BOARD OF NURSING
Room 121A, 1400 East Washington Avenue, Madison
Contact: Dan Williams (608) 266-2112
September 14, 2017

The following agenda describes the issues that the Board plans to consider at the meeting. At the time of the meeting, items may be removed from the agenda. Please consult the meeting minutes for a record of the actions of the Board.

AGENDA

10:00 A.M.
(OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE NURSING LEGISLATION AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING)

OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

A. Adoption of Agenda (1-5)

B. Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2017 (6-10)

C. Administrative Matters
   1) Board Members – Term Expiration Dates:
      a. Paul Abegglen – 07/01/2019
      b. Jennifer Eklof – 07/01/2021 (appointed but not yet confirmed)
      c. Elizabeth Smith Houskamp – 07/01/2020 (appointed but not yet confirmed)
      d. Peter Kallio – 07/01/2018
      e. Sheryl Krause – 07/01/2018
      f. Lillian Nolan – 07/01/2019
      g. Luann Skarlupka – 07/01/2021 (re-appointed but not yet confirmed)
      h. Cheryl Streeter – 07/01/2018
      i. Pamela White – 07/01/2019 (appointed but not yet confirmed)
   2) Staff Updates

D. Education and Examination Matters - Discussion and Consideration (11)
   1) NCLEX Review – Discussion and Consideration

E. Legislative/Administrative Rule Matters - Discussion and Consideration
   1) Update on Legislation and Pending or Possible Rulemaking Projects
F. National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Items - Discussion and Consideration
   1) Update as to Nurse Compact (NLC) and Enhanced Nurse Compact (eNLC)
   2) Report from Annual Meeting – August 16-18, 2017 in Chicago Illinois

G. Board of Nursing Liaison Reports - Discussion and Consideration

H. Speaking Engagement(s), Travel, or Public Relation Request(s)- Discussion and Consideration

I. Informational Items (12-13)
   1) CGFNS International Inc. Honors Barbara Nichols

J. Deliberation on Items Added After Preparation of Agenda:
   1) Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
   2) Election of Officers
   3) Appointment of Liaison(s)
   4) Delegation of Authorities
   5) Administrative Matters
   6) Education and Examination Matters
   7) Credentialing Matters
   8) Practice Matters
   9) Legislative/Administrative Rule Matters
   10) Liaison Reports
   11) Board Liaison Training and Appointment of Mentors
   12) Informational Items
   13) Disciplinary Matters
   14) Presentations of Petitions for Summary Suspension
   15) Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
   16) Presentation of Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
   17) Presentation of Proposed Final Decision and Orders
   18) Presentation of Interim Orders
   19) Petitions for Re-Hearing
   20) Petitions for Assessments
   21) Petitions to Vacate Orders
   22) Requests for Disciplinary Proceeding Presentations
   23) Motions
   24) Petitions
   25) Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed
   26) Speaking Engagement(s), Travel, or Public Relation Request(s)

K. Public Comments

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (ss. 19.85 (1)(b), and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85 (1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.).

L. APPEARANCE: Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Attorney Kim Kluck and Respondent: Review of Administrative Warning WARN00000678/DLSC Case No. 17 NUR 136 (14-22)
M. Deliberation on Credentialing Matters
1) Susan Nytes #581112 – Conviction Review (23-129)

N. Deliberation on Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Matters
1) Attorney Amanda Florek
   a. Administrative Warnings
   1. 16 NUR 179 – B.D.F. (130-131)
   b. Stipulations and Final Decisions and Orders
   1. 16 NUR 038 and 17 NUR 029 – C.L.V. (132-147)
   3. 16 NUR 290 – J.H.G. (154-159)
   4. 16 NUR 481 – S.L.B. (160-165)
   5. 16 NUR 571 – C.L.N. (166-171)
   6. 16 NUR 571 – S.M.W. (172-183)
   7. 16 NUR 599 – T.M.R. (184-190)
   8. 16 NUR 646 – K.L.F. (191-202)
   9. 17 NUR 027 – M.G.M. (203-214)
  10. 17 NUR 032 – C.M.S. (215-223)
  11. 17 NUR 371 – E.M.M. (224-236)

2) Attorney Kim Kluck
   a. Administrative Warnings
   1. 16 NUR 667 – B.L.S. (237-238)
   2. 17 NUR 086 – J.J.M. (239-240)
   b. Stipulations and Final Decisions and Orders
   1. 16 NUR 174 – L.M.S. (243-248)
   2. 16 NUR 298 – L.M.W. (249-255)
   3. 16 NUR 442 – H.H.M. (256-262)
   4. 16 NUR 580 – B.A.W. (263-268)
   5. 16 NUR 620 – T.D.R. (269-276)
   6. 16 NUR 639 – N.A.D. (277-281)

3) Case Closures
4) Monitoring (295-681)
   a. Department Monitor Jesse Benisch
      1. Leonard Britt, R.N. – Requesting Full Licensure (297-311)
      2. Jennifer Howard, R.N. – Requesting Full Licensure (312-379)
      3. Stacey McCarthy, R.N. – Requesting Termination of AODA Therapy and Reduction in Drug Screens and AA Meetings (380-408)
      4. Elizabeth Watts, R.N. – Requesting Florida IPN to be Primary Monitor (409-430)
      5. Stephanie Westlake, R.N. – Requesting Termination of AODA Therapy and Reduction in Drug Screens (431-453)
   b. Department Monitor Zoua Cha
      1. Renee Bender, R.N. – Requesting Access to Controlled Substances (454-479)
      2. Joni Eberhardt, R.N. – Requesting Full Licensure (480-504)
      3. Tracey Hoeppner, R.N. – Requesting Full Licensure or Reduction in Drug and Alcohol Screens and Termination of AA/NA (505-538)
      4. Timothy Murphy, R.N. – Requesting Full Licensure (539-564)
      6. Heather Pierce, R.N. – Requesting Full Licensure or Reduction in Drug and Alcohol Screens and Termination of Treatment (598-628)
      8. Samantha Schlesner, R.N. – Requesting Full Licensure or Termination of Treatment, Reduction and Drug and Alcohol Screens, and Reduction in AA/NA (654-681)

O. Deliberation on Orders Fixing Costs in the Matter of Disciplinary Proceedings Against:
   1) Tracy Burtis, R.N. – 15 NUR 629 (682-687)
   2) Jackson, Kimberly, R.N. – 15 NUR 636 (688-695)
   3) Ann M. Lenck, R.N. – 14 NUR 692 (696-705)

P. Deliberation on Proposed Final Decision and Order:
   1) Yvette Johnson-Harris, R.N., Respondent, DHA Case No. SPS-14-0049/DLSC Case No. 13 NUR 133 (706-738)

Q. Deliberation of Items Added After Preparation of the Agenda
   1) Education and Examination Matters
   2) Credentialing Matters
   3) Disciplinary Matters
   4) Monitoring Matters
   5) Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Matters
   6) Petitions for Summary Suspensions
   7) Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
   8) Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Order
   9) Administrative Warnings
   10) Review of Administrative Warnings
   11) Proposed Final Decision and Orders
   12) Matters Relating to Costs/ Orders Fixing Costs
   13) Case Closings
   14) Board Liaison Training
   15) Proposed Interim Orders
   16) Petitions for Assessments and Evaluations
   17) Petitions to Vacate Orders
   18) Remedial Education Cases
19) Motions
20) Petitions for Re-Hearing
21) Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed

R. Consulting with Legal Counsel

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

S. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session, if Voting is Appropriate

T. Open Session Items Noticed Above not Completed in the Initial Open Session

U. **Board Meeting Process (Time Allocation, Agenda Items) – Discussion and Consideration**
   1) Newsletter Update

V. Board Strategic Planning and its Mission, Vision and Values – Discussion and Consideration

**ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2017**

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BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2017

PRESENT: Paul Abegglen (arrived via GoToMeeting at 9:49 a.m.,) Jennifer Eklof, Elizabeth Smith-Houskamp, Peter Kallio, Sheryl Krause, Lillian Nolan, Cheryl Streeter, Pamela White (via GoToMeeting)

EXCUSED: Luann Skarlupka

STAFF: Dan Williams, Executive Director; Sharon Henes, Administrative Rules Coordinator; Nifty Lynn Dio, Bureau Assistant; and other DSPS Staff

CALL TO ORDER
Sheryl Krause, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum of seven (7) members was confirmed.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Amendments to the Agenda
- Remove item: M.1.a) 16 NUR 518 – H.M.B.
- Correct item: M.1.b.9) 17 NUR 181 – M.M.T. to Administrative Warning

MOTION: Peter Kallio moved, seconded by Cheryl Streeter, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2017

MOTION: Peter Kallio moved, seconded by Elizabeth Smith-Houskamp, to approve the minutes of June 8, 2017 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION MATTERS

NCLEX Pass Rates of Board Approved RN and PN Schools

Herzing University-Madison

MOTION: Cheryl Streeter moved, seconded by Peter Kallio, to acknowledge and thank Jennifer Kowalkowski from Herzing University-Madison for their appearance before the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Lillian Nolan moved, seconded by Pamela White, to acknowledge the plan submitted by Herzing University-Madison. Motion carried unanimously.

(Paul Abegglen joined via GoToMeeting at 9:49 a.m.)
CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Peter Kallio moved, seconded by Lillian Nolan, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (s. 19.85 (1)(b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigation with administrative warning (s.19.85(1)(b), Stats. and 440.205, Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85 (1)(f), Stats.); and, to confer with legal counsel (s.19.85(1)(g), Stats.). Sheryl Krause, Chair, read the language of the motion. The vote of each member was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Paul Abegglen-yes; Jennifer Eklof-yes; Elizabeth Smith-Houskamp-yes; Peter Kallio-yes; Sheryl Krause-yes; Lillian Nolan-yes; Cheryl Streeter-yes; Pamela White-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, all external communication contacts will be terminated for purposes of going into Closed Session.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 10:05 a.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Peter Kallio moved, seconded by Jennifer Eklof, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:52 a.m.

MOTION: Peter Kallio moved, seconded by Lillian Nolan, to designate Lillian Nolan, Elizabeth Smith-Houskamp and Jennifer Eklof as Screening Panel for August 2017 through January 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Peter Kallio moved, seconded by Cheryl Streeter, to affirm all motions made in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

(Be advised that any recusals or abstentions reflected in the closed session motions stand for the purposes of the affirmation vote.)

DELIBERATION ON STIPULATION AND INTERIM ORDER IN THE MATTER OF CASE NO. 16 NUR 542, JENNIFER STEHLING, R.N.

MOTION: Peter Kallio moved, seconded by Paul Abegglen, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Stipulation and Interim Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings again Jennifer Stehling, DLSC Case No. 16 NUR 542. Motion carried unanimously.
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE (DLSC) MATTERS

Attorney Amanda Florek

Administrative Warnings

MOTION: Peter Kallio moved, seconded by Elizabeth Smith-Houskamp, to issue an Administrative Warning in the following DLSC Case Numbers:
1. 16 NUR 518 – B.J.O.
2. 16 NUR 518 – C.J.A.
3. 16 NUR 530 – C.L.H.
4. 16 NUR 745 – B.L.S.
5. 17 NUR 181 – M.M.T.
Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders

MOTION: Peter Kallio moved, seconded by Cheryl Streeter, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against:
1. 16 NUR 096 – J.L.F.
2. 16 NUR 353 – A.L.L.
3. 16 NUR 459 – L.I.L.
4. 16 NUR 562 – T.O.
5. 16 NUR 583 – M.B.C.
6. 16 NUR 670 – T.L.S.
7. 16 NUR 680 – J.A.V.
8. 17 NUR 019 – D.J.S.
Motion carried unanimously.

DLSC Attorney Kim Kluck

Administrative Warnings

MOTION: Peter Kallio moved, seconded by Paul Abegglen, to issue an Administrative Warning in the following DLSC Case Numbers:
1. 17 NUR 111 – P.A.B.
2. 17 NUR 136 – T.J.S.
3. 17 NUR 293 – K.M.W.
Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders

MOTION: Peter Kallio moved, seconded by Pamela White, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against:
1. 15 NUR 651 – R.J.S.
2. 16 NUR 063 – J.L.S.
3. 16 NUR 304 – A.K.S.
4. 16 NUR 514 – R.M.Y.
5. 16 NUR 738 – C.J.H.
Motion carried unanimously.
Case Closures

**MOTION:** Cheryl Streeter moved, seconded by Peter Kallio, to close the DLSC cases for the reasons outlined below:

1. 16 NUR 025 – Prosecutorial Discretion (P7)
2. 16 NUR 183 – Prosecutorial Discretion (P2)
3. 16 NUR 290 (Tucker) – Insufficient Evidence
4. 16 NUR 290 (Weber) – Insufficient Evidence
5. 16 NUR 290 (Terry) – Insufficient Evidence
6. 16 NUR 290 (McGee) – Insufficient Evidence
7. 16 NUR 290 (Winters) – Insufficient Evidence
8. 16 NUR 341 – Insufficient Evidence
9. 16 NUR 342 – Prosecutorial Discretion (P5-Flag)
10. 16 NUR 398 – Prosecutorial Discretion (P2)
11. 16 NUR 430 – Prosecutorial Discretion (P5-Flag)
12. 16 NUR 518 (H.M.B.) – Insufficient Evidence
13. 16 NUR 524 – Prosecutorial Discretion (P5-Flag)
14. 16 NUR 618 – Prosecutorial Discretion (P5-Flag)
15. 16 NUR 690 – Prosecutorial Discretion (P5-Flag)
16. 16 NUR 694 (L.M.C.) – Prosecutorial Discretion (P2)
17. 17 NUR 007 – Prosecutorial Discretion (P5-Flag)
18. 17 NUR 017 – No Violation
19. 17 NUR 159 – No Violation
20. 17 NUR 265 – Prosecutorial Discretion (P2)

Motion carried unanimously.

**Monitoring – Jesse Benisch**

*Ross Huber, R.N. – Requesting Reduction in Screens and Termination of Direct Supervision*

**MOTION:** Peter Kallio moved, seconded by Cheryl Streeter, to grant the request of Ross Huber, R.N. for reduction of drug screens to 28 per year and one hair test and termination of direct supervision. Motion carried unanimously.

*Simone Keppler, R.N. – Requesting Full Licensure*

**MOTION:** Peter Kallio moved, seconded by Paul Abegglen, to grant the request of Simone Keppler, R.N. for full unrestricted licensure. Motion carried unanimously.

*Angela Subjek, R.N. – Requesting Full Licensure*

*(Elizabeth Smith-Houskamp recused herself and left the room for deliberation and voting in the matter of Angela Subjek, R.N.)*

**MOTION:** Paul Abegglen moved, seconded by Peter Kallio, to grant the request of Angela Subjek, R.N. for full unrestricted licensure. Motion carried unanimously.

*Melissa Troutman, R.N. – Requesting Full Licensure*

**MOTION** Cheryl Streeter moved, seconded by Paul Abegglen, to deny the request of Melissa Troutman, R.N. for full licensure. **Reason for Denial:** Failure to demonstrate continuous and successful compliance under the terms of the Order (02/12/2015). Motion carried unanimously.
DELIBERATION ON ORDERS FIXING COSTS

Debra L. Acker, L.P.N.

MOTION: Peter Kallio moved, seconded by Pamela White, to adopt the Order Fixing costs in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Debra L. Acker, L.P.N., Order No. ORDER0005294/DLSC Case No. 15 NUR 258 and 16 NUR 549. Motion carried unanimously.

Leia M. Cruz-Perez, R.N.

MOTION: Cheryl Streeter moved, seconded by Peter Kallio, to adopt the Order Fixing costs in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Leia M. Cruz-Perez, R.N., Order No. ORDER0005326/DLSC Case No. 15 NUR 443. Motion carried unanimously.

Deborah A. Polzin, R.N.

MOTION: Lillian Nolan moved, seconded by Elizabeth Smith-Houskamp, to adopt the Order Fixing costs in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Deborah A. Polzin, R.N., Order No. ORDER0005327/DLSC Case No. 15 NUR 259. Motion carried unanimously.

DELIBERATION ON PROPOSED FINAL DECISIONS AND ORDERS

Tracy J. Burtis, R.N.

(Paul Abegglen recused himself and disconnected from the meeting for deliberation and voting in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Tracy J. Burtis, R.N.)

MOTION: Peter Kallio moved, seconded by Smith-Houskamp, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Proposed Decision and Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Tracy J. Burtis, Respondent – DHA Case No. SPS-17-0009/DLSC Case No. 15 NUR 629. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy K. Wetherald, R.N.

(Sheryl Krause recused herself and left the room for deliberation and voting in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Jeremy K. Wetherald, R.N.)

MOTION: Lillian Nolan moved, seconded by Cheryl Streeter, to adopt the Proposed Decision and Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Jeremy K. Wetherald, Respondent – DHA Case No. SPS-16-0068/DLSC Case No. 15 NUR 572, with the following variance: Because the license is expired, vary the ALJ’s Proposed Decision and Order by removing the proposed limitations and adding in language that allows the BoN to impose any terms or conditions on the license upon the renewal and designate Peter Kallio to approve the proposed language. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Peter Kallio moved, seconded by Jennifer Eklof, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.
State of Wisconsin
Department of Safety & Professional Services

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and Title of Person Submitting the Request:
   Dan Williams

2) Date When Request Submitted:
   Items will be considered late if submitted after 4:30 p.m. and less than:
   ▪ 10 work days before the meeting for Medical Board
   ▪ 14 work days before the meeting for all others

3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections:
   Wisconsin Board of Nursing

4) Meeting Date:
   January 12, 2017

5) Attachments:
   □ Yes
   □ No

6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page?
   NCLEX review - Discussion and Consideration

7) Place Item in:
   □ Open Session
   □ Closed Session
   □ Both

8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? If yes, who is appearing?
   □ Yes by
   □ No

9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required:
   N/A

10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed:

Dear Executive Officers and Operations Team Members:
Friendly reminder that you have until **Friday, August 18, 2017** to register for the 2017 fall Member Board Review of NCLEX Items. The Review will take place from **October 23 – November 10, 2017**.

How to register:

- Designate one lead contact to fill out the attached spreadsheet for all those participating from the member board. The lead contact only needs to fill out his/her information once under “Lead Contact Information.” However, if the lead contact will also be participating in the Review, please also include his/her information under “Participant Contact Information.”

- Determine the top three dates and locations for the Review. As a reminder, all participants from a single member board must review on the same date, at the same time and location. The dates available are Monday-Friday, October 23 – November 10, 2017. **Attached is a PDF of all the testing centers sorted by city, state and country.**

- Choose item pool type(s) - participants will have the option to review NCLEX-RN and/or NCLEX-PN items from both the current and previous quarters. The items that are eligible for review depends on the type of board (ex: RN or PN).

Please reply with the filled out spreadsheet as an Excel file. Once the registration is complete, Pearson VUE will send a confirmation email, including additional review information. For more information on the Review, visit the [Frequently Asked Questions about the BON/RB Reviews of NCLEX Items](#) and Chapter 13 of the [Member Board Manual](#).

Please let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to your participation!

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CGFNS International, Inc. honors Barbara Nichols, DNSc (hon), MS, RN, FAAN as its 2017 International Distinguished Leadership Fellow

Philadelphia, PA — CGFNS International, Inc. awards Ms. Barbara Nichols, DNSc (hon), MS, RN, FAAN, former Board President and Chief Executive Officer of CGFNS, as its 2017 International Distinguished Leadership Award Recipient. Ms. Nichols will be the ninth individual to be inducted into this esteemed group of global nursing leaders.

Ms. Nichols’ professional career spans across four decades, and includes various leadership and policy-making positions in professional associations and health related organizations. Throughout her career, Barbara has championed equality and diversity in all forms, particularly advocating for minority inclusion in both the US and international nursing professions.

Guiding our organization as CEO from 1999 to 2011, Ms. Barbara Nichols made several enormous contributions to both our work and the greater global nursing community. Leading our organization during a particularly turbulent time, Ms. Nichols worked diligently to fortify CGFNS’ legitimacy as the leading credentials evaluation provider both domestically and internationally. Barbara developed the CGFNS VisaScreen® program, partnering with the US Department of Homeland Security to get CGFNS legally recognized as the only organization authorized to certify healthcare professionals seeking occupational visas.

In 2005, Ms. Nichols strengthened CGFNS’ relationship with the International Council of Nurses (ICN) by developing the International Centre on Nurse Migration (ICNM), a CGFNS and ICN partnership dedicated to develop and disseminate research, policy, and information regarding global nurse migration. Apart from organizational development, Ms. Nichols contributed greatly to advancement of global nursing scholarship during her tenure as CEO. She wrote, edited, and published more than 200 works on nursing and health care delivery, including two CGFNS books which would come to serve as the world’s official guides for foreign-educated nurses and allied health professionals wishing to migrate to the United States.

Dr. Franklin A. Shaffer, President and CEO of CGFNS International, considers it an honor to induct his predecessor and dear friend as this year’s IDL award recipient. “Barbara’s contributions to this organization are innumerable and we will be forever indebted to her for her longstanding passion and dedication to the greater nursing and healthcare community, both in the United States and throughout the world.”

“I am enthralled and honored to be the CGFNS 2017 International Distinguished Leadership Fellow and I look forward greatly to participating in this celebration” said Ms. Nichols upon being notified of her selection for this prestigious award.

Join us in recognizing and officially inducting Ms. Barbara Nichols during the CGFNS 40th Anniversary Reception, held on the evening of September 17, 2017 on the lawn of the beautiful and historic Pennsylvania Hospital. The celebrations will continue into September 18, 2017 with our 9th International Distinguished Leadership Symposium. You may find more information and register for this event here.

About CGFNS International, Inc.
CGFNS International, Inc. is the largest credentials evaluation organization in the world. CGFNS is a non-profit and immigration neutral organization whose mission is to serve the global community through programs and services that verify and promote the knowledge-based practice competency of health care professionals. Please visit our website for additional information at www.cgfns.org.

About the International Distinguished Leadership Award

CGFNS International, Inc. established the International Distinguished Leadership Award in 1999. Over the span of 18 years, CGFNS has recognized global nursing leaders who have dedicated their careers to the advancement of the nursing profession throughout the world.