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- [Gerianne] Hi, everyone. I have a 10-year-old grandson who lives to play baseball with his team. And all of the players have what they call a walk-up song when they go to bat. I can't wait to tell him I have a walk-up song. Hi everyone.

It is so nice to be here with you today. I am honored to have the opportunity to share with you updates on the important work of the Model Act and Model Rules Committee. Before we begin, I want to extend my sincere thanks to our committee members. They will all be identified in the slides, in the upcoming slides, and to the National Council State Boards of Nursing staff for their knowledge, their dedication, and support.

A special call-out to Jen Cole, whose skill in organizing and refining our edits has been invaluable. And of course to Jim Clayhorn for his outstanding leadership in this process. It really has been a joy to work with the committee and with the staff, and I think we're seeing that theme several times today.

All right. So the charge of our committee was to perform ongoing review, revision, and development of the Model Act and Model Rules to reflect the current regulatory environment across education, licensure, practice, and enforcement through the lens of the regulatory bodies' mission of public protection.

So the Model Act and Rules Committee consists of four Sub Committees, and they are Licensure and Governance, Practice, Education, and Discipline. All committee members worked to update language, to reflect concerns related to the Americans with Disabilities Act or the ADA, incorporate evidence-based standards, update terminology, remove ambiguity, and to streamline the structure and content within the acts and the rules.

The Licensure and Governance Sub Committee, you can see the members of that team, they reviewed the Act Articles 2, 4, 5, 11, and 12, and Chapters 2, 4, and 5 of the Rules. They outlined cause for removing a Board of Nursing member.

They narrowed powers of Boards of Nursing waiving requirements during an emergency. They included language regarding authorization to test. They streamlined information on licenses for RNs, LPNs, LVNs, and APRNs, and they strengthened criminal background check provisions.

The Practice Sub Committee reviewed the Act articles 3, 5, 10, and the Rules Chapters 3 and 8. They updated language to match where appropriate across RN, LPN, LVN, and APRN sections. They created a new Article 10 to address emerging technologies.

They removed exact number of supervision hours, creating a generalizable statement that could be edited by the Boards of Nursing using the document. And they removed duplicative language within the Act and Rules that were found within other sections of each document.

The Education Sub Committee reviewed the Act Articles 6 and Chapter 6. They included data-driven information on simulation research and best practices. They removed duplicative information between the Act and the Rules and sorted information into the appropriate documents and section.

They outlined requirements for clinical practice experiences of out-of-state nursing programs. The Discipline Sub Committee reviewed the Act Articles 7, 8, and 9 and the Rules Chapter 7. They changed titles to more accurately reflect the content of the section.

They reorganized and restructured sections to create a cohesive line of reasoning allowing for clear citation. They removed provisions that do not fall under the Board of Nursing purview. And they included language to address prescriptive authority.

Several opportunities for feedback to the committee have occurred. Those opportunities included the National Council State Boards of Nursing Board of Directors meeting in December of 2024. Also at the midyear meeting, we had 200 attendees and there was some great group work that occurred.

And we also followed up with an online webinar and we had 103 attendees. Thank you all to those of you who provided just great quality feedback, I can assure you that every comment is being thoughtfully reviewed.

We received 62 feedback surveys. Licensure and Governance received 16% of the feedback. Discipline received 19%. Practice 28%.

And education had 37%. Comments received included those around what information to include in the new Article 10 on Emerging Technologies, how artificial intelligence should be incorporated, information that was not covered within the revised documents, and then specific comments, might even say debate, regarding proposed changes.

We appreciated it at all. So what are our next steps? Well, next steps include continued review of the feedback. Our individual sub committees are continuing to meet to review all of the feedback. All of the sub committees will gather in early November to review all of the feedback as a whole committee.

We will continue doing additional outreach at the 2025 Board of Director Meeting in December, again at the 2026 midyear meeting, and it's anticipated that there will be a vote in a year at the Delegate Assembly in 2026.

So if you have any questions or comments about any of the model act and rules, please don't hesitate to ask. Find me, find any of the committee members or any of the National Council staff. We would love to hear from you.

So thank you so much. And again, thank you for your feedback.