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Presenter

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Thank you. It's a pleasure to be with you today. And I do want to update you on our activities over the past year. The outline is on this slide.

I will review the NEC charges, accomplishments, the recommendations to the delegate assembly, and future activities. But first I'd like to introduce NEC committee members, NEC subcommittee, and the NCSBN examination staff. The committee is made up of educators, board members and EOs who are all familiar with nursing education and regulations and they are dedicated to the work of the NEC.

We would like to recognize each of you. So please stand as I read your name. Shirley Brekken, Minnesota, Anne Coghlan, Ontario, Claire MacDonald, Massachusetts, Cynthia Johansen, British Columbia, Crystal Tillman, North Carolina, Lisa Renee Johnson, Florida, Kimberly Miller, Minnesota, Deborah Swartz, Vermont, Jay Tan, Nevada, Adrian Guerrero, he has been our board liaison and we appreciate his support in that way.

Please give a round of applause for them. Another important part of the committee is the NCLEX item review subcommittee, comprised of over 20 members from across the country. These members rotate attending three-day meetings to review pre-test items.

There are five meetings convened in this past year. We appreciate their commitment to the work. Those who are present please stand as I read your name so we have the opportunity to also recognize you. Angie MacDonald, Massachusetts, Ann Michele Coughlin, Pennsylvania, Anne Heyen, Missouri, Becky Gladis, Minnesota, Carmen Nickel, Oklahoma, Diana Forst, Florida, Elise McDermott, Texas, Georgina Howard, New York, Janzie Allmacher, Virgin Islands, June McLachlan, Minnesota, Mariclaire England, Minnesota, Meedie Bardonille, District of Columbia, Myra Goldman, Kentucky, Nancy Irland, Oregon, Pamela Trantham, North Carolina, Ruthie Go, North Carolina, Sherry Richardson, Tennessee, Tammie

Napoleon, Hawaii, Tammy Vaughn, Arkansas, Yolonda Schulz, Montana, Tammy Bryant, Georgia, Teresa Corrado, Washington, Tracey Blalock, Georgia.

And a round of applause for them, please. And I want to say how proud we are of the NCSBN examination staff. We can't praise them enough for their consistent hard work, their dedication and commitment to NCSBN and for making the NCLEX examination the best in the world.

Although most of the staff are at the office working, we do want to recognize them. Those who are present please stand. Of course, Phil Dickison is our chief. We have Jen Gallagher, our director of examinations. Aly Brenton, Andreea Mihuta, Celeste Peake, Dalilah Perello, Daniel Hydzik, Danielle Lee, Doyoung Kim, Gretchen Schlesinger, Hong Qian, Jacklyn Currier, Jenn Keating, Julie Burgett, Kate Brundage, Kristin Singer, Thy Cao, Tim Connolly, Wei Xu.

And we also want to recognize Pearson VUE representatives Jason Schwartz and Maryanne Griffin who attend our NEC meetings. Thank you to all the staff and to Pearson VUE.

The NEC monitors and evaluates all aspects of the NCLEX examinations ensuring that the examination is psychometrically sound and legally defensible. Additionally, it is charged with developing NCLEX prototypes that use technology-enhanced item types that focus on measuring clinical judgment.

This is our Next Generation NCLEX research project. Here are some of the accomplishments for this year. We've reviewed the policies, we've considered feedback from the NCLEX program surveys, we've reviewed candidate appeals.

Our committee is actually the last step in the review process when a candidate files an appeal regarding the NCLEX exam. And we conducted a final review of NCLEX items. Also, we have approved the LPN/VN Practice Analysis Survey Report that included activity and knowledge statements.

These were published in the 2018 LPN/VN Practice Analysis Survey Report. The committee reviewed and approved the panel of judges who will meet in September and make a recommendation for the passing standard which is the cut score. Their recommendations goes to the NCSBN board of directors for final approval and then to be implemented in April.

The committee approved the recommendation for the 2020 PN Test Plan which the delegates will be considering at this meeting. And we continue to have ongoing strategic discussions on the future direction of NCLEX. The NEC recommendation to the delegate assembly is to adopt the proposed Test Plan.

The NEC recommendation and report are in the business book beginning on page 80. There's a strikethrough version of the test plan on page 89 and a clean copy beginning on page 96. The recommendations for the 2020 NCLEX-PN Test Plan are based on the 2018 LPN/VN Practice Analysis, expert judgment, and feedback from member boards and regulatory bodies.

Overall the proposed 2020 Test Plan format is retained. Only minor changes or edits were made for clarity. If you look at the strikethrough version, you'll see it's very similar to the one that is currently

being used. The client needs categories and subcategories structures and the percentages remain the same for the 2020 NCLEX-PN Test Plan.

This slide lists the client needs categories and the percentages. It provides a comparison between the 2017 and the 2020 Test Plan. The recommendation for maintaining the categories and percentages is based on two important statistics from the 2018 Practice Analysis Report and the 2015 Practice Analysis Report.

First, 145 of the 151 activity statements in the 2018 Practice Analysis Report are the same activity statements as used in the 2015 Practice Analysis. The frequency and importance ratings on the 2 reports for these 145 activity statements are equivalent in terms of pattern and magnitude.

Second, there were only slight variations in time spent for almost all categories of activities between the 2018 Practice Analysis Report and the 2015 Practice Analysis Report. This slide shows the timeline for implementation for the 2020 PN Test Plan.

The first step takes place at this delegate assembly where the delegates take action based on the NEC recommendation. In September, the panel of judges meets to recommend the passing standard. In December, the NCSBN board of directors will evaluate the recommendation and determine the passing standard.

In January, the approved Test Plan is published and posted on the NCSBN website. And the Test Plan and Passing Standard become effective on April 1st, 2020. So we do look forward to our future work. The committee will continue to monitor all aspects of the NCLEX program including the administration, administrative test development, and psychometric aspects and will initiate additional quality assurance processes as needed.

We will continue to evaluate NCLEX informational initiatives such as the NCLEX conferences, the NCLEX Regional Workshops, and other presentations. We will continue to regularly communicate updates about the Next Generation NCLEX, the project that includes outcomes of research, the implications for students, educators, regulators, and health care organizations.

We will continue to evaluate international testing, host the 2019 NCLEX conference in September in Phoenix, introduce additional alternative formats for item types, explore additional item writing strategies for the NCLEX, and in September, conduct the PN Standard Setting.

And this occurs every three years. The committee is really proud to participate in the ongoing development of such a prestigious examination and to play a part in maintaining its high caliber.

We are extremely excited about the Next Generation NCLEX and we are honored to be involved in its development. Thank you very much.