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As the fall approaches, the KBN looks back upon and forward to some important challenges as well as opportunities for improving Kentucky's nursing practice. First of all, the Executive Director Search Committee is charged with completing its diligent hunt for the right Executive Director for the KBN. We are in the final interview process and I hope to introduce the new Executive Director in the next *Connection*.

Another challenge we face involves continual required funds transfers from our operating budget to Kentucky's General Tax Fund, to which we already have been required to transfer \$2.6 million over the last five years. Therefore, as we do not receive tax revenue and since additional funds transfers will be required over the next two years, we unfortunately will have no choice but to raise your licensure fees, the source of our operating budget.

On a more positive note, as a member of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), the KBN recently sent representa-

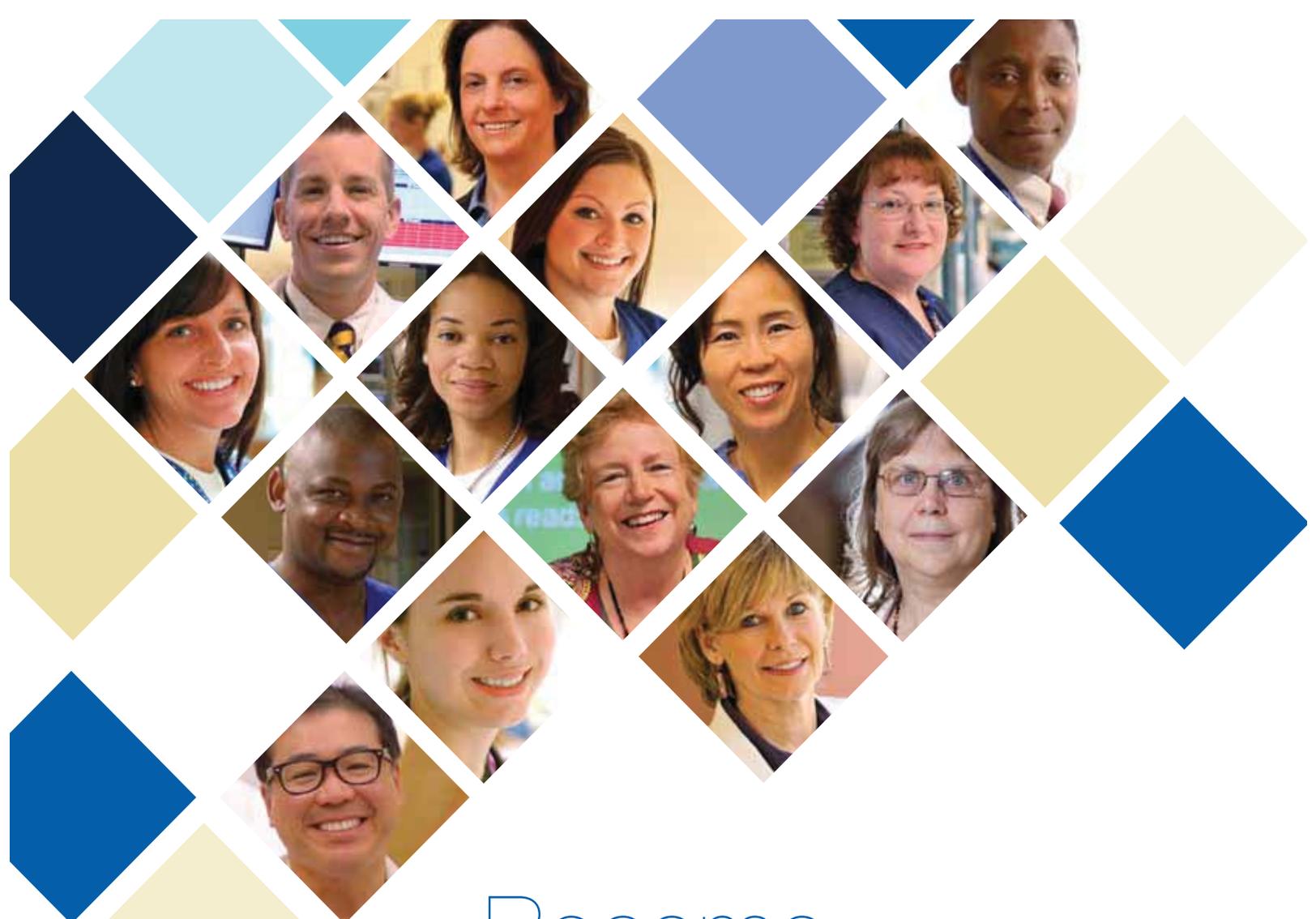
tives to Dallas for its annual meeting, this year with the theme: "Driving Onward: Harnessing the Strength of Regulatory Leadership," Dr. Isenberg and I served as Kentucky's delegates with Nathan Goldman serving as our alternate and heading up the meeting's major piece of business, the drafting of a Model Acts and Rules for Boards of Nursing document. Also attending were Paula Schenk, Patricia Smith and Dr. Patty Spurr, who was awarded the competitive IRE fellowship for a research project she conducted on cheating among nursing students. The KBN was well represented at this meeting and, as always, by communicating with NCSBN members from all around the country, learned a great deal about improving the safety and efficacy of nursing practice in our state.

To turn briefly to a point of clarification on another topic, rest assured that by filing updated, clear and consistent controlled substance regulations in October, KBN aims to clear up some understandable confusion about Kentucky House Bill 1.

Finally, the KBN Executive Office would like to welcome Sandra Coffey, our new Personnel Administrator, as well as to salute and thank each of you for the excellent and difficult job you do for our state each and every day!

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This will be a short message as befits my short tenure as Acting Executive Director. When Charlotte Beason announced her retirement, the Board began the process of hiring a new Executive Director. The position was advertised. A search committee was formed. Resumes were received from a number of highly qualified candidates. However, as with any decision of this magnitude, the process takes time. Charlotte's last day was July 31st. Since a new E.D. had not been hired yet, the Board asked me to become the Acting Executive Director. I was very honored and have tried to do my best while maintaining the status quo as much as possible. As I write this, the process is nearing its conclusion and a new Executive Director should be in place soon. I look forward to working with him or her as the Board of Nursing continues its work of public protection. The nursing profession is on the cusp of great changes and these will affect the role and work of the Board. Even today, we are involved in several important issues: the implementation of House Bill (HB) 1 and the delegation of medication administration

to unlicensed personnel. And while the workload continues to grow, the state's budget problems continue to affect us. It behooves every nurse, whether an LPN, RN, or APRN, to be aware of what is happening in Frankfort and Washington, as actions taken there will have a profound influence on your work life.

One last note, for those of you not familiar with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), I urge you to learn more. Although it is the umbrella organization for state boards of nursing, it offers many programs and events for the general nursing public. Check out its web site, <https://www.ncsbn.org>. There is a wealth of information available to all nurses, not just us regulators.

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The Taskforce is composed of four (4) Board members and representatives from the Kentucky School Nurses Association, the Kentucky PTA and a parent. The Board President serves as an ex officio member.

The Taskforce will convene public comment forums around the state

in order to receive interested stakeholders' opinions and comments. Public comment forums are being held in Lexington, Hopkinsville and Louisville during July and August. The Taskforce will then review the comments, both those given at the forums and those sent to KBN in writing. After review of the comments, the Taskforce will send a recommendation to the Practice Committee for review at its September 14th meeting. The Practice Committee will then forward a recommendation to the Board for final review and action at its October 11th meeting. For more information, refer to the KBN web site, www.kbn.ky.gov.



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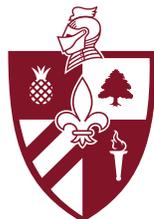
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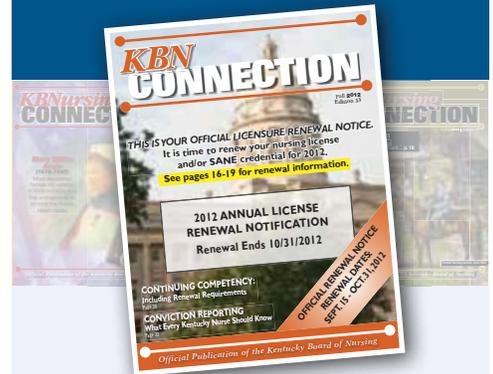


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5. Restrictions mirroring in time and scope any disciplinary action of another state which resulted from improper, illegal, or inappropriate prescribing or dispensing of a controlled substance.

The regulations that have been amended are 201 KAR 20:056, 057, 161, and 215. They can be reviewed through the KBN web site, www.kbn.ky.gov.

In addition, the affected licensure boards shall cooperate with all law enforcement agencies in order to deter improper, illegal, or inappropriate prescribing or dispensing of controlled substances. This cooperation will include the sharing of information among and between licensure boards and law enforcement agencies regarding allegations of improper, illegal, or inappropriate prescribing or dispensing of controlled substances. The bill also requires law enforcement agencies to communicate with the regulatory boards.

In addition to the requirements imposed by House Bill 1, the Board of Nursing amended 201 KAR 20:057 to require all APRNs with a CAPA-CS and a DEA number to send a copy of the DEA number to the Board.

The state has created a KASPER Advisory Committee made up of representatives of various stakeholders. KBN has a representative on the committee, Sharon Mercer, the Board's Practice Consultant. The purpose of the committee is to advise the Cabinet for Health and Family Services on matters involving KASPER.

Questions about House Bill 1 or the administrative regulations can be directed to Nathan Goldman, KBN General Counsel, at (502) 429-3309 or nathan.goldman@ky.gov.

The 2012 Special Session of the General Assembly passed House Bill 1, also known as the Pill Mill Bill. It is an attempt to address the prescription drug abuse problem in Kentucky. It affects all prescribers of controlled substances and their regulatory boards. It went into effect on July 20, 2012.

APRNs who have a Collaborative Agreement for the APRN's Prescriptive Authority for Controlled Substances (CAPA-CS) and a DEA number in Kentucky are required to register with KASPER, Kentucky's electronic monitoring system for controlled substances. Failure to register could result in disciplinary action. In addition, the bill sets specific prescribing standards for Schedule II and Schedule III with Hydrocodone drugs. A copy of the bill can be accessed on the Legislative Research Commission web site at www.lrc.ky.gov.

Another requirement is that APRNs with a CAPA-CS must earn 1.5 hours of continuing education on the use of KASPER, pain management, or addiction disorders. These hours are included in the five hours of

pharmacology required of all APRNs. This requirement will begin with the earning period starting November 1, 2012.

The Board of Nursing (along with other affected boards) is required to promulgate administrative regulations on various matters concerning controlled substance prescribing. These regulations were filed on July 20, 2012 as ordinary and emergency regulations. As emergency regulations, they are in effect as of July 20, 2012 and will remain in effect until the ordinary regulations proceed through the review process and go into effect. The regulations cover the following matters:

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These nine-month teaching positions offers an exciting opportunity for an experienced nurse educator to help shape the future of Berea College's baccalaureate nursing program. Berea College has been educating nurses since 1889, and its Nursing Program founded in 1898, has been cited as the oldest nursing program west of the Allegheny Mountains.

Qualifications for appointment as an Assistant Professor include at minimum a master's degree in nursing with advanced practice certification (earned doctorate in nursing or related field preferred) and 3 – 5 years of recent experience in undergraduate nursing education. Successful candidates must have or be able to obtain an unrestricted Registered Nurse license in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Rank and salary are commensurate with education and experience.

Clinical expertise and teaching experience in the specialty for each position are required.
See details at: <http://www.berea.edu/people-services/faculty-positions/>

Successful candidates will be committed to full-time faculty work, which includes both didactic and clinical instruction, academic advising and mentoring of students, curriculum development, and active participation in program committees. Please send application letter including a current C.V., transcripts, a statement of teaching philosophy, and three letters of reference to Carol Kirby, Chief Nurse Program Administrator, at kirbyc@berea.edu.

Berea College achieved national distinction as the first coeducational and interracial college in the South. With an emphasis on service to the people of Appalachia and beyond, Berea enrolls 1,600 students from 40 states and 60 countries. As a reflection of its continuing commitment to interracial education, Berea is among the most racially diverse private liberal arts college in the United States. Berea admits only students whose families are unable to afford the high cost of tuition and awards each of them a four-year tuition scholarship. Berea's students excel in the College's supportive but demanding academic environment, and many are the first in their families to graduate from college. The College is one of seven federally recognized Work Colleges, and all students hold a labor position in which they work 10-12 hours per week. Graduates distinguish themselves in a variety of fields, including social service, government, ministry, the arts, business, education, medicine, and science, and many go on to earn graduate degrees.

More information about Berea College is available at www.berea.edu

Berea College, in light of its mission in the tradition of impartial love and social equality, welcomes all people of the earth to learn and work here.

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL RENEWAL NOTIFICATION.

2012 RENEWAL INFORMATION

BEGINS: September 15, 2012 at 12:01 a.m.

ENDS: Midnight October 31, 2012, Eastern Time

RENEWAL WEB ADDRESS: <http://kbn.ky.gov/renewal.htm>

NOTIFICATION OF RENEWAL: When your license has been renewed you will receive an email notification to the email address you listed with KBN. You can also validate that your license was renewed from this site:

<http://kbn.ky.gov/onlinesrvs/bulkvalidation/>

Clicking on the submit button at the end of the renewal application does not renew your license automatically.

NURSE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETING KBN FORMS: The individual nurse is responsible for completing the forms necessary to obtain or maintain his or her nursing license. When forms are completed by employers, agencies or other individuals, inaccurate or incomplete information may be provided. On forms required by KBN, the nurse or candidate for nurse licensure affirms that he or she has completed the form and is responsible for the accuracy of the information provided. If false or inaccurate information is provided, the individual nurse is responsible. This is a component of the attestation statement at the end of KBN forms.

RENEWAL FEES: Print the confirmation page for your record of payment for your license renewal.

RN: \$50

LPN: \$50

APRN: \$40 for each designation (plus \$50 for the RN license)

SANE: \$35

Clicking on the "submit" button at the end of the renewal process is an attestation that you have or will have met the continuing competency requirements by midnight, October 31. Your license is NOT renewed when you click on the submit button.

LAST DAY OF RENEWAL

A license that is not renewed before 4:30 p.m. on October 31 will lapse at midnight on that date. Working on a lapsed license is a violation of Kentucky Nursing Law and subjects the individual to disciplinary action.

If an application is received before midnight on October 31st and an individual answers "No" to the disciplinary and conviction questions, a license MAY be renewed by noon on the next business day.

REQUIRED RENEWAL DOCUMENTATION

If you answered "yes" to the discipline, criminal, and/or the APRN national certification revocation questions, your license will not be renewed until KBN receives and reviews the required documents. If your license has not been renewed before midnight, Eastern Time, October 31, your license will lapse. You cannot practice as a nurse in Kentucky if your license has lapsed.

Required documentation includes:

1. Certified court records and letters of explanation, if you

answer "yes" to the criminal activity question

2. Board certified orders and letters of explanation, if you answer "yes" to the disciplinary question

3. Documentation from your APRN national certification organization if you answer "yes," that your national certification was revoked or issued on a provisional or conditional status

4. Other documentation requested by KBN staff.

NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT AND KENTUCKY LICENSE RENEWAL

If your primary state of residence is another compact state and you do not practice ONLY in a military/federal facility, you will not be able to renew your Kentucky RN or LPN license.

APRN RENEWAL

If you do not intend to practice as an APRN and want to relinquish your APRN license (allow it to expire) but do want to renew your RN license, access the RN/APRN renewal application. There will be a drop down selection for you to renew only your RN license.

If your national certification has expired, you will not be able to renew your license(s). You cannot practice as an APRN in Kentucky with an expired national certification.

To renew your APRN license in only one designation and your Kentucky RN license, you MUST use the RN-APRN link on the renewal web page (<http://kbn.ky.gov/renewal/default>). From this link, you will renew your RN and APRN licenses simultaneously, for the combined fee of \$90 (RN-\$50 and APRN-\$40).

To renew your APRN license in more than one designation and your Kentucky RN license, use the link listed above and select each designation that you want to renew by clicking on