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Crystal Tillman named new CEO of North Carolina Board of Nursing

Crystal Tillman, the current Director of the Education and Practice Department at the North Carolina Board of Nursing, has been selected by the Board to succeed Julie George who will retire this coming January.

Tillman, an advanced practice registered nurse with more than 37 years of nursing experience, including 10 years of service at the Board, will assume the position of CEO elect in early October working collaboratively with Julie George.

“The Board reviewed numerous applicants for the position of CEO and after careful deliberation we felt that Dr. Tillman has a thorough understanding of the Board and her overall experience on staff made her the clear choice,” said Martha Ann Harrell, Chair of the Board.

During a recent staff meeting, when the announcement of her selection was made, Tillman responded to the group, “I am truly honored to be selected to lead this wonderful organization.”

Tillman received advanced degrees from Duke University; Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). In addition, she holds certifications as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC) and Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (CPNP-PC).

During her tenure at the Board, Tillman has served internationally as a consultant related to plans for improving nursing programs and NCLEX pass rates. She has also served on numerous committees at both the state and national level including; the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) NCLEX Examinations Committee, NCSBN Guidelines for Prelicensure Nursing Program Approval Expert Panel Committee, Duke University School of Nursing Academic Program Advisory Board and the North Carolina Medical Society Medical Team Task Force.

In addition to clinical nursing, Tillman has also taught nursing at several colleges in North Carolina. She was the Program Chair of the BSN program at Cabarrus College of Health Science in Concord, North Carolina. Tillman, a native of Charlotte, was also an instructor of nursing at Queens University in Charlotte as well as a clinical faculty member at Carolinas College of Health Sciences in Charlotte.

Established in 1903, the North Carolina Board of Nursing was the first board of nursing in the nation. Today, the Board licenses more than 164,000 RNs and LPNs statewide.