



2023 Award Recipient Paula Meyer Video Transcript

©2023 National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc.

Presenter

NCSBN Awards Committee

support for NCSBN's mission and has steadfastly focused on the protection of the public for more than 25 years. Her key knowledge of nursing regulation has advanced initiatives to meet workforce demands and promote regulatory excellence.

Paula is a visionary who looks for opportunities to shine through and improve nursing regulation. At the state level, she was the driving force behind addressing the work force crisis by establishing critical gaps work force groups. She created the research unit to align with NCSBN in using data as evidence to effect change. She was an active leader in establishing the LPN apprentice program and addressed the readiness of new graduates by establishing the state-funded RN preceptor program.

Paula was also instrumental in Washington State becoming the 40th member of the NLC. Trusted and respected by the public and her peers, Paula fosters innovation while adhering to nursing law and rules as intended. She understands the value of different voices and perspectives and has cultivated a broad network of collaborators across nursing organizations.

During Paula's two and a half decades as executive officer, she served on the NCSBN Board of Directors, as well as numerous NCSBN committees. She has also mentored new EOs and encouraged her staff to become involved with NCSBN. Paula's exceptional leadership and commitment to regulatory excellence and public protection exemplifies why she is receiving the 2023 Meritorious Service Award.