

TO: House Labor & Commerce Committee
Representative Adam Wool, Co-Chair & Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, Co-Chair

FROM: Wendy L. Monrad, CRNA
APRN Position Appointment to Board of Nursing

SUBJECT: Personal Letter of introduction for 3/29/2019 appointment hearing

DATE: March 25, 2019

Greetings,

I have been appointed by Governor Dunleavy to the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) position on the Alaska Board of Nursing. I am a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) currently employed at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) in Anchorage. I have been a CRNA for almost 20 years and a Registered Nurse (RN) for nearly 28 years. I have been an Alaska Resident since 2002. I arrived here on assignment with the United States Air Force (USAF). I separated from the USAF in 2005 after nearly 14 years of service and began working at ANMC. In 2007, I went back on active duty with the United States Public Health Service (USPHS), continuing to work as a CRNA at ANMC. I will be retiring from active duty with the USPHS on September 1, 2019 after 25 years of government service. I plan to remain at ANMC as a direct hire in my current CRNA position.

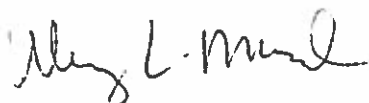
In addition to my years of experience as a nurse and advanced practice nurse, I also have developed leadership skills through these government agencies and service to my professional organization at both the local (Alaska Association of Nurse Anesthetists - AKANA) and national level (American Association of Nurse Anesthetists - AANA). I have also functioned as a Co-Chief Nurse Anesthetist at ANMC for the past 9 years. This volunteer position is a natural transition for me considering my history of leadership and service.

I also have experience interacting with the BON over the last several years. I have presented projects from ANMC to the BON for training approval and annual review. I was also part of the APRN team responsible for drafting revised nursing regulations to implement SB53 legislation which was signed into law in July 2017 with regulations finalized by the BON in October 2018.

I am honored to be considered for this position and, should I be confirmed by Alaska Legislature, will fully commit to supporting and acting on this board in the best interests of the people of Alaska.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I will be available by phone during the hearing to provide more information and answer your question. Please feel free to contact me before the hearing if you have questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting you all on Friday.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy L. Monrad". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wendy" being more prominent.

Wendy L. Monrad, CRNA



March 1, 2019

Dear Governor Dunleavy and the Alaska Legislation,

The Alaska Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AKANA) recommends Wendy Monrad, CRNA, without reservation for the APRN position on the State Board of Nursing.

Wendy has been a strong advocate for nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) for many years here in Alaska. She served on the AKANA Board of Directors for 8 years in various roles including President. From there, she went on to represent Alaska Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) on the Alaska APRN Alliance where she was also instrumental in the drafting of nursing regulations used by the BON to implement SB53 legislation in 2017. She has presented multiple practice projects to the Board of nursing over the years and is familiar with the duties and processes involved in the Board of Nursing.

Clinically, Wendy is an amazing practitioner with over 19 years practicing as a CRNA and 28 years as a Registered Nurse. In addition, she is a proud veteran with 13 years service in the United States Air Force and 12 years service in the United States Public Health Service.

Wendy is an outstanding person who has displayed the highest levels of honesty and integrity in both her personal and professional life and would be a great addition to the Alaska State Board of Nursing.

Sincerely,

April Erickson, CRNA

April L. Erickson, CRNA

President, Alaska Association of Nurse Anesthetists



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ALLIANCE

March 3, 2019

Office of Governor Michael J. Dunleavy

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Dear Governor Dunleavy,

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Alliance-Alaska is pleased to write a letter of support for the nomination of Wendy Monrad, APRN, CRNA to the Alaska Board of Nursing.

Ms. Monrad has extensive experience as a professional Registered Nurse and over 19 years as an APRN-Certified Nurse Anesthetist. She served in the United States Air Force for 13 years and is a member of the United States Public Health Service, currently at the rank of Captain, as well as Co-Chief of the CRNA's at the Alaska Native Medical Center. She has been active in leadership with her professional association for many years, Alaska Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AKANA) serving in multiple roles including President and she was a founding member of the APRN Alliance-Alaska. In addition, she served as the CRNA representative to the Alliance for two years and was active in developing the regulations for APRN's after the passage of SB53.

In addition to her clinical duties, Ms. Monrad has served as a Clinical Adjunct Faculty in two training programs at Texas Christian University and the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences and has been a guest lecturer in Alaska and at conferences in the lower 48. She has been awarded several citations and awards including the Presidential Unit Citation by the United States Public Health Services and Alaska's March of Dimes Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year.

In summary, Ms. Monrad offers unique and extensive experiences as a Professional registered nurse, nearly 20 years as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse-CRNA and a clinical educator. Combined with her many years of professional association work she will be a strong member of the Alaska's Board of Nursing to assure standards of practice and regulations are followed by current and new applicants.

We look forward to supporting Ms. Monrad in her role. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions. Thank you again for this opportunity to support Ms. Monrad.

Stephanie Wrightsman-Birch APRN, FNP, MPH, MSN, FNP-C

President, APRN Alliance-Alaska



ALASKA NATIVE
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February 5, 2019

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

As the Chief Nurse Executive at Alaska Native Medical Center, I would like to recommend Wendy Monrad, MSN, BSN, CRNA as a member of the Alaska Board of Nursing. Wendy has been nationally certified as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse since 1999. She has practiced as a Nurse Anesthetist in Alaska since May of 2005 and primarily at Alaska Native Medical Center since June 2005.

Wendy is an excellent role model for all nurses as an Advanced Practice Nurse and expert in nursing practice here at the Alaska Native Medical Center. In her role she developed and led the Nurse Administered Propofol use in the Endoscopy Suites and the use of Nitrous Oxide in Obstetrical Pain Control program.

In addition, Wendy was one of the founding members of the Alaska Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Alliance group formed in 2016 and worked with the committee to rewrite the 2017 APRN regulations for the Board of Nursing.

Sincerely,

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