



## **BVNPT EO welcomes 2021, discusses changes and gives important reminders**

*From the BVNPT:*

With the increased work that our LVNs and PTs are seeing with the pandemic, I wanted to reach out to everyone.

First, thank you for the hard work you do every day. The team at BVNPT appreciates the LVNs and PTs who use their licenses to help others.

Due to the hectic pace of this year, I want to also remind everyone of a few things to ensure no one has late fees or allows their licenses to lapse. Please take a moment to:

- Ensure your contact information is updated, including a correct mailing address and an email. We want to keep you informed of the latest news and issues, and with your email we can reach you much faster than having to mail a letter. Please remember that BVNPT can and will issue a citation if you do not keep your mailing address up to date.
- Ensure you have an understanding of your scope of practice and call us if you have any questions. The Board recently posted a precedential decision on our website about an LVN's scope of practice concerning her conduct in relation to her operation and performance of treatments at a skin care salon and related medical spa. The LVN administered Botox, Juvederm, and Kybella injections; performed platelet rich plasma therapy and vitamin drips when she was not certified; performed skin growth removal procedures; and injected glutathione: all procedures which were beyond her scope of practice.
- Ensure that you do not let your Continuing Education (CE) lapse during this pandemic. There are many online ways to take trainings that count toward your required CEs.

### **Work with the Board**

We are currently recruiting LVNs and PTs for our [Expert Witness Program](#). An expert consultant is a licensed practitioner who possesses technical and professional knowledge gained through advanced education and extensive work experience that enables the individual to form a definitive professional opinion regarding the standard of care under investigation.

We are currently recruiting PTs to assist with the development of the [California Psychiatric Technician Licensure Exam](#). We are looking for PTs with various levels of experience and from diverse practice settings to serve as subject matter experts.

### **Board Member Updates**

Congratulations to PT Abraham Hill and LVN Tara Rooks who were recently appointed to the Board. Congratulations to Carel Mountain, LVN/Education Member, Aleta Carpenter, Public Member, and Ken Maxey, Public Member, for their reappointment to the Board.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2021, and please stay safe out there!

Sincerely,  
Elaine Yamaguchi  
Executive Officer, Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians

