



**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE
BOARD OF NURSING
Virtual, 4822 Madison Yards Way, Madison
Contact: Brad Wojciechowski (608) 266-2112
October 8, 2026**

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

9:30 A.M.

OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

A. Approval of Agenda (1-4)

B. Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2026 (5-9)

C. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition

1. Introduction and Welcome – DSPS Secretary Hereth
2. Introduction: Anita Allen, Licensed Practical Nurse Member (Succeeds: Guyton)

D. Reminders: Conflicts of Interest, Scheduling Concerns

E. Administrative Matters – Discussion and Consideration

1. Department, Staff and Board Updates
2. **Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates (10-11)**
3. Board Members – Term Expiration Dates
 - a. Allen, Anita – 7/1/2030
 - b. Anderson, John G. – 7/1/2029
 - c. Brzozowski, Sarah L. – 7/1/2027
 - d. DeGroot, Tina M. – 7/1/2030
 - e. Kane, Amanda K. – 7/1/2027
 - f. Malak, Jennifer L. – 7/1/2026
 - g. McNally, Patrick J. – 7/1/2026
 - h. Reinbold, Craig – 7/1/2027
 - i. Saldivar Frias, Christian – 7/1/2023

F. Administrative Rule Matters – Discussion and Consideration (12-14)

1. Pending or Possible Rulemaking Projects

G. Compliance Requirements for School Based Services – Discussion and Consideration (15)

H. Board Opioid Abuse Goal Setting and Report Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.035 (2m) (c) – Discussion and Consideration (16-20)

I. Speaking Engagements, Travel, or Public Relation Requests, and Reports – Discussion and Consideration

- J. Interdisciplinary Advisory Committee – Discussion and Consideration
- K. Education and Examination Matters – Discussion and Consideration
- L. Legislative and Policy Matters – Discussion and Consideration
- M. Credentialing Matters – Discussion and Consideration
- N. Newsletter Matters – Discussion and Consideration**
- O. Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) Update – Discussion and Consideration
- P. Liaison Reports – Discussion and Consideration
- Q. Discussion and Consideration of Items Added After Preparation of Agenda:
 - 1. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition
 - 2. Administrative Matters
 - 3. Election of Officers
 - 4. Appointment of Liaisons and Alternates
 - 5. Delegation of Authorities
 - 6. Education and Examination Matters
 - 7. Credentialing Matters
 - 8. Practice Matters
 - 9. Legislative and Policy Matters
 - 10. Administrative Rule Matters
 - 11. Liaison Reports
 - 12. Board Liaison Training and Appointment of Mentors
 - 13. Public Health Emergencies
 - 14. Informational Items
 - 15. Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Matters
 - 16. Presentations of Petitions for Summary Suspension
 - 17. Petitions for Designation of Hearing Examiner
 - 18. Presentation of Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
 - 19. Presentation of Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
 - 20. Presentation of Interim Orders
 - 21. Petitions for Re-Hearing
 - 22. Petitions for Assessments
 - 23. Petitions to Vacate Orders
 - 24. Requests for Disciplinary Proceeding Presentations
 - 25. Motions
 - 26. Petitions
 - 27. Appearances from Requests Received or Renewed

R. 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.).

S. Deliberation on Division of Legal Services and Compliance Matters

- 1. Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions, and Orders**
 - a. 22 NUR 753 – Melissa R. Knutson **(21-26)**
 - b. 24 NUR 0715 – Marshall Kothrade **(27-32)**
 - c. 25 NUR 0045 – Roxanne A. Thornton **(33-39)**
 - d. 25 NUR 0192 – Mary Schoneck **(40-45)**
 - e. 26 NUR 0231 – Suzanne M. Brodt **(46-51)**
- 2. Case Closings**

- a. 22 NUR 857 – W.A.Z. **(52-58)**
- b. 24 NUR 0353 – T.C.B. **(59-64)**
- c. 24 NUR 0778 – J.L.C. **(65-69)**
- d. 25 NUR 0091 – C.T.G. and J.C. **(70-74)**
- e. 25 NUR 0321 – E.K.D. **(75-81)**
- f. 25 NUR 0454 – A.D.G. **(82-89)**
- g. 25 NUR 0499 – S.W. **(90-92)**
- h. 26 NUR 0019 – T.F. **(93-97)**
- i. 26 NUR 0459 – J.L.V. **(98-102)**

T. Deliberation of Items Added After Preparation of the Agenda

- 1. Education and Examination Matters
- 2. Credentialing Matters
- 3. DLSC 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. Proposed Interim Orders
- 10. Administrative Warnings
- 11. Review of Administrative Warnings
- 12. Proposed Final Decisions and Orders
- 13. Matters Relating to Costs/Orders Fixing Costs
- 14. Case Closings
- 15. Board Liaison Training
- 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

U. Consulting with Legal Counsel

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

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

W. Open Session Items Noticed Above Not Completed in the Initial Open Session

X. Board Meeting Process (Time Allocation, Agenda Items) – Discussion and Consideration

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

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 12, 2026

MEETINGS AND HEARINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND MAY BE CANCELLED WITHOUT NOTICE.

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meeting at which final action may be taken against the credential be held in open session. Requests for interpreters for the hard of hearing, or other accommodations, are considered upon request by contacting the Affirmative Action Officer. Alternatively, reach the Meeting Staff by calling 608-267-7213.

**VIRTUAL/TELECONFERENCE
BOARD OF NURSING
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2026**

PRESENT: Sarah Brzozowski, Tina DeGroot, Amanda Kane, Jennifer Malak, Patrick McNally, Craig Reinbold

ABSENT: John Anderson, Christian Saldivar Frias

STAFF: Brad Wojciechowski, Executive Director; Renee Parton, Assistant Deputy Chief Legal Counsel; Emily Constantine, Board Counsel, Sofia Anderson, Administrative Rules Coordinator; Ashley Sarnosky, Board Administrative Specialist; and other Department Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Malak, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. A quorum was confirmed with six (6) members present.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Amanda Kane moved, seconded by Patrick McNally, to adopt the Agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JULY 9, 2026

MOTION: Tina DeGroot moved, seconded by Sarah Brzozowski, to approve the Minutes of July 9, 2026 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

9:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING FOR EMERGENCY RULE EMR 2607 REVISING N 1 TO 8, RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

MOTION: Amanda Kane moved, seconded by Sarah Brzozowski, affirm the Board has provided an opportunity to review public comments concerning Emergency Rule EmR 2607 revising N 1 to 8, relating to advanced practice registered nurses and comprehensive review. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

9:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING FOR EMERGENCY RULE EMR 2606 AND PERMANENT RULE CR 26-036 REVISING N 1, RELATING TO FACULTY ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

MOTION: Amanda Kane moved, seconded by Tina DeGroot, to affirm the Board has provided an opportunity to review public comments concerning Emergency Rule EmR 2607 revising N 1, relating to faculty accreditation standards. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Patrick McNally moved, seconded by Sarah Brzozowski, to accept all Clearinghouse comments for Clearinghouse Rule 26-036 (N 1), relating to faculty accreditation standards. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Amanda Kane moved, seconded by Patrick McNally, to authorize the Chairperson (or in absence of the Chairperson, the highest-ranking officer or longest serving board member in that succession) to approve the Legislative Notice and Final Rule Draft for Clearinghouse Rule 26-036 (N 1), relating to faculty accreditation standards, for submission to the Governor's Office for approval. Once Approval is received, DSPS is authorized to submit Final Rule Draft to LRB for Publication and provide the Legislature with required notice. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OPIOID ABUSE GOAL SETTING AND REPORT PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. § 440.035 (2M) (C) – DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

MOTION: Jennifer Malak moved, seconded by Tina DeGroot, to delegate Amanda Kane to review the 2026 Report on Opioid Abuse pursuant to Wis. Stat. 440.035(2m)(c) with DSPS staff. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Patrick McNally moved, seconded by Amanda Kane, to convene to Closed Session to deliberate on cases following hearing (Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(a)); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(b)); to consider closing disciplinary investigation with administrative warnings (Wis. Stat. §§ 19.85(1)(b) and 440.205); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(f)); and, to confer with legal counsel (Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g)). Jennifer Malak, Chairperson, read the language of the motion. The vote of each member was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Sarah Brozowski-yes; Tina DeGroot-yes; Amanda Kane -yes; Jennifer Malak-yes; Patrick McNally-yes; and Craig Reinbold-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 10:55 a.m.

CREDENTIALING MATTERS

C.M. – Initial Application (IA-452826)

MOTION: Amanda Kane moved, seconded by Patrick McNally, to authorize Board Counsel to conduct a further review of application (IA-452826). Once this review is completed, the Chairperson may act on the application. Motion carried unanimously.

**DELIBERATION ON DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES AND COMPLIANCE
MATTERS**

Proposed Stipulations and Final Decisions and Orders

MOTION: Jennifer Malak moved, seconded by Amanda Kane, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law in the matter of disciplinary proceedings the following cases:
23 NUR 829 – Murielle Agathe Bocco
24 NUR 0350 – Kristina M. Schmidt
24 NUR 0708 – Graciela Villegas
24 NUR 0708 – Jenni Marie Colson
24 NUR 0777 – Falecia Y. Turner
25 NUR 0054 – Lindsey A. Milz
25 NUR 0188 – Talia R. Clate
25 NUR 0394 – Barbara B. Peters
25 NUR 0480 – Jennifer Hemstock
25 NUR 0624 – Jodi R. Fitzsimons
26 NUR 0049 – Damon L. Isajiw
26 NUR 0278 – Vanessa L. Meier
26 NUR 0298 – Kelly Rene Buck
Motion carried unanimously.

24 NUR 0395 – Donnakay Meyer

MOTION: Amanda Kane moved, seconded by Tina DeGroot, to reject Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Donnakay Meyer, DLSC Case Number 24 NUR 0395. Motion carried unanimously.

26 NUR 0113 – Crystal M. Peters

MOTION: Amanda Kane moved, seconded by Tina DeGroot, to reject Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Crystal M. Peters, DLSC Case Number 26 NUR 0113. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Warnings

MOTION: Sarah Brzozowski moved, seconded by Patrick McNally, to issue an Administrative Warning in the following DLSC Cases:
24 NUR 094 – F.W.E.
24 NUR 0245 – K.E.G.
25 NUR 0567 – R.J.C.
25 NUR 0616 – R.R.A.
Motion carried unanimously.

Case Closings

MOTION: Jennifer Malak moved, seconded by Sarah Brzozowski, to close the following DLSC Cases for the reasons outlined below:
24 NUR 0184 – K.J.S. – No Violation
24 NUR 0531 and 25 NUR 0357 – F.A.P. – Insufficient Evidence
24 NUR 0571 – K.L.K. – No Violation
24 NUR 0808 – J.M.R. – Prosecutorial Discretion (P1)
24 NUR 0811 – K.S.P. – No Violation
25 NUR 0201 – W.M.K. – No Violation
25 NUR 0338 – A.M.H. – Prosecutorial Discretion (P7)
25 NUR 0389 – H.L.S. – Insufficient Evidence
25 NUR 0433 – B.J.J. – Prosecutorial Discretion (P7)
25 NUR 0453 – H.T.H. – No Violation
25 NUR 0648 – C.M.B. – Prosecutorial Discretion (P7)
25 NUR 0653 – N.C.P. – Prosecutorial Discretion (P7)
25 NUR 0799 – R.J.G. – Prosecutorial Discretion (P7)
25 NUR 0873 – T.J.S. – Insufficient Evidence
25 NUR 0885 – M.K.G. – Prosecutorial Discretion (P7)
26 NUR 0134 – D.J.L. – Prosecutorial Discretion (P2)
26 NUR 0158 – M.J.B. – No Violation
26 NUR 0220 – J.E.D. – No Violation
26 NUR 0252 – M.J.M. – No Violation
26 NUR 0266 – K.L.M. – No Violation
26 NUR 0281 – A.A.L. – Prosecutorial Discretion (P2)
Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Amanda Kane moved, seconded by Patrick McNally, to decline to close the following matters, and to return the following matters to DLSC for further investigation and/or proceedings:
23 NUR 287 – Y.R.S.
25 NUR 0327 – S.R.H., K.R.D. and A.R.H.
Motion carried unanimously.

DELIBERATION ON PROPOSED FINAL DECISION AND ORDERS

Joseph McClure, Respondent (DHA Case Number SPS-24-0031/DLSC Case Numbers 21 NUR 815 and 22 NUR 522)

MOTION: Jennifer Malak moved, seconded by Amanda Kane, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Proposed Decision and Order, in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Joseph McClure, Respondent – DHA Case Number SPS-24-0031/DLSC Case Numbers 21 NUR 815 and 22 NUR 522. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy J. Olson, Respondent (DHA Case Number SPS-26-0013/DLSC Case Number 24 NUR 0209)

MOTION: Amanda Kane moved, seconded by Patrick McNally, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Proposed Decision and Order, in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Jeremy J. Olson, Respondent – DHA Case Number SPS-26-0013/DLSC Case Number 24 NUR 0209. Motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Patrick McNally moved, seconded by Amanda Kane, to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 1:16 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Jennifer Malak moved, seconded by Amanda Kane, to affirm all motions made and votes taken 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.)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Sarah Brzozowski moved, seconded by Craig Reinbold, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

BOARD OF NURSING
2026 Elections and Liaison Appointments

2026 OFFICERS	
Chairperson	Jennifer Malak
Vice Chairperson	Amanda Kane
Secretary	Patrick McNally

LIAISON APPOINTMENTS	
Credentialing Liaison	Amanda Kane, Jennifer Malak <i>Alternate: Sarah Brzozowski</i>
Monitoring Liaison	John Anderson <i>Alternate: Sarah Brzozowski</i>
Professional Assistance Procedure (PAP) Liaison	John Anderson <i>Alternate: Sarah Brzozowski</i>
Legislative Liaison	John Anderson <i>Alternate: Patrick McNally</i>
Newsletter Liaison	Jennifer Malak <i>Alternate: Sarah Brzozowski</i>
Communication Liaison	Jennifer Malak
Education and Examination Liaison	Tina DeGroot <i>Alternate: Amanda Kane</i>
Controlled Substances Board Liaison as per Wis. Stats. §15.405(5g)	Amanda Kane <i>Alternate: Tina DeGroot (Primary)</i>
Wisconsin Coalition for Prescription Drug Abuse Reduction Liaison	Amanda Kane
Interdisciplinary Advisory Council Liaison	Tina DeGroot <i>Alternate: Amanda Kane</i>

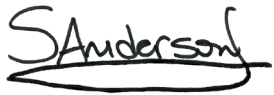
Travel Authorization Liaison	Jennifer Malak (Chair) <i>Alternate: Amanda Kane</i>
COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENTS	
Rules Committee	Amanda Kane, Jennifer Malak, Patrick McNally, Tina DeGroot
BOARD APPOINTMENT TO THE INTERSTATE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT COMMISSION	
Administrator of the Nurse Licensure Compact	Jennifer Malak <i>Alternate: Patrick McNally</i>

SCREENING PANEL APPOINTMENTS	
Alternates	Jennifer Malak, Patrick McNally
Screening Panel Rotation	
January – March (2025 & 2026)	Jennifer Malak, Craig Reinbold
April – June	John Anderson, Sarah Brzozowski
July – September	Patrick McNally, Tina DeGroot
October – December	Amanda Kane; Sarah Brzozowski

Updated 6/16/26

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Safety & Professional Services**

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

1) Name and title of person submitting the request: Sofia Anderson, Administrative Rules Coordinator		2) Date when request submitted: 09/28/2026 Items will be considered late if submitted after 12:00 p.m. on the deadline date which is 8 business days before the meeting	
3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: Board of Nursing			
4) Meeting Date: October 8, 2026	5) Attachments: ☒ Yes ☐ No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Administrative Rules Matters – Discussion and Consideration 1. Pending and Possible rulemaking projects.	
7) Place Item in: ☒ Open Session ☐ Closed Session		8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <i>(If yes, please complete Appearance Request for Non-DSPS Staff)</i> ☐ Yes ☒ No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if required: N/A
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: Attachments: 1. Nursing rule projects chart.			
11) Authorization  Signature of person making this request 09/28/2026 Date Supervisor (if required) Date Executive Director signature (indicates approval to add post agenda deadline item to agenda) Date			
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Board of Nursing
Rule Projects (Updated 09/28/2026)

Emergency Rules

Clearinghouse Rule Number	Scope #	Scope Expiration	Rules Affected	Relating Clause	Synopsis	Stage of Rule Process	Next step
EmR 2606	064-25	03/22/2028	N 1	Faculty Accreditation Standards	Expand criteria regarding who can teach in a clinical setting to include BSNs.	Effective as of July 24, 2026, until December 20, 2026.	
EmR 2607	082-25	06/22/2028	N 1 to 8	APRNs and comprehensive review	The Board will implement the changes of 2025 WI Act 17 and conduct a comprehensive review to ensure the code is up to current standards of practice.	Effective as of September 1, 2026, until September 1, 2028, or until the permanent rule takes effect.	

Permanent Rules

Clearinghouse Rule Number	Scope #	Scope Expiration	Rules Affected	Relating Clause	Synopsis	Stage of Rule Process	Next step
26-036	064-25	03/22/2028	N 1	Faculty Accreditation Standards	Expand criteria regarding who can teach in a clinical setting to include BSNs.	Final Rule Draft and Leg Report under legal review.	Submission of Final Rule Draft and Legislative Report to the Governor's Office for review.

Board of Nursing

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	082-25	06/22/2028	N 1 to 8	APRNs and comprehensive review	The Board will implement the changes of 2025 WI Act 17 and conduct a comprehensive review to ensure the code is up to current standards of practice.	Drafting rule.	EIA comment period, Clearinghouse review, and public hearing.

Scope Statements

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3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: Board of Nursing			
4) Meeting Date: 10/8/2026	5) Attachments: ☐ Yes ☒ No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Compliance Requirements for School Based Services – Discussion and Consideration	
7) Place Item in: ☒ Open Session ☐ Closed Session	8) Is an appearance before the Board being scheduled? <i>(If yes, please complete Appearance Request for Non-DSPS Staff)</i> ☐ Yes <Appearance Name(s)> ☐ No	9) Name of Case Advisor(s), if applicable: <Click Here to Add Case Advisor Name or N/A>	
10) Describe the issue and action that should be addressed: The Board of Nursing will continue their discussion and consideration relating to the public agenda request from the WASN during the September 10, 2026 meeting.			
11) Authorization  Signature of person making this request 9/28/2026 Date Supervisor (Only required for post agenda deadline items) Date Executive Director signature (Indicates approval for post agenda deadline items) Date			
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3) Name of Board, Committee, Council, Sections: Board of Nursing			
4) Meeting Date: 10/08/2026	5) Attachments: ☒ Yes ☐ No	6) How should the item be titled on the agenda page? Board Opioid Abuse Goal Setting and Report Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.035 (2m) (c) – Discussion and Consideration	
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2026 Wisconsin Board of Nursing Wis. Stat. § 440.035(2m)(c) Report on Opioid Abuse

Proactive Efforts Taken by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing (the Board) to Address the Issue of Opioid Abuse

1. Continuing Education Related to Prescribing Controlled Substances

The BON requires each advanced practice registered nurse to complete two (2) hours of the required 16 hours of continuing education in the topic of responsible prescribing of controlled substances.

The BON will continue to explore opportunities to expand its educational outreach in the areas of safe opioid prescribing and opioid abuse.

2. Continuing Outreach and Leadership

The BON is a member of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, an organization that is a participant in the Opioid Tri-Regulatory Collaborative along with the Federation of State Medical Boards, and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. A Board of Nursing staff member attended the 2025 Opioid Tri-Regulatory Collaborative Summit dedicated to discussion opioid substance use reduction. Educational programming consisted of presentations from the Drug Enforcement Agency, the O’Niell Institute for National and Global Health, and organization leadership.

3. Opioid Prescribing Guideline

2015 Wisconsin Act 269 granted authority to the BON to issue guidelines regarding best practices in prescribing controlled substances. The BON adopted updated guidelines based on the 2022 CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain on November 9, 2023. The Guidelines were developed using the following:

- Centers for Disease Control’s *Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain*.
- American Association of Nurse Anesthetists’ *Chronic Pain Management Guidelines*.
- American Nurses Association’s *Nursing’s Role in Addressing Nation’s Opioid Crisis*.
- Federal Drug Administration’s *Blueprint for Prescriber Education for Extended-Release and Long-Acting Opioid Analgesics*.
- Wisconsin Medical Examining Board’s *Opioid Prescribing Guideline*.
- Michigan’s *Guidelines for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain*.
- The Joint Commission’s *Statement on Pain Management*.

- National Transportation Safety Board recommendations for advising patients of the effect-controlled substances may have on their ability to safely operate a vehicle.

The BON published the Guidelines in its newsletter as well as provided a copy of the Guidelines to every advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) with an active license and an email on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). The Guidelines are available at:

https://dsp.s.wi.gov/Documents/BoardCouncils/NUR/Board%20of%20Nursing%20Best%20Practices%20for%20Prescribing%20Controlled%20Substances%20Guidelines_Final%20Approved%202023.pdf

4. Collaboration with the Wisconsin Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

A member of the BON is designated as a standing member of the Controlled Substances Board (CSB). The CSB is instrumental in the efforts to combat opioid abuse, primarily through its involvement with the ePDMP and the scheduling of controlled substances under Wisconsin's Controlled Substances Act.

5. Legislative Actions and Administrative Rules

The BON adopted and updated rules relating to delegated authorities and actions of registered nurses and licensed practical nurses in the administration of medication and controlled substances (Wis. Admin. Code ch. N 6) on July 1, 2025. The BON has also promulgated rules in Wis. Admin. Code ch. N 8 relating to educational and renewal requirements for advanced practice registered nurse certification (formally advanced practice registered nurse).

Goals of the Board for 2026 to Address the Issue of Opioid Abuse

Goal 1: Continuing Education Related to Prescribing Controlled Substances

The BON will continue to explore opportunities to expand its educational outreach in the areas of safe opioid prescribing and opioid abuse.

Goal 2: Continuing Outreach and Leadership

The BON's goal was to continue to work with ePDMP staff to provide information concerning the ePDMP to its licensees. As a member of the CSB, an appointed member of the BON, regularly meets with and receives updates from ePDMP staff. During the current reporting period, PDMP staff provided the following updates:

- **New pricing models of EHR integration:** DSPS continued the program that introduced the elimination of start-up and monthly fees associated with integrating the ePDMP into electronic health record systems, expanding access to the ePDMP while simultaneously combating prescription opioid misuse.
- **National Provider Identifier (NPI) required for ePDMP Access and Registration:** The PDMP has completed its transition from a DEA-based database to a National Provider Identifier (NPI)-based database. This system enhancement enables the PDMP to accept records of gabapentin prescriptions and dispensations that are not associated with a DEA registration number. As a result of this transition, an NPI is now required for prescribers to access the PDMP. The updated NPI-based system is expected to improve the accuracy and validity of PDMP data used by the Controlled

Substances Board when making referral recommendations and supporting patient care.

- **CSB ePDMP quarterly reports:** The 2025 quarterly and annual CSB report will be made available on the Statistic Archive webpage of the WI ePDMP website.

Goal 3: Opioid Prescribing Guideline

Currently, the BON updated and adopted Best Practices for Prescribing Controlled Substances Guidelines on November 9, 2023.

Goal 4: Track and Monitor Nurse Prescribing of Controlled Substances

As of March 31, 2026, the total number of active ePDMP registration users in advanced practice registered nursing is 8,651 out of 13,246 active licensees. Among the 4,198 active users with prescriptions requiring PDMP review, a total of 486,324 patient queries were conducted by ePDMP. The Board will continue to coordinate efforts with the ePDMP program to track and monitor users in nursing to curb abuse in opioid prescribing practices.

Goal 5: Take Enforcement Action When Appropriate

The BON continues to work with Department of Safety and Professional Services staff to investigate nursing professionals in response to complaints from the public.

Goal 6: Legislative Actions and Administrative Rules

2025 Wisconsin Act 17 made changes to establish the prescriber certification for Nurse Practitioners and practice settings. The BON promulgated emergency rule EmR 2607 which was published on September 1, 2026. The BON is currently drafting the permanent rule relating to N 1 to 8 to make the necessary updates and include a comprehensive review of its administrative rules. This process will consider safe prescribing and any required safeguards as directed by Act 17.

Actions taken by the Board to Achieve the Goals Identified in Previous Reports

Goal 1: Continuing Education Related to Prescribing Controlled Substances

The BON's continued goal is to explore opportunities to expand its educational outreach in the areas of safe opioid prescribing and opioid abuse. The ePDMP staff will address the Board during the November 2026 BON meeting. The ePDMP staff will present on the latest prescribing trends and ePDMP participation of advanced practice registered nurses in the past year.

Goal 2: Continuing Outreach and Leadership

In 2026, the BON appointed Amanda Kane, and Tina DeGroot to serve on the Controlled Substances Board.

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Goal 4: Track and Monitor Nurse Prescribing of Controlled Substances

The BON's goal was to continue to review referrals of advanced practice registered nurse's from the CSB to identify those advanced practice registered nurses whose prescribing practices are outliers. The CSB referred one (1) advanced practice registered nurse to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Intake for further action during the current reviewing period (January 2024 – March 2024).

Goal 5: Take Enforcement Action When Appropriate

ePDMP prescribing outliers – The BON's goal was to continue to review referrals of advanced practice registered nurses from the CSB to identify those advanced practice registered nurses whose prescribing practices are outliers. Following implementation of the NPI requirement, the Controlled Substances Board resumed prescribing compliance reviews after a temporary pause during the system transition. In September, the BON designated member joined the Referral Criteria Work Group of the Controlled Substances Board in the Workgroup's compliance reviews. In its review of the January-March PDMP data, the Workgroup identified 5 APRN's who would be required to provide information in response to the CSB Information Request Letter for the Workgroup's 2nd review.

Goal 6: Administrative Rules

The BON promulgated rules relating to nurse faculty accreditation standards (N 1). Amending N 1 will allow more flexibility in clinical faculty to teach nursing students in clinical settings to help alleviate nursing program instructor shortages.

The BON is also promulgating rules relating to N 1 to 8 to implement the changes of 2025 Wisconsin Act 17 and also conduct a comprehensive review to ensure the nursing code is up to current standards of practice. The emergency rule (EmR 2607) was effective beginning September 1, 2026, and the Board is currently drafting the permanent rule.