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Agency: TEXAS BOARD NURSING BON

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: N/A

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

The current panel serving on the board consists of nurses who do not accurately reflect the working class. The 13 members include nurses who's current line of work is either Management or Education. However, majority of the nurses whom they represent are direct care nurses. Direct care nurses are nurses who's duties encompass providing wholistic medicine to patients in clinical settings, such as hospitals and clinics. They are the case managers for patients in our communities who are at their most vulnerable state when receiving care. Having a panel that is disconnected of the day to day challenges these direct care nurses face is a disservice to not only the nurses they govern, but to the public as well.

I propose the governing panel be a representation of the population they govern. The board needs to reflect the percentages of nurses working in the state of Texas. For example, if the percentage of nurses are 10% Advance License Practitioners, 30 % Licensed Vocational Nurses, and 60% Registered Nurses, then 10% of the Panel should be made up ALPs, 30% of LVNs, and 60% RNs. Further more, if 80% of the LVNs are direct care nurses and the remaining 20% are in education, of the number of panel members allowed for LVNs, 80% should consist of direct care nurses and 20% should be nurses working in the field of education. Same for ALPs and RNs.

Just as the House of Representatives consists of equal representation of the country's population, shouldn't the governing body of nurses be the same? By having this equal representation, education of nurses can be modified to more accurately reflect the skills and knowledge future nurses need to prepare them to face the challenges of the current work environment in order to better serve the public. Disciplinary actions can be more just and nurses can obtain the assistance needed because the panel will be more aware of the challenges faced by the nurses going into hearing to begin with.

Being the democracy that we are, we as a nation celebrate the diversity in our population and fiercely defend our right to equal representation. So therefore, we, as nurses, respectfully demand the same rights apply to our License Governing Body and celebrate the diversity the nursing field has to offer.

Thank you.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree