

**Updates Related to Co-Regulation
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board,
The Texas Workforce Commission,
Texas Education Agency, and
The Texas Board of Nursing**

Twelve representatives from the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas Higher Education Board, the Texas Education Agency, and the Board of Nursing participated in a virtual joint-agency meeting on November 16, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. Board Staff are responsible for organizing and hosting the meetings.

The following items were included in the November 16, 2020, agenda and discussion:

- Welcome, Introductions, Agency Updates – Kristin Benton
BON Updates related to COVID waivers and recent Board actions regarding nursing programs
- Effects of COVID on NCLEX-RN pass rates – Jan Hooper
- Informal Information Session for new programs – Virginia Ayars
- Process for Annual Data Collection through the NEPIS – Virginia Ayars
- Proposals for New Programs – Beverly Skloss
- New Programs Approved – Virginia Ayars
- Co-Regulation Process Documents – Jan Hooper
- BON Virtual Survey Visits during COVID – Gayle Varnell
- Program Issues – clinical hours, program responses to COVID, VN Self-Study Reports, new program directors – Jan Hooper

These joint-agency meetings are held twice each year and facilitate the collaboration in our co-regulation of nursing education. The discussions during the meetings are productive and facilitates avoiding duplication in the approval and monitoring of nursing education programs. The meetings are well-attended and appreciated by all agencies involved. The next meeting will be scheduled for May 2021.

This report is for information only. No action is required.