



ACNL in Action:

Nurse Leaders Making a Difference!

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Legislative Update

SB 466 Amended to Sunrise the BRN Until January 1, 2018

SB 466 (Hill), the Board of Registered Nursing bill, was heard in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee on July 14. Senator Hill, the bill's author, took several amendments including an amendment to Sunrise the BRN until **January 1, 2018**. In addition, the oversight monitor for the enforcement program has been changed to an audit of the program by the State Auditor – the same department that conducted the audit of the BreZE computer system. SB 466 was then passed by the Committee by unanimous vote.

This important compromise was the result of collaboration between professional nursing organizations, the BRN and legislative staff. Now we must ensure that the bill passes the full legislature and is signed by the Governor.

Your voice is needed to ensure the success of SB 466! Please contact your legislators by telephone, email or letter and urge them to support SB 466 which ensures the Sunrise of the BRN until January 1, 2018.

[View Bill Analysis by Assembly Committee on Business and Professions and Amendments to SB 466](#)

Locate your representatives at: www.leginfo.ca.gov

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SB 323 Now a 2-Year Bill

SB 323 (Hernandez) is now a 2-year bill. This bill would allow nurse practitioners, who hold national certification and practice in specific settings, to work without physician supervision.

ACNL continues to collaborate with the Advanced Practice Nurse Coalition and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Coalition. We remain committed to ensuring that this important legislation is passed next year.

Developing Leadership Competencies for Emerging, Experienced and Expert Nurse Leaders

On July 22, Dr Linda Searle Leach provided an overview, via webinar, of work by ACNL and the California Action Coalition on the development of leadership competencies for emerging, experienced and expert nurse leaders.

This project focuses on identifying competencies that would guide nurses in developing the skills and perspectives needed to be effective in leadership roles and strengthen their leadership in carrying out their clinical roles. The purpose is to provide a learning continuum in leadership development for practicing nurses that aligns with the core competencies for all health professions. The core competencies are: provide patient-centered care, apply quality improvement, employ evidence-based practice, utilize informatics and work in interdisciplinary teams.

Dr. Leach conducted a breakout session on this topic at ACNL's 2015 Annual Conference in February. Comments from the session were utilized by the subcommittee and integrated into the most recent version of leadership competencies. The committee is requesting feedback from nurse leaders regarding these competencies and an activity guide that can be utilized to actualize these competencies.

These resources are stored on the ACNL website and can also be accessed using the link below (You will be prompted to log-onto the website). Please send your comments and suggestions regarding these leadership competencies and the activity guide to info@acnl.org.

[Leadership Competencies and Activity Guide](#)

ACNL's Quality, Safety & Care Experience Committee Produces Valuable Resource Index for Members

ACNL's Quality, Safety and Care Experience Committee has compiled indexes of state and national resources and references for quality and patient safety. Use the links below to access these valuable resources. (You will be prompted to log onto the website).

[National Quality and Patient Safety Resources and References](#)

[California Quality and Patient Safety Resources and References](#)

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ACNL Elections Coming Soon

Elections for the 2016-2018 Board of Directors will begin in early August. Again this year, members will vote electronically. On behalf of ACNL's Committee on Nominations and Board of Directors, we would like to thank the members who demonstrated their willingness to serve. In the upcoming election, members will be voting for the following offices: President-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, Director-North, Director-Central, Director-South and Director-San Diego.

2015 CNSA Convention: Exhibitor and Sponsor Opportunities

Illuminating Our Future! Lighting the Path to Success

October 16-18 at the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel & Conference Center in Pomona

Your support is needed! Students attending the California Nursing Students' Association Convention are our future! Connect with the nurse leaders of tomorrow by being an exhibitor or sponsor!

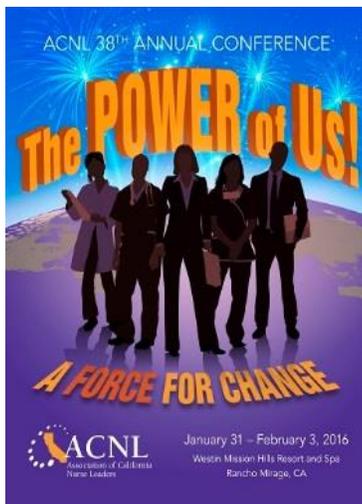
[Learn More About Exhibitor and Sponsorship Opportunities at the CNSA Convention](#)

[2015 CNSA Convention Brochure](#)

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[Read *DirectLink* – Summer 2015 Issue](#)



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ACNL's 38th Annual Conference

The Power of Us! A Force for Change

January 31 – February 3, 2016

**at the Westin Mission Hills Resort and Spa
in Rancho Mirage, California**

More Details Coming Soon...