

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING
SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIONS
Board Meeting
August 19, 2004**

HOUSEBILL 72 IMPLEMENTATION

Approved revisions to the following administrative regulations: 201 KAR 20:085 Licensure periods; 201 KAR 20:110 Endorsement; 201 KAR 20:215 Continuing competency requirements; 201 KAR 20:225 Reinstatement; 201 KAR 20:230 Renewal; 201 KAR 20:240 Fees for applications and for services; 201 KAR 20:370 Applications for licensure and registration; 201 KAR 20:411 SANE Program standards and credential requirements; 201 KAR 20:070 Exam; 201 KAR 20:095 Retired nurse licensure status; with editorial changes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH PROCESS COMMITTEE

Accepted the letter from Sharon Weisenbeck, Executive Director, giving notice of retirement effective August 2005.

Appointed Marcia Hobbs, Chair; Peggy Fishburn; Ann Fultz; Catherine Hogan; and Mary Gail Wilder to the Executive Director Search Process Committee with a charge to recommend a process and timeline for hiring a new executive director.

NURSING EDUCATION

Accepted the application from Henderson Community College, Henderson, to establish a practical nursing program.

Directed that the educational requirements as outlined in 201 KAR 20:310.1.3(b) be waived for Eunice Taylor, RN, for one academic year at Owensboro Community and Technical College, Owensboro, with the understanding that she will submit an academic plan in November 2004 for meeting academic qualifications.

NURSING PRACTICE

Approved the revision to the Board's previously issued advisory opinion on the administration of Propofol/Diprivan by registered nurses for sedation of mechanically ventilated patients.

Approved the revision to the Board's previously issued advisory opinion on the administration of Etomidate by registered nurses during rapid sequence intubation (RSI) of patients in hospital and aeromedical settings.

Approved the revision to Advisory Opinion Statement (AOS) #95-32 "Intravenous Administration of Medication for Conscious Sedation by Nurses."

Referred to the Practice Committee the June 28, 2004 letter from Susan Shively, RN, requesting an opinion from the Kentucky Board of Nursing as to whether it was within the scope of practice for a Certified Registered Nurse First Assistant to perform punch biopsies and small skin excisions.

NURSING PRACTICE (Cont'd)

Directed that a letter of response be sent to the opinion request submitted by Ruth Ann Combs, ARNP, that an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) may provide cardiac rehabilitation if it is within the individual's scope of practice as an ARNP.

Appointed Sheila Ward, MSN, CNM, as an ARNP representative to the Kentucky Board of Nursing Advanced Registered Nurse Practice Council.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Directed that the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) be notified of willingness to participate in a survey of Kentucky new nurses that do not participate in a transition program prior to 2006, at which time the clinical internship will become a requirement prior to taking the licensure examination. The NCSBN Practice and Education Committee intends to study the outcomes of programs that transition new nurses to practice. A comparison of the results with new nurses who have not been in transition programs will be done with those who participated in a transition program.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Approved twelve (12) Proposed Decisions, and received reports on the approval of thirty-two (32) Agreed Orders, nine (9) Consent Decrees, and three (3) Removal of Licenses from Probation.

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