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From: Gustafson, Cynthia [mailto:CGustafson@mt.gov]
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Subject: Board of Nursing Actions

Dear Dr. Moore,

On behalf of the Board of Nursing (BON), I wanted to give you notice that the BON at their Oct 14, 2010 meeting officially accepted feasibility studies from MSU-Great Falls College of Technology and Flathead Valley Community College to add an associate of science in registered nursing program. Please see the attached letters sent to these programs from the BON.

By accepting these feasibility studies the BON is acknowledging that these programs have completed the first step toward the approval of the programs. A program needs BON approval so that graduates of the programs are eligible to take the licensure examination. We also understand that the Montana Board of Regents has an approval process for new educational programs in the state.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about our BON processes.

Thanks,
Cynthia Gustafson

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Dear Ms. Alt,

We are pleased to send you official notification that the Board of Nursing (BON) at the October 14, 2010 meeting accepted the MSU-Great Falls COT Nursing Feasibility Study to add an Associate of Science RN program as submitted to the BON in September 2010. The BON wants to commend you for the work involved in submitting this study.

As you are aware, the BON also adopted new rules related to Nursing Education Programs which will be finalized this month and available on our web site in December. The reference to the new rules is ARM 24.159.625 Establishment of a New Nursing Education Program. When these rules appear in their final form, I will contact you so that we can work together in the next steps to continue to move the process forward. The BON will also send notice to the Montana Board of Regents on the acceptance of the Feasibility Study.

Sincerely on behalf of the BON,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cynthia Gustafson".

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