

POSITION STATEMENT ON DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

The Board of Nursing is charged with safeguarding the public health, safety and welfare, including the responsibility to regulate and control nursing in the State of Idaho and to promote quality health care services for Idaho citizens. As part of this responsibility, the Board is committed to the collection of relevant information related to nurses, nursing practice and nursing education, to the reporting of that information, and to making the information readily available to interested groups and individuals. Information will be collected on a regular basis and will be reported in the Board's annual report to the Governor, which is available to the public on request.

Information collected by the Board is reported statistically and includes data which is of direct benefit to the Board in the conduct of its business as well as data which is of benefit to the conduct of the business of other individuals, groups, government agencies, and organizations. The information collected by the Board will include that minimum data set identified as essential to the regulation of nursing practice and education, as well as additional data identified by the Board as having relevance to an overall understanding of nursing in Idaho.

The Board will analyze and report the analysis of only that data essential to accomplishment of the Mission, Vision and Strategic goals of the Board. However, all data will be made available upon request to individuals, groups, government agencies and others for their own use and analysis.

The Board will cooperate with other agencies and organizations in the determination of essential data to be collected and methods for reporting.

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