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State Authorization Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar

Tis the Season for Webinars
Three new SAN webinars are rolling
out this summer and preview its Fall
Series at http://wcet.wiche.edu/
initiatives/state-authorizationnetwork/webseries-2016.

- June 21: "What is New with State Authorization?"
- July 19: "What is New with SARA?"
- August 16: "Complaints, Notifications, Disclosures, and Disclaimers! Things we need to say!" (SAN EXCLUSIVE!)

Hands-on Learning!

Would you like experts helping you develop a proactive strategy? Navigate the ins and outs of state authorization requirements? You're in luck! Build a solid foundation at SAN's Beginner to Intermediate State Authorization Workshop on November 2-3, 2016, in Cleveland, Ohio. Contact Bridgett for details and to have System cover your registration fee.

Lightning News

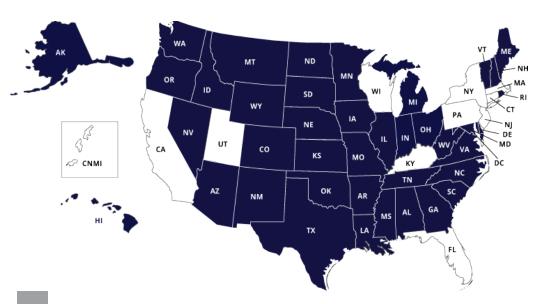
April 28: Colorado State University – Fort Collins hosted a state authorization round-table discussion.

May 9-20: All institutions reported their online student enrollment data to NC-SARA.

May 16: Connect.cu.edu went live!

June 1: System renews its Authorization Network (SAN) membership. This important membership gives you access to SAN-exclusive events and discounts!

Tracking SARA: Updates & More



State membership in NC-SARA is expanding! The new member states are Delaware (effective Sept. 1), D.C., Hawaii, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

NC-SARA anticipates reviewing many more applications this Fall 2016. The last states anticipated to join are California, Florida (June 2017), and Massachusetts. More information on state actions available at: http://www.nc-sara.org/state-actions/state-actions-regarding-sara.



Bridgett & Beyond!

Raising the Bar: Becoming a Leader in Student Consumer Protection

The University is renowned for its academics, research, athletics... Thanks to your work, we're adding student consumer protection to the list! Following states' laws on student consumer protection helps us provide students with a valuable degree. Our 2016 goal is to help departments create a process for tracking and advising students throughout their academic career to ensure we're following state laws. This process has the potential to become a model that other, non-CU institutions can adopt.

Bi-Annual Report

SAN Coordinator Meetings

Want to experience a SAN Coordinator Monthly Meeting and receive the information first-hand? Contact Bridgett for a transcription and a recording for any month.

January

Sharyl Thompson (HER Consulting) explains how field experiences may trigger physical presence in non-SARA and SARA states (article under "Educational Resources"). The University of Minnesota, a 2015 SANsational Award Winner, shares best practices on notifications and disclosures for professional licensure programs.

February

How can we be proactive instead of reactive? New York University and University of Louisville, both 2015 SANsational Award Winners, describe how their institutions identify their students' locations.

March

It's clear. Transparency wins. We afford students the maximum consumer protection by disclosing before enrollment whether a program leads to licensure in a specific state. Anything less may be a deceiving statement under the federal misrepresentation rule and some state regulations (e.g. Florida) require it.

April

Jeremy Booker (Appalachian State University) shares an open-source Internship Inventory Tool, available at http://appstateess.github.io/InternshipInventory/. The SANsational Award 2016 call for nominations is open for submissions.

May

The newly created SAN Health Science Task Force will be (1) developing an online state survey to gather information from licensure boards (à la SHEEO's state surveys) and (2) surveying institutions to develop best practices for notifications and disclosures for the field. Monthly newsletters will be coming from SAN beginning in July 2016.

June

Russ Poulin, director of policy and analysis at WCET, discussed what might be included in the pending federal state authorization regulations (the currently vacated 34 CFR 600.9(c)). Read Russ's blog post at https://wcetfrontiers.org/2016/06/15/pending-federal-state-auth-reg/.



Conference & Workshop Roundup

SAN Beginner – Intermediate Workshop

March 7-9

I, along with a few from the Denver's College of Nursing, gained deeper insight on state authorization and best practices from gurus, Cooley LLP (D.C. law firm retained by SAN), and our mentors.

SAN Collaborative Conference with Regulators at NASASPS Conference April 10-13 Sessions framed how state authorization fits into the larger picture of higher education. Highlights included "SARA: Understanding the GAPS," "Information Overload: The Current State of Student Consumer Disclosures," "Living in a SARA World – Remaining in Compliance," and "Regulator/Institution Speed Networking."

SAN Advanced Topics Workshop: Professional Licensure and SARA Implementation June 14-15 Karyn Hardy, Geoffrey Rubinstein, Jaimie Henthorn, and I attended an intensive workshop that provided hands-on experience researching professional licensure requirements, covered disclosure requirements, and reviewed SARA implementation.

Dear SARA

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Who's responsible here? Remember, it is your institution's responsibility to flag, track, and advise students even after they are admitted. Your obligations and legal liability continue throughout the student's academic career. Many solutions exist. Let's find the right one for your institution and departments. By developing strong communication lines and checklist processes, we can be assured that we are protecting students' educational investments with the University.

Next Issue . . .

- Updates on SARA member states
- Evaluating our compliance for Fall 2016
- Online Interactive Map

Educational Resources

- Final Push for State Authorization, Inside Higher Ed, June 2016, https://www.insidehighered.com/ news/2016/06/06/education-department-make-final-push-state-authorization-rule
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