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**Present Position:** Director, Behavioral Medicine & Kaseman Acute Care Medical Surgical Unit

**Education (include basic preparation through highest degree held)**

<b>Degree Awarded</b>	<b>Institution, City and State</b>	<b>Major Area of Study</b>	<b>Year Degree Awarded</b>
MBA	University of Phoenix Albuquerque, New Mexico	Business	2000
BSN	University of Albuquerque Albuquerque, New Mexico	Nursing	1985
ADN	University of Albuquerque Albuquerque, New Mexico	Nursing	1976

**Biographical Data: Use the space below to briefly describe your professional experience.**

I have had the pleasure of belonging to NMONE for almost twenty years and have had the *good fortune* to serve on the Board of Directors as President Elect, President and Immediate Past-President. Serving the nursing community has been not only a personal passion, but an opportunity to give back a small measure of what this profession has provided me. Other organizations that I have participated in include the NMNA, Sigma Theta Tau and most recently the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence, *Nurse Excellence Annual Award Event*. Additionally, I have served as a *Committee* member for the New Mexico Board of Nursing Diversion Program for almost twenty years.

My direct care nursing experience is based in critical care; primarily cardiac surgery. However, I have worked in various leadership roles in the acute care and ambulatory care setting over the last twenty two years. Presently, I am the Director for Behavioral Medicine Program at Presbyterian Healthcare Services; as well as the Director of the Kaseman Acute Care Medical/Surgical Unit.

Although the shortage of nurses is a major concern to me, I am also deeply apprehensive about the lack of services for the mentally ill in New Mexico and across the country. The thinning of community services has placed a burden of unparalleled proportions on emergency services across the country. I believe it is the duty of all health care organizations and schools of higher learning to work together to address the problem and to develop a plan to meet future needs.

