

Colorado Trauma Network Inc.

Legislative Sub- Committee

Date & Time: March 9, 2020

1400



Nurses Day at the Capitol and Legislative Dinner 2/18/20

- Findings
- Connections
- Larger presence next year- Push through CTN and own facilities



STB – Moving Forward

- Robyn collecting data from CTN Blast, getting responses-very minimal, will re-blast
- Nothing happening this legislative year
 - Why?
- Connections made for representatives to sponsor bill (2 identified 😊)
- National Stop the bleed day offerings at **your facilities** 5/21/20- will push out at CTN in April and before
 - Will need regional points of contact and commitment



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Sunset review

What is it?

- Every 10 years, all regulatory agencies in the state of Colorado must be re-evaluated to determine whether they should continue to exist for the good of the public. It is the duty of The Colorado Office of Policy Research and Regulatory Reform (COPRRR-often spoken as “Co-Per”) to perform these reviews.

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora-oprrr/node/143226/>

- This vote will occur in the 2020 Legislative Season (January through May).
- (CNA website, 2020)



Sunset Review

- What happens?
- COPRRR collects all their data and then makes a recommendation to the Colorado legislature to continue the Board of Nursing and the Nurse Practice Act, or to eliminate the Board of Nursing, and hence regulation of nursing in Colorado. It is called a sunset, as the sun will set on this board if not reapproved by the legislature for the next 10 year period. This vote will occur in the 2020 Legislative Season (January through May).
- Option (1): The General Assembly (Legislature) does not pass this bill to continue with the Nurse Practice Act. The Board of Nursing will dissolve and there will be no regulation of nursing in the State of Colorado. This is very dangerous to both the public and to nurses in Colorado.
- Option (2): The General Assembly (Legislature) passes the bill to continue with the Nurse Practice Act. The Board of Nursing will continue. The next sunset will occur in 2030.
- For more information on COPRRR and sunset in general:
- <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora-oprrr/node/143226/>
- (CAN website, 2020)



Sunset review

- **Who regulates nursing practice in the state of Colorado?**
- The Board of Nursing (BON) regulates nursing practice in the state of Colorado. Although this may seem obvious, there are other states where nursing practice is regulated by medical boards. The board of nursing (and other boards) are regulated by the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). The job of the BON is to protect the Colorado public from harm by ensuring that we are safe to practice.

Board of Nursing: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Nursing>

DORA: <https://www.colorado.gov/dora>

- (CNA website, 2020)



Sunset review

- **What is the Colorado Nurse Practice Act?**
- The Nurse Practice Act is a law that works together with the rules and regulations in the state of Colorado to govern safe nursing practice. This act provides the framework for safe, competent nursing practice. Included in the Nurse Practice Act are (1) the definition of “The Practice of Professional Nursing”, (2) Laws on creation of the Board of Nursing, its composition, and its function (3) Requirements for Licensure and Prescriptive Authority, (4) Delegation Law, and (5) Disciplinary Procedures.
- To find out about Nurse Practice Acts in general, here is a helpful article:
https://www.ncsbn.org/2017_NPA_Guide_and_govern.pdf
- To access our Colorado Nurse Practice Act:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-K5DhxXxJZbOHRFaGVIv0xVSEk/view>



Sunset review

Is there anything else that occurs during this review?

- nurses to advocate for the highest level of practice within our scope-this includes important issues like protecting the title of “Registered Nurse”, removing barriers for APRNs to prescribe medications in the state of Colorado, and protecting the personal information of licensed nurses, including information regarding alternative to discipline programs that allow nurses with mental health or substance use concerns to continue to practice safely.

- (CNA website, 2020)



Dear State Representative Richard M. Alonso Holtorf-House District 64,

We wanted to thank you again for your time and conversation at the Nurses Day on the Capitol dinner. You mentioned for us to follow up with you regarding the upcoming Sunset Review regarding the Colorado Nurse Practice Act. We would like your support for continuation of the Colorado Nurse Practice Act and support for nurses in removing all barriers to practice in the state of Colorado.

Three changes needed to the Colorado Nurse Practice Act:

- 1) **LPN focused assessment**- LPN (Licensed practical Nurses) in the state of Colorado need to be able to perform Nursing assessments just like their RN (registered Nurse) colleagues. This is crucial for Colorado because 45 % of nurses employed in skilled nursing facilities, extended care facilities, and home health care are LPN's.
Also, 21 Colorado counties rely on LPN staffing to assure that long term care residents are cared for. For this reason, it is necessary for Colorado to **authorize the LPN role in assessment**.
- 2) **Eliminate Barriers for APRN Full Prescriptive Authority**- Currently Colorado is one of *only* two states total that require an articulated plan for APRN's (Advanced practice registered Nurse Practitioners) prescriptive mentoring to be completed. The Federal Trade Commission indicates that APRN's are as safe and effective as independent doctors, have comparable prescribing patterns and patient outcomes. Multiple states **grant APRN's full prescriptive authority upon graduation from an accredited graduate program and national board certification without mentoring requirements**. Colorado needs to allow Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioners to operate at the height of their clinical and educational scope.
- 3) **Clarification of Nursing's role in Patient Care- Colorado Nurses need to be able to perform at the highest level of practice within our scope**. This includes important issues like protecting the title of "Registered Nurse", removing barriers for APRNs to prescribe medications in the state of Colorado, and protecting the personal information of licensed nurses, including information regarding alternative to discipline programs that allow nurses with mental health or substance use concerns to continue to practice safely. By removing these barriers, we can provide quality care to the people of Colorado.

Sample Letter to send to legislators

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Thanks Jamie!

Can make generic letter to push out
to CTN members to generate to their
legislators



Bill tracker

<u>HB20-1349</u>	Colorado Affordable Health Care Option	Concerning the Colorado option plan to be implemented by executive agencies in order to create more affordable health benefit plans for health care consumers in this state.	Monitor	<u>K. Donovan (D)</u>	<u>C. Kennedy (D)</u> <u>D. Roberts (D)</u>	03/11/2020	1:30 PM	House Committee Room 0112	Introduced In House - Assigned to Health & Insurance + Appropriations: 03/05/2020	<u>Lobbyists</u>
<u>HB20-1183</u>	Sunset Continue Certification Of Nurse Aides	Concerning the continuation of the certification of nurse aides by the state board of nursing, and, in connection therewith, implementing the recommendations contained in the 2019 sunset report by the department of regulatory agencies.	Monitor	<u>J. Ginal (D)</u>	<u>K. Mullica (D)</u>	03/09/2020	10:00 AM	House Chamber	House Second Reading Special Order - Passed with Amendments - Committee: 03/06/2020	<u>Lobbyists</u>
<u>HB20-1206</u>	Sunset Mental Health Professionals	Concerning the continuation of the regulation of mental health professionals, and, in connection therewith, implementing recommendations contained in the 2019 sunset report by the department of regulatory agencies.	Monitor	<u>J. Tate (R)</u> <u>F. Winter (D)</u>	<u>L. Landgraf (R)</u> <u>D. Michaelson Jenet (D)</u>	03/09/2020	1:30 PM	House Committee Room 0112	House Committee on Public Health Care & Human Services Refer Amended to Finance: 02/21/2020	<u>Lobbyists</u>
<u>HB20-1209</u>	Sunset Nurse-physician Advisory Task Force	Concerning the continuation of the nurse-physician advisory task force for Colorado health care, and, in connection therewith, implementing the recommendations contained in the 2019 sunset report by the department of regulatory agencies.	Monitor	<u>J. Ginal (D)</u>	<u>L. Cutter (D)</u> <u>K. Mullica (D)</u>	03/12/2020	1:30 PM	Old Supreme Court Chambers	Introduced In Senate - Assigned to Health & Human Services: 03/03/2020	<u>Lobbyists</u>



Bill tracker

<u>HB20-1210</u>	Sunset State Board Of Chiropractic Examiners	Concerning the continuation of the state board of chiropractic examiners, and, in connection therewith, implementing the recommendations contained in the 2019 sunset report by the department of regulatory agencies.	Monitor	<u>R. Fields (D)</u>	<u>M. Duran (D)</u> <u>Y. Caraveo (D)</u>	03/13/2020	8:00 AM	Legislative Services Building Hearing Room A	House Committee on Finance Refer Unamended to Appropriations: 03/02/2020		<u>Lobbyists</u>
<u>HB20-1212</u>	Sunset Naturopathic Doctors	Concerning the continuation of the regulation of naturopathic doctors, and, in connection therewith, implementing recommendations contained in the 2019 sunset report by the department of regulatory agencies.	Monitor	<u>N. Todd (D)</u>	<u>L. Landgraf (R)</u> <u>Y. Caraveo (D)</u>	03/09/2020	10:00 AM	House Chamber	House Second Reading Special Order - Passed with Amendments - Committee: 03/06/2020		<u>Lobbyists</u>
<u>HB20-1216</u>	Sunset Continue Nurse Practice Act	Concerning the continuation of the state board of nursing, and, in connection therewith, implementing the recommendations contained in the 2019 sunset report by the department of regulatory agencies.	Support	<u>J. Ginal (D)</u>	<u>K. Mullica (D)</u>	03/09/2020	10:00 AM	House Chamber	House Second Reading Special Order - Laid Over Daily - No Amendments: 03/06/2020		<u>Lobbyists</u>



Group Roundtable

- Action Items
- Anything Else

