

2024 Award Recipient – Sue Tedford Video Transcript ©2024 National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc.

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2024 Meritorious Service Award. Sue Tedford's more than two decades of service to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing have been marked with passion, dedication, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. She has worked tirelessly to promote regulatory integrity and safeguard the public's well-being. She has embraced the privilege and responsibility of advancing the mission and vision of NCSBN.

Sue championed both the NLC and the ENLC in her state. She has been active and held leadership roles, including chair, vice chair, and treasurer on the Nurse Licensure Compact Administrator Organization and the NLC. Recognizing the importance of collaboration and engagement with nurses in Arkansas, Sue spearheaded town hall meetings throughout the state, giving nursing students and nursing professionals a public voice and fostered a culture of inclusivity and transparency.

She also helped establish the Center for Nursing in Arkansas and was instrumental in APRNs getting full practice authority in the state. Through her active involvement on the NCSBN Board of Directors, Sue has instilled a sense of purpose and pride within her board staff.

Leading by example, she fosters mentorship and has cultivated a supportive work environment that encourages and inspires regulatory engagement at the local, state, and national levels. Sue's exceptional leadership and commitment to regulatory excellence and public protection exemplify why she is the recipient of the 2024 Meritorious Service Award.

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