

The Board of Nursing (BON) serves an important role of hearing from nurses in all roles, including bedside, in the disciplinary setting. How does the Board seek to learn about the day-to-day lived experience of bedside nurses in Texas outside of the disciplinary setting? It is not evident if each or any member of the Board has regular exposure to the bedside nursing experience.

It is critical for each Board member to deeply understand the day-to-day experience of all levels of Texas nurses so that, when in the disciplinary setting, it is clear what is outside the parameters of reasonable behavior.

It also positions the Board to voice necessary practice and educational regulatory reforms should the day-the-day experience not support the welfare of the people of Texas.

The purpose of the BON Nursing Practice Advisory Committee is to identify, study, and analyze major practice issues that significantly impact the practice of nursing.

To be most responsive to the BON's mission to bedside nurses in Texas **why not have a board member shadow a bedside nurse** as a Board's development training session? From the title the dissertation of Mary Beth Thomas, PhD, RN Director of Nursing on Perceptions of Registered Nurses Sanctioned by the BON: Individual, Health Care Team, Patient, and System Contributions to Error (cited on page 19 of the self-evaluation Report SER) sounds like it might share the spirit. Sadly, only one member Beverley Jean Natali, LVN could have attended this training since it was Oct 2007.

In this spirit of being more responsive and the presumption of good faith and shared values we **request the Board commission a study to explore disciplinary actions and what, if any, role education and staffing may play...**