

From: Taylor, Richele  
To: Patel, SwatiSwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov  
Date: 9/14/2016 6:44:46 PM  
Subject: Re: Katherine Nickels [Nursing License transfer issues] \*\*URGENT\*\*

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Yes – our administrator can find out whether it's a hold up on our end, or some sort of designation from the examination board, and most likely can resolve it either way. Would you like me to reach out to her and send this to her to help resolve?

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Office of the Governor  
South Carolina  
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Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 14, 2016, at 6:20 PM, Patel, Swati <SwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

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> Richele - is this an LLR issue?

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Sep 14, 2016, at 6:17 PM, Priester, Nicole <NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

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>> No idea what to do with this.

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>> Begin forwarded message:

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>> From: "Chris Nickels" <CNickels@clawsonandstaubes.com<mailto:CNickels@clawsonandstaubes.com>>

>> To: "Priester, Nicole" <NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov<mailto:NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov>>

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>> Subject: Katherine Nickels [Nursing License transfer issues] \*\*URGENT\*\*

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>> Nicole:

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>> Thank you for anticipated help. I was referred to you by a mutual friend of Gov. Haley and I, Councilman Mark Smith of Mount Pleasant, SC

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>> We need the power and "eminence" of the SC Governor's office to help correct and right a simple bureaucratic wrong. Please read through and let me know if you have enough information and supports to undertake and endeavor to help Katherine so that she might begin work, save lives, pay bills, etc. rather than worry herself into an unsavory emotional state secondary to uncertainty, lack of funds, and the like.

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>> Katherine Nickels graduated Wando HS (top 10 out of nearly 800) and then enrolled at Clemson University. At Clemson. She finished near the top of her class in a very competitive Clemson University Nursing (BSN) program. She applied for several very prestigious nursing "residency" programs at several prestigious institutions. She flew to California, interviewed and was subsequently accepted into the very high-status Cardiothoracic ICU program at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. Please review the attached "offer" letter.

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>> Per the attached offer letter from UCLA, she was to begin her first day of employment on September 12, 2016. Instead, Katherine is sitting alone, fearful and nervous in her newly rented apartment in "costly" Los Angeles. She has been told that everything is on "hold" because of an inexcusable delay at the California Board of Nursing relative to having Katherine's South Carolina Nursing license simply "endorsed." In fact, it has been related to her that unless this issue is resolved before 9-26-2016, she would unable to join the program in any capacity for at least six months!

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>> To put this into perspective, If the delay resulted in a start date that was only a few days late, that could easily be absorbed. Instead, what Katherine is being told is that unless this is resolved, she will not begin her new position and career until March 2017. In the interim, please consider that:

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>> • Katherine sold her "paid for" automobile here in South Carolina

>> • Katherine shed almost all of her personal possessions and literally moved 3000 miles across the country to Los Angeles, CA

>> • She flew across country, solo, with basically the clothes on her back and two suit cases (plus her grey cat "Pressley")

>> • Obtained a new and much higher car loan (\$10,000) and purchased a used automobile in Los Angeles (payments begin in 30 days)

>> • Found a roommate and signed a 12 month lease that, after accounting for her share of utilities, etc. easily amounts to close to \$2800 a month

>> • Katherine is ready, willing and very able to start work at a moment's notice

>> • Katherine has complied with all rules, regulations and requests from all authorities in California relative to her nursing license

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>> Katherine is an extraordinary 22-year-old single lady who has done everything asked of her to accomplish this gigantic move across country and entrée into her next season of life. She is literally upset in her stomach to the point of this becoming extremely emotional. Everything and anything that you and Governor Haley can accomplish is most sincerely appreciated.

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>> I have taken the liberty to copy this email to a few folks at UCLA who have been a part of this extraordinary journey. I know they probably share in the concern and empathy for this silly situation. Perhaps one of the UCLA folks can offer an insight or an option that has yet to be considered or

conveyed to Katherine?

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>> At the request of UCLA, she moved 3000 miles across the country, unaccompanied, with very little margin as regard to finances. She is eager to begin work, and was supposed to have done so, but cannot because the State of California Board of Nursing, despite having received all submissions required from Katherine, has not accomplished what it needs to do, basically to "endorse" her SC RN license so she may begin work at UCLA.

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>> Katherine is now in a genuine state of dread. She has repeatedly, and humbly, requested that the California authorities (California Board of Nursing in Sacramento, California) perform the ministerial task of "endorsing" her South Carolina nursing license. For some reason, apparently simply a bureaucratic snafu, this has not been accomplished.

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>> The email set out below is from a very friendly lady, Amanda, who happens to be the lead Coordinator for Talent Acquisition for UCLA Health Sciences. Amanda can be reached at area code 310-794-0506 or [ARLozano@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:ARLozano@mednet.ucla.edu)<<mailto:ARLozano@mednet.ucla.edu>>

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>> With appreciation,

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>> From: Lozano, Amanda <[ARLozano@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:ARLozano@mednet.ucla.edu)<<mailto:ARLozano@mednet.ucla.edu>>>

>> Date: Tue, Sep 6, 2016 at 8:47 PM

>> Subject: UCLA Health New Grad CA RN License

>> To:

>> This email is in regards to your California RN license. We are aware you currently have an out of state license and are waiting for endorsement. Recently, we have had a large number of out of state new grads who have experienced great luck with writing to their government elected officials. We strongly encourage you to contact your Congressmen, Senators and Governor if you have not already. Please continue to notify the nurse recruitment team of any updates and feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

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>> We are so excited to have you as a part of our new grad program and look forward to you joining us at UCLA Health!

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>> Amanda Lozano

>> Lead Coordinator, Talent Acquisition

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