



made to the NCSBN Model Act, including use of simulation for a percentage of clinical hours and acceptance of National Accreditation Reports in lieu of state survey visits.

She assisted her board in identifying statute and rule changes necessary to implement NCSBN's Regulatory Decision Pathway in their discipline decisions. For her sustained and significant contributions to the highest commitment and dedication to the mission and vision of NCSBN, Kim is honored with the R.

Louise McManus Award this year.

- f cBT/F1 oy I am overwhelmed with gratitude to receive this award, and honored to join past recipients of this award who I've long admired and respected. I'm very appreciative to National Council State Boards of Nursing for offering recognition to regulators for their unique work, and more importantly, for providing the space for nursing regulators across the world to work collaboratively.

This organization is the one group that exists just for us to have hard, high-level conversations resulting in regulations and policies that better protect the public. As I reflect on the phenomenal impact that we've had through the years, I'm reminded of Margaret Mead's quote, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that has."

The compassion, dedication, and wisdom of the regulators involved with National Council State Boards of Nursing has contributed to significant base changes of nursing regulation that has not only strengthened public protection, but has ensured nursing regulators are included in decisions that affect health policy, law, and regulations.

I'm grateful for past and present board members of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing for always embracing and supporting the implementation of the various projects for National Council State Boards of Nursing, which has frequently involved their participation in legislation and committee work. I'm forever indebted to our board staff for their endless positive energy, high-quality work, and unyielding support as we've implemented various projects that continue on in their daily work today.

A very special thank you to my loving and encouraging family, who have always been my biggest supporters and my true joy in life. And last but not least, thank you to those who nominated me and have supported my nomination for this award.

As I transition to retirement, I truly treasure receiving this award. I'm so honored. Thank you.