia. Requires facilities to provide nurses and others 1 hour a year of education in dementia.
- HB 2131 Zedler- Relating to the regulation of certain operating room nurses employed by certain other health providers. Permits physicians and hospitals that employ RNs to directly assist in surgery until 2007 and permanently for small hospitals.
- HB 2208 Allen – Relating to the regulation of the practice of professional nursing. Permits BNE to do FBI criminal background checks.
- HB 660 Allen – Relating to access to criminal history information by certain licensing and regulatory agencies. Expands BVNE

authority to do criminal background checks.

- HB 2985 Capelo - Relating to the establishment of an office of patient protection within the Health Professions Council. Requires renewal fees to be increased \$1.00 and initial license fees \$5.00 to fund office.
- HB 1483 Allen – Abolishing the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners and merging the BVNE with the Board of Nurse Examiners creating a single board of nursing. Also includes language requiring RNs and LVNs to have 1 hour a year in bioterrorism as recommended by Governors task force for all health professionals.
- HB 1614 Truit- Relating to the reporting of medical errors and the establishment of a patient safety program in hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and mental hospitals; providing an administrative penalty.
- HB 2292 Wohlgemuth - Relating to the provision of health and human services in this state, including the powers and duties of the Health and Human Services Commission and other state agencies; providing penalties. Reorganizes health and human services agencies into four departments under the health and human services.
- SB 930 Shapiro-Relating to the liability of school districts, school employees, and school board members. Addresses immunity from liability for professional employees of school districts.
- SB 769 Carona- Relating to the licensing and regulation of surgical assistants. Regulation Changes to 2-year license

renewal and direct billing by surgical assistants.

- SB 284 Lucio- Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation. Includes school nurses in definition of professional educators (who meet certain criteria) eligible for low-interest home mortgage loans.
- SB 718 Madla – Relating to the practice and regulatory environment for registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses. Provides protection of the title “nurse”, whistleblower protections, and safe harbor peer review for LVNs and workforce safety.
- SB 160 Nelson – Relating to education relating to human organ donation. Encourages human donation education be included in nursing and medical school.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this legislative session taking time out of your busy schedules to write, call, and attend meetings and hearings supporting nursing issues. The Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners says a special thanks to Representative Villarreal, D-San Antonio for his dedication to vocational nursing and attempt to improve the health and safety of the citizens of Texas by sponsoring a Vocational Nurse Practice Act. Although the legislation (HB 311/ SB 241) for a separate licensing practice act did not pass LVNs will have equal protections. Now, that the session has ended do not stop playing a role in your profession!

*Terrie L. Hairston, RN, CNE*



## THE BOARD NEWS

### *December 2 & 3*

- Approved request from Valley Grande Institute for Academic Studies, Weslaco regarding enrollment.
- Approved request from Hill College to start an evening vocational nursing program in Clifton and Granbury.
- Approved rules 231.1 (21), defining mutually agreeable agent and rule 240.13 (11)(b) deleting the word registered.
- The Board was presented with 96 agreed orders, 6 voluntary surrenders for approval and ratified 27 default orders.

### *March 3 & 4*

- Approved request from Midland College, Midland to operate an evening vocational nursing program.
- Approved staff's recommendation to continue Valley Grande Institute on conditional status.
- Approved the NCLEX 2002 Pass Rate Data, Summary Data and recommendations for school approval status presented by staff giving a comparison of first time candidates educated in Texas with those from all other U.S. jurisdictions.
- Approved proposal from the Education Division to utilize elements of Rule 233.43 to extend survey visits.
- Approved to initiate the rule making process for rules 231.1(12), and 235.18 (c) (4).

- Approved staff's recommendation for the BVNE update seminar information/implementation.
- The Board was presented with 85 agreed orders, 17 voluntary surrenders for approval and ratified 24 default orders.

### *June 9 & 10*

- Approved staff's recommendations request from Cy Fair College to begin a traditional Vocational Nursing program at Cy Fair Houston.
- Approved staff's recommendation to continue Valley Grande Institute on conditional status.
- Approved the rules committee recommendation to adopt rules 231.1(12) and 235.18(4) as proposed in the March 2003 board meeting.
- Approved to initiate the rule making process for rules 237.19 (2)(3), 235.52, 235.48, 233.65 and 235.6.
- The Board was presented with 59 agreed orders, 23 voluntary surrenders for approval and ratified 21 default orders.
- Approved to hold the RFP process for the TPAPN contract and if policies/procedures allow extending the current TPAPN contract, which expires August 31, 2003 on a month-by-month basis until February 1, 2004.
- Approved Mrs. Hairston and Ms. Gomez attend the National Delegate Assembly in August as delegates of the BVNE and Betty Sims as the alternate.

### Board Members

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Member, Pampa

#### Board Meetings:

September 8-9, 2003

December 1-2, 2003

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Hobby Building  
Room 2-225, 333 Guadalupe  
Austin, Texas

All meetings comply with the Open Meetings Provisions. An Open Forum is scheduled from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. on the first meeting day. The public is always welcome to attend.

## Board Rule Changes

231.1(21) Definitions - New: Defines the term "mutually agreeable agent" as an individual such as a vocational nursing program director or director's designee, or other entities approved by the Board.

231.1(12) Direct Supervision: Provides protection to the public by requiring those nurses practicing on a temporary license to have direct supervision.

235.18(c)(4) Disabled Candidate: Reflects the change of test service by changing name to Pearson's Professional Center.

240.13(11)(b) – deleting the word registered.

**(Editor's Note:** *The rules, as revised, may be obtained from the Board office for \$10.83, which includes tax). (Chapter 302, Texas Occupations Code may be purchased from the Board office for \$5.41, which includes tax). Order forms, rules and code are located on the BVNE web page at [www.bvne.state.tx.us](http://www.bvne.state.tx.us)).*

## LICENSING CORNER

Beginning September 1, 2003, licensees will be notified by postcard that their renewal is due. This is the only renewal notice that will be sent. By law, it is the licensees' responsibility to renew the license prior to expiration. A postcard will be mailed 60 days prior to expiration. Licensees will have the option of renewing on line or printing the renewal form from our website. To renew via the internet, go to Texas Online [www.TexasOnline.com](http://www.TexasOnline.com). Payment of the fee must be made using a valid major credit card, i.e. VISA, Master Card, AMEX, or Discover

To print the renewal form from our website, go to [www.bvne.state.tx.us](http://www.bvne.state.tx.us) look for licensing section and print the License Renewal Form. Mail the License Renewal Form and payment (cashier check or money order) to the mailing address on the form. Allow 10 days for processing license. If you are unable to renew over the internet or obtain the License Renewal form from our website, you may contact the board office, preferably in writing, to request that a paper renewal form be mailed to you.

# RENEW ON LINE



Renew your license on line at [www.TexasOnline.com](http://www.TexasOnline.com), or [www.bvne.state.tx.us](http://www.bvne.state.tx.us)

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- ✓ Locate Approved Vocational Nursing Programs
- ✓ Find Refresher Courses
- ✓ Locate Entry Level Competencies
- ✓ Print and Mail Complaint Form

### FAQ: Why does my LVN license read "Texas Only"?

As of January 2003, the board began marking licenses as "Renewal" or "Texas Only" to designate license privilege. A license with "Texas Only" indicates the license is only valid in Texas (single state license). A license with "Renewal" indicates the licensee is granted multi-state licensure privileges to practice in other compact states. For general information and a list of compact states, visit the Nurse Licensure Compact section of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Web site, [www.ncsbn.org](http://www.ncsbn.org).

## *Filing a Complaint*

A "complaint" is defined as an initial allegation of misconduct by a licensed vocational nurse (LVN) which could result in disciplinary action by the Board. Each complaint received will be reviewed and the circumstances of the complaint considered in determining if the allegation merits further investigation. The Board will contact the facility or individual (complainant) who files the complaint for further information, if needed. If an investigation is not opened on a complaint, the complainant will be notified that there was insufficient evidence to open an investigation at that time, but the information presented will remain on file and an investigation opened in the future, should circumstances warrant further action.

To file a complaint with the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners, the complainant should complete the complaint form which is available at the Board's website ([www.bvne.state.tx.us](http://www.bvne.state.tx.us)) or call 800-821-3205 to obtain a copy of the complaint form. However, the Board encourages individuals to call the agency number (512-305-8100) for any practice questions involving LVNs.

The complainant should complete all of the fields in the complaint form, if the information is available. Understandably, an LVN's address, social security or license number may not be available to the complainant; in those instances, the full name of the LVN is required so that the Board may attempt to obtain that person's data from the computer system. Additionally, a brief synopsis of the alleged incident should be provided. The synopsis should include the date in which the incident occurred, where it occurred (i.e. the facility, patient's home, etc), and the names of those individuals who were directly involved in the incident. The synopsis should also contain a chronological detailing of the incident. Additionally, the complainant should identify the patients who were involved in the incident; either the full name of the patient or the medical record number can be supplied. It is important to provide this information when multiple patients are involved so that the investigator can match the patient to the appropriate occurrence. The complainant should also identify any witnesses to the incident. Finally, the complainant must provide his or her full name (the Board does not accept anonymous complaints), the name of the facility with which the complainant is affiliated (if appropriate to the complaint), address and telephone number. The Board will contact the complainant if further information is needed. If an investigation is initiated based on a complaint, the complainant will be appraised of the final disposition of the matter.

The Board believes the reporting of every minor infraction that may be a violation of the Texas Occupation Code, Chapter 302, does not enhance protection of the public. This is particularly true when there are mechanisms in place in the vocational nurse's employment setting to take corrective action, remedy deficits and detect patterns of behavior. A "minor incident" is defined as "conduct that indicates that the nurse's continuing to practice vocational nursing does not pose a serious risk of harm to the patient". A vocational nurse involved in an incident which is determined to be minor, need not be reported to the Board. An incident is considered to be minor when it is a one time incident without negative impact to the patients. However, a minor incident coupled with a pattern of negligence displayed by the LVN is reportable to the Board.

The mission of the Board is to protect the health and safety and to enhance the well being of the people of Texas. The best way to ensure that Texans are served by qualified safe practitioners of vocational nursing is through the monitoring of those LVNs who display a pattern of negligent practice. Therefore, the Board encourages those who are aware of negligent practice by an LVN to report such incidents to the Board.



**Concerned about a colleague's practice due to chemical dependency or mental illness?** If so, talk to a TPAPN nurse case manager. Phone 1-800-288-5528. Your call is always confidential



***Congratulations and thank you to the following volunteers.***

Cathy Boniface-Member of the NCLEX-PN Examination Item Reviewing Session 6/12/2003

Sharon McGee-NCLEX-PN Item writer 5/14-5/17/2003

For more information or the application to become an item writer, item reviewer or being a member of the panel of judges for NCLEX-PN examination questions, go to:

<http://www.ncsbn.org/public/testing/res/itemapplication.pdf>

To get information about the test question formats go to:

<http://www.ncsbn.org/public/res/Innovative%20Items%20Secure.pdf>



## **IMPOSTER ALERT**

### **Linda Gallardo**

Linda Gallardo secured employment at the office of a Webster, Texas physician from about June 2002 through about October 2002. Her lack of licensure was discovered when she applied for hospital privileges to treat her employer's patients. On her resume, she listed work experience as an LVN at two other physicians' offices, a medical clinic and an orthopedic clinic, and a hospital surgical floor; all in Houston, Texas spanning years from 1969 to 2002. She listed as her LVN education, a non-existent program.

Contact Enforcement  
for more information  
[investigation@bvne.state.tx.us](mailto:investigation@bvne.state.tx.us)

### **Barbara Hood**

Barbara Ann Hood was a licensed vocational nurse in the State of Texas until her licensure was suspended in May 1990. In October 2002, she attempted to obtain employment as an LVN at a nursing home in San Antonio, Texas. On her application for employment, she listed work experience as an LVN with two San Antonio area temporary agencies.

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### **Michelle Denice Butler**

Michelle Denice Butler sought employment as a licensed vocational nurse at a nurse staffing agency in Baytown during February 2003. She listed vocational nursing certification at Sam Houston State University and prior employment as an LVN at three medical clinics in the Houston area. Butler was also in possession of a copy of an LVN license that belonged to another nurse. She was working as an LVN at a nursing home in League City as late as June 2003. Referrals were made to the Baytown Police Department, League City Police Department, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Office of the Attorney General, and the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

Contact Enforcement  
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## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Although every effort is made to assure that the following information is correct, you should contact the Board's office to confirm the accuracy of the listing before making any decision based upon this information.

### Licenses Revoked

NAME	LVN#	VIOLATION	DATE
Archie, Archille Ann	182642	Physical impairment/Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
Barton-Jones, Cheryl	163571	Probation violation	12/03/02
Bible, Shelia Jackson	112869	Positive drug screen	12/03/02
Billman, Heather Renee	170251	Practiced while license in delinquent status; Misdemeanor conviction	12/03/02
Bowers, Deborah Ann	083213	Felony conviction/Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
Brackett, Deborah Denise	146746	Felony conviction/ Voluntary Surrender	12/03/02
Braggs, Katherine Francis	125130	Positive drug screen	12/03/02
Burkeen, Elleen G.	024347	Failure to perform CPR; Failure to follow physician order/ Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
Callaway, Angelia	168477	Probation violation	03/04/03
Carville, Paula Jean	061666	Positive drug screen; Failure to follow physician orders	03/04/03
Chaney, Patricia Ann	037890	Failure to notify physician of a change in condition/ Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
Cowans, David Jerry	133656	Sexual assault; Felony/Misdemeanor convictions/ Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
Crabb, Carolyn C	097190	Drug diversion; Misdemeanor conviction	12/03/02
Daniels, Arlene	092484	Positive drug screen	03/04/03
Davidson, Mysti Dawn	180072	Discrepancies in the administration of medications and treatments	03/04/03
Dreier, Debra	100008	Probation violation	12/03/02
Edwards, Joseph Lee	093949	Positive drug screen	12/03/02
Elliott, Tracey Kaczor	168757	Probation violation; Failure to register for drug screens/ Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
Foster, Sue Ann	149099	Practice while license delinquent; Misdemeanor conviction	03/04/03
Gould, Gary	141128	Probation violation	12/03/02
Haley, April Ann	137336	Drug diversion; Accepting nursing assignments while mentally and physically impaired	03/04/03
Hammett, Nelda B.	049244	Drug diversion/ Voluntary Surrender	12/03/02
Harrelson, Lisa Dawn	173412	Drug abuse/ Voluntary Surrender	12/03/02
Hatch, Jackie Lynn	158521	Probation violation/ Voluntary Surrender	12/03/02
Hatcher, Larry	118973	Probation violation	12/03/02
Hattaway, Wendy Lynette	153543	Drug diversion, Fraudulent prescription/ Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
Hayes, Debbie	119820	Probation violation	12/03/02
Hazelton, Teresa Lynn	135940	Financial exploitation of patient; Failure to honor professional boundaries	12/03/02
Hendricks, Patricia Ann	170419	Obtained licensure by fraud	03/04/03
Hernandez, Bedelia	172459	Failure to submit nursing notes; False documentation of nursing visits	12/03/02
Hood, Cynthia Lynn	178093	Drug abuse on duty; Positive drug screen/ Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
Hudson, Cynthia Denette	140174	Positive drug screen	03/04/03
Hughes, Linda Gale	078529	Positive drug screen/ Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
Hunton, Jeweline J	037214	Positive drug screen	12/03/02
Ivy, Robert Lee	059468	Verbal/Physical abuse	03/04/03
Johnson, Lucy Irene	132214	Writing illegal prescriptions/ Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
Johnston, Penny Joann	105025	Drug diversion/ Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
Kohlmann, Barbara Jean	157388	Failure to assess/evaluate; Incompetent practice/ Voluntary Surrender	12/03/02
Mays, Connie Elaine	140977	Attempt to obtain fraudulent prescription/ Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
McClendon, Shelly Diane	150174	Drug diversion; Fraudulent prescription/ Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
McClure, Mike Wayne	161888	Misdemeanor convictions; Felony conviction	12/03/02
Moseley III, William Edward	176184	Action in another jurisdiction/ Voluntary Surrender	12/03/02
Nicotre, Kristen Rena	170821	Felony conviction; Fraudulent renewal/ Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
Ortiz, Tina	124857	Probation violation	03/04/03
Otis, Shawn	174361	Probation violation	03/04/03
Parker, Julia Pearl	126864	Drug diversion	12/03/02
Patteson, Lyndi	156769	Probation violation	12/03/02
Pietrowski, Rachel Ann	075064	Documentation errors; Inappropriate behavior/ Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
Reyes, Knyvett J.	126919	Action in another jurisdiction; Felony conviction	03/04/03
Rivera, Esperanza L	083669	Failure to administer medications; False documentation	03/04/03
Sill, Rani	111900	Probation violation	03/04/03
Taylor, Susan Eileen	123081	Drug diversion	03/04/03
Teel, Becky Aylene	149787	Misdemeanor convictions	12/03/02
Temple, Rita Fay	123164	Failure to follow facility policy ; Positive drug screen	12/03/02
Thompson, Karyl Lee	028701	Working while license delinquent	12/03/02
Tollison, Mistina Deanne	167997	Action in another jurisdiction	12/03/02
Trader, Joanne Renee	162172	Felony conviction/ Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
Truesdell, Shelley Kay	139836	Drug diversion; Positive Drug Screen; Breach of patient confidentiality	03/04/03
Tyler-Lopez, Priscilla	143904	Fraudulent prescriptions	12/03/02
Van Meter, Amy Michelle	156834	Pre-employment drug screen/ Voluntary Surrender	03/04/03
Wallace, Marde	150556	Medication errors	03/04/03
Watson, Lesa Lea	152410	Action in another jurisdiction	03/04/03
Watson, Nancy	117735	Probation violation	12/03/02

**Licenses Revoked**

NAME	LVN#	VIOLATION	DATE
Watts, Vickie Lanell	114284	Practiced without a license	12/03/02
Weeks, Brenda J	126755	Positive drug screen	12/03/02
Wendel, Dodie	138398	Probation violation/ Voluntary Surrender	12/03/02
Winningham, Ray Ronald Jr	148643	Positive pre-employment drug screen; Altered authorization for drug screen	03/04/03
Woodruff, Mark Taylor	152110	Positive pre-employment drug	12/03/02

**Licenses Suspended**

NAME	LVN#	VIOLATION	DATE
Antuna, Iva Irene	134409	Misdemeanor convictions	03/04/03
Balmos, Terri Lynne	158610	Failure to allow supervisory visits; Inaccurate documentation	03/04/03
Boling, Louis Albert	118339	Mental episode; Drug abuse	03/04/03
Carter, Kimberly Simpson	116021	Felony conviction; Misdemeanor convictions	03/04/03
Cross, Sally Ann	088886	Felony convictions	12/03/02
Cuellar, Evangelina M.	083394	Drug abuse; Exhibited unusual behavior while on duty	03/04/03
Eckenroth, Rhonda	048242	CE Violation	03/04/03
Garcia, Amanda Renee	161314	Misdemeanor convictions; Disorderly conduct	03/04/03
Gardner, Nan Forrest	086714	Misdemeanor convictions	03/04/03
Hahn, Madelyn Jane	177614	Failure to follow physician order; False documentation	12/03/02
Harrison, Tamara Dawn	132170	Inappropriate/Impaired behavior	12/03/02
Hernandez, Josephine J	049399	Signs of mental impairment	12/03/02
Jackson, Angie	151563	Violated Agreed Board Order	03/04/03
Kelso, Adrienne	160153	Patient abandonment; False documentation	03/04/03
Lawrence, Cathy Jo	126780	Drug diversion; Failure to document; Practice beyond scope	12/03/02
Mahar, Pamela	152826	CE Violation	12/03/02
Meeks, Victoria Aletha	151456	Medication errors; Unprofessional conduct	03/04/03
Moon, Rhonda	112166	CE Violation	03/04/03
Parker, Rhonda Sue	160514	Medication errors	03/04/03
Perez, Jesse Leos	094095	Failure to administer medications	12/03/02
Perkins, Juanita	053211	Misdemeanor conviction; Resist arrest	12/03/02
Points, Jennifer Kay	178650	Practice beyond scope; Failure to follow physician's order; Medication error	03/04/03
Skeans, Shana Fielding	158698	Medication errors	03/04/03
Thompson, Guadalupe M.	079425	Mental impairment	03/04/03
Walton, Kimberly Lynn	160083	Discrepancies in the documentation and administration of narcotics	03/04/03
Walker, Tammy Sue	099128	Signs of impairment by mental disability	12/03/02
Warren, Thomas Melburn	109022	Verbal/physical abuse; Mental instability; Incompetent practice	12/03/02
Wells, Beverly Jean	113708	Physical abuse	03/04/03

**Licenses Suspended/Probated**

NAME	LVN#	VIOLATION	DATE
Amstutz, John Fred	090145	Positive drug screen	12/03/02
Arnold, Betros	133522	CE Violation; Positive drug screen	12/03/02
Baker, Cathy Jo	144828	Fraudulent prescriptions	12/03/02
Barikor, Marilyn Jeanette	Case #14410	Action in another jurisdiction	12/03/02
Bennett, Leesa Diann	175271	Medication errors; False documentation	12/03/02
Borg, Elizabeth Ann	148459	Positive drug screen	03/04/03
Bowen, Lesa Ann	169544	Falsified physician order	12/03/02
Branch, Vickie Ruth	159590	Failure to initiate CPR	12/03/02
Briggs, Cheryl Jane	150632	Drug diversion	12/03/02
Brooke, Elery Mark	136213	Drug abuse; Positive drug screens; Misdemeanor convictions	12/03/02
Brooks, Brandale Anne	163208	Medication error	03/04/03
Brooks, Mattie Lee	024703	Failure to initiate CPR	12/03/02
Broom, Karen Virginia	155034	False documentation; Misdemeanor conviction	12/03/02
Brown, Kristy Lynn	160454	Positive drug screen	03/04/03
Butler, Chantal Michele	121284	Financial exploitation	12/03/02
Cossey, Robert Earl	161706	Discrepancies in the administration and documentation of medications	12/03/02
Dixon, Lisa T	139979	Positive drug screen; Misdemeanor convictions	12/03/02
Drew, Sarah Kay	092559	Failure to assess/evaluate; Failure to document	12/03/02
Edison, Mary Elizabeth	116253	Failure to follow physician orders; False documentation	03/04/03
Enick, Pamela G.	Case #14744	Action in another jurisdiction	03/04/03
Fiorentini, Sherri Lee	143630	Drug diversion; Felony conviction	12/03/02
Fitzpatrick, Bobbie R	051381	Failure to initiate CPR or notify EMS	12/03/02
Flores, Thelma	119370	Misdemeanor convictions	03/04/03
Gann, Joan Marie	123628	Drug use on duty; Positive drug screen	03/04/03
Garner, Neal Eugene	135297	Probation violation	03/04/03
George, Belinda Renee	158891	Misdemeanor conviction	12/03/02
Hambright, Patricia	164219	Probation violation	12/03/02



## Licenses Suspended/Probated

NAME	LVN#	VIOLATION	DATE
Hargrove, Richard Wayne	143745	Misdemeanor convictions	03/04/03
Harmel, Cynthia Rea	132163	Felony conviction	12/03/02
Hodges, Brenda Rene	137352	Misdemeanor convictions	03/04/03
Holt, Mona Ray	131509	Patient neglect	03/04/03
Johnson, Debra Rechel	100841	Failure to follow physician orders; False documentation	03/04/03
Johnson, Henrietta Bledsoe	063483	False documentation of accu-checks; Failure to follow physician orders	12/03/02
Kiplinger, Jon D	132228	Positive drug screen	12/03/02
Kreig, Sandra Lee	143872	Practicing beyond scope	03/04/03
Lolless, Debbie S.	096236	Positive drug screen	03/04/03
Lozano, Oscar Joaquin	Case #13930	Felony conviction	12/03/02
Martinez, Veronica	130302	Failure to follow physician orders; Practice beyond scope	12/03/02
McNeil, Karen Kate	131095	Medication errors; Failure to follow physician orders	12/03/02
Mires, Andrea Pauline	Case #14689	Misdemeanor convictions; Issuance of bad check; Driving while license invalid	03/04/03
Moore, Veronica Elaine	137918	Failure to follow physician order; Failure to institute CPR	12/03/02
Neeley, Ginger Karol	177596	Positive drug screen	03/04/03
Newton, Kristi Lynn	137734	Fraudulent prescription	12/03/02
Onuoha, Jane	161242	Failure to assess/evaluate; Failure to report change of condition	12/03/02
Phillips, Richelle Ellen	130780	Misdemeanor conviction	12/03/02
Pointer, Belinda Carol	161148	Drug diversion	12/03/02
Polzine, Anthony Keith	141809	Fraudulent documentation	03/04/03
Quinn, Loretta F.	167167	Medication error	03/04/03
Reams, James Edgar	175955	Failure to follow physician order	12/03/02
Richard, Joshua Dermont	180324	Felony conviction	12/03/02
Rockenbaugh, Charles Allen	145530	Patient abandonment; Neglect	03/04/03
Rodriguez, Calistro	133012	False documentation for TDCJ security application; False LVN renewal	12/03/02
Ross, Debbie Kay	141859	Drug diversion	03/04/03
Shipp, Leslie Jane	142109	Positive drug screen	03/04/03
Smith, Connie Marie	045351	Misappropriation of medication	03/04/03
Smith-Bozeman, Richenda Rae	162322	Failure to safeguard narcotics; Failure to report missing narcotics; Discrepancies in the administration and documentation of narcotics	03/04/03
Sterling, Ashly Guerin	139386	Failure to assess; False documentation	03/04/03
Steward, Deidra Dionne	159059	Positive drug screen	03/04/03
Stong, Debra Kay	132749	Positive drug screen	12/03/02
Thomas, Kathryn Kaye	148951	Failure to report change of condition of patient to physician	12/03/02
Waldrop, Mary H	144282	Attempted to obtain hydrocodone fraudulently; Misdemeanor conviction	12/03/02
Walker, Beverly Jean	074029	Drug abuse; Positive pre-employment drug screen	03/04/03
Walker, Debra Lynn	078967	Verbal abuse	03/04/03
Watson, Charolette Elaine	080768	Positive drug screen	12/03/02
Welch, Susan Marie	076868	Drug diversion; False documentation	12/03/02
Weltzbarker, Cynthia Mae	168871	Alcohol abuse on duty	12/03/02
Williams, Edna Mae	174394	Failure to follow physician orders	03/04/03
Winters, Cathy Ann	055980	Failure to file timely report of sexual abuse; Failure to assess;	12/03/02
Wright, Rupert Duwayne	118825	Medication errors; Failure to follow physician order; Inaccurate documentation	03/04/03

## Fines Administered

NAME	LVN#	VIOLATION	DATE
Anthony, Jody Lynn	138314	CE Violation - \$250	12/03/02
Anthony, Sandra K	081063	CE Violation - \$750	03/04/03
Armstrong, Elaine Theakson	071031	CE Violation - \$250	12/03/02
Brisco, Melissa J	178851	Practiced with delinquent license, Fined \$250	12/03/02
Browder, Opal V King	031091	CE Violation - \$250	12/03/02
Espinoza, Virginia Montes	062306	CE Violation - \$250	12/03/02
Gonzales, Wendi Rae	165953	CE Violation - \$250	12/03/02
Guimont, Barbara Norris	025581	CE Violation - \$250	12/03/02
Hadley, Julie Darice	151665	CE Violation - \$250	03/04/03
Kratochvil, Virginia Deniese	140247	CE Violation - \$250	12/03/02
Miller, Christi Jeanine	167062	CE Violation - \$250	12/03/02
Moss, Dawn	147040	CE Violation - \$250	12/03/02
Oakley, Bernadette	145949	CE Violation - \$250	12/03/02
Parrish, Shelia Diane	142365	CE Violation - \$250	03/04/02
Pennington, Marsha Sue	067480	CE Violation - \$250	12/03/02
Salazar, Sally	047120	CE Violation - \$250	03/04/03
Smith, Barbara P.	050731	CE Violation - \$250	03/04/03
Trevino, Maria Elena	064883	CE Violation - \$250	12/03/02
Wall, Elaine Ruth	165190	CE Violation - \$250	03/04/03
Williams, Marcia L	055363	CE Violation - \$250	03/04/03

## Reprimands Issued

NAME	LVN#	VIOLATION	DATE
Allen, Eva Marie	131351	Failure to document	03/04/03
Aydelott, Kelley Raye	173350	Failure to properly assess/evaluate; Failure to notify physician of change	03/04/03
Brownback, Jo Nell	015072	Failure to assess and evaluate	03/04/03
Burns, Sherrilyn Renee	130661	Drug diversion	03/04/03
Burrow, Katherine J	070293	Failure to use infection control	12/03/02
Cantu, Geneva	149063	Failure to follow physician orders; Practicing beyond scope	03/04/03
Clark, Billie D.	176984	Failure to notify physician of a change in condition of resident	03/04/03
De Anda, Margot	121845	Failure to report and document	03/04/03
Farmer, Linda Jones	040619	Misdemeanor conviction	12/03/02
Foster, Carolyn Sue	135278	Misdemeanor conviction; CE Violation	12/03/02
Gentry, Joan Elizabeth	110449	Misdemeanor conviction: DWI	03/04/03
Gonzalez, Jose	175311	Positive pre-employment drug screen	03/04/03
Green, Patricia Mae	067725	Misdemeanor convictions; Fraudulent license renewal	03/04/03
Griffin, Cheryl Lynn	178353	Violation of professional boundaries; Breach of confidentiality	12/03/02
Hollnagel, Rebecca Ann	171059	False documentation; Delegated nursing care to unlicensed staff	12/03/02
King, Robert Bradley	132723	Practice without license	12/03/02
Kudelka, Debbie Jane	122191	Misdemeanor conviction; Fraudulent renewal application	03/04/03
Lara, Christine Elaine	177936	Misdemeanor conviction	12/03/02
Long, Gladys Olivia	145303	Positive drug screen	03/04/03
Longoria, Laura Ann	121668	Medication errors; False documentation; Failure to follow physician orders	12/03/02
Mayes, James Edward	133463	Practiced vocational nursing while vocational nurse license suspended	03/04/03
McManus, Deborah Lee	065855	False documentation	12/03/02
McWilliam George Hampton	166451	Misdemeanor conviction; Fraudulent renewal of vocational nurse license	12/03/02
Moran, Luby Estela	176827	Medication error	03/04/02
Morley, Shaye Young	110777	Felony conviction	03/04/03
Okpiabhele, Kester	146172	Misdemeanor convictions	03/04/02
Ortiz, Sylvia	036383	Failure to follow physician order; False documentation	12/03/02
Otten, Dawn Michelle	162374	Positive drug screen	12/03/02
Paredez, Rachel M	105542	Failure to provide patient test results; Failure to return patient phone calls	12/03/02
Parnell, Odilia S	082920	Practice with delinquent license	12/03/02
Patterson-Picaso, Anthonette	065932	Positive drug screens	03/04/03
Polk, Wanda Jean	147704	Medication errors; Documentation errors	03/04/03
Proch, Sherry Deane	158754	Financial exploitation; Violation of professional boundaries	12/03/02
Rheinboldt, Cynthia Dawn	121864	Attempt to obtain fraudulent prescription	12/03/02
Rice, Jason Granville	150872	Felony conviction	03/04/03
Richardson, Deborah Sue	115929	Leaving duty station	03/04/03
Robles, Sandra Kay	132416	Misdemeanor conviction	03/04/03
Saylors, Heather Renee	168178	Failure to notify physician of a change in condition of a resident	03/04/03
Schnitzer, Christine Elizabeth	182576	Negligent administration of medication	12/03/02
Smith, Alicia Kay	173499	Misdemeanor convictions	03/04/03
Smith, Pontia N	083717	Verbal threats of suicide; Impaired behavior	12/03/02
Sparks, Angela Helen	123394	Failure to notify physician of change of condition of resident	03/04/03
Sparling, Karen Lyn	171535	Practicing without license	12/03/02
Staggs, Stacy Annette	152087	Action in another jurisdiction	12/03/02
Stockwell, Sally Elaine	174896	Failure to follow physicians; Medication errors	03/04/03
Tibbets, Matthew Shane	161984	Verbal abuse	12/03/02
Tipton, Joann	153406	Failure to submit documents; Accepted nursing assignments while physically impaired	12/03/02
Toafari, Joyce Aberebigha	178454	Failure to report change of condition of patient to physician	12/0302
Turk, Shirley Dean	147438	Failure to ensure patient safety	12/03/02
Vallejo, Ida	146987	Physical abuse	03/04/03
Villanueva, Yvonne Marie	146159	Medication errors; Failure to assess/evaluate	12/03/02

## Endorsement Applicants Granted Licensure

NAME	LVN#	VIOLATION	DATE
Keller, Dorit Ann	Case #13826	Felony conviction	12/03/02

## Endorsement Applicant Denied Licensure

NAME	LVN#	VIOLATION	DATE
Alvarez, Benjamin Ross	Case #13841	Felony conviction	03/04/03

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Haggard, Kimie G.	Case #14728	Misdemeanor convictions; Action in another jurisdiction	03/04/03
Hickey, Stasia Elizabeth	#14371	Misdemeanor convictions	12/03/02
Hopkins, Aleja Rivera	Case #13479	Felony conviction	12/03/02
McNeill, Amy Renee	Case #14244	Misdemeanor conviction	03/04/03
Quesinberry, Kawaii Serene	Case #14707	Misdemeanor convictions	03/04/03
Thompson, Sharon Denise	Case #14181	Action in another jurisdiction	03/04/03

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>LVN#</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Walker, Pamela Kay	180082	Positive drug screen	12/03/02

<b>Denied Reinstatement</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LVN#</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Bailey, Christine Holiday	100638	Reinstatement	03/04/03

<b>Licenses Reinstated/Suspended</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>LVN#</b>	<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Ripple, Sandra Kay	134185	Reinstatement	12/03/02

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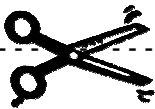
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