# Annual Report
## 2001-2002

### KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING
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### BOARD MEMBERS
- **Marcia Hobbs, RN, President**
  - Murray
- **Clara Dorris, RN, Vice-President**
  - Dixon
- **Phyllis Caudill-Eppenstein, LPN, Secretary**
  - Ashland
- **Catherine Hogan, RN, Financial Officer**
  - Louisville
- **Mabel Ballinger, Citizen-at-Large**
  - Covington
- **Sally Baxter, RN**
  - Maysville
- **June Bell, RN**
  - Owensboro
- **Lori Davis, Citizen-at-Large**
  - Lexington
- **Peggy Fishburn, LPN**
  - Scottsville
- **Ann Fultz, LPN**
  - Ashland
- **M. Susan Jones, RN**
  - Bowling Green
- **Elizabeth Partin, ARNP**
  - Columbia
- **Jan Ridder, RN**
  - Louisville
- **John Sublett, ARNP**
  - Owensboro
- **Ann Veno, RN**
  - Crestwood
- **Mary Gail Wilder, RN**
  - Henderson

### BOARD MEETINGS
- **August 16-17, 2001**
  - Regular Meeting
- **September 6, 2001**
  - Special Meeting
- **October 4-5, 2001**
  - Regular Meeting
- **November 8, 2001**
  - Regular Meeting
- **December 13-14, 2001**
  - Regular Meeting
- **February 7, 2002**
  - Regular Meeting
- **March 14, 2002**
  - Special Meeting
- **April 11-12, 2002**
  - Regular Meeting
- **June 20-21, 2002**
  - Annual Meeting
KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING

MISSION
The Kentucky Board of Nursing protects public health and welfare by development and enforcement of state laws governing the safe practice of nursing.

CORE VALUES
In order to protect the public, we are committed to:

**Distinction** Excellence and quality by delivering consistent, effective, and efficient services.

**Integrity** Honesty, fairness, and objectivity in the development and enforcement of laws and regulations.

**Responsiveness** Taking initiative, communicating openly, and demonstrating care and concern in all endeavors.

**Collaboration** Working in a cooperative spirit while maintaining respect for all individuals.

VISION
We aspire to:

**Deliver** Benchmark quality services in healthcare regulation.

**Meet** The challenges of a dynamic and ever-changing healthcare environment.

**Have** An organizational environment that fosters creativity, innovation, and outstanding leadership.

**Have** A committed and appropriately compensated Board/staff who have exceptional knowledge and skills.

**Achieve** Integration of regulatory efforts affecting the health of the public.

**Have** State-of-the-art technology that promotes effectiveness and efficiency.

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**Goal 1:** Sound defensible, regulatory practices that protect the public.
- Create opportunities for interagency policy development and collaboration.
- Continue enhancements for the disciplinary action processes.
- Increase public awareness and understanding of the role and purpose of the Board of Nursing.
- Increase the public’s participation in regulatory decision making.
- Continue planning for nursing education requirements, practice issues, and competency determination.
- Regulate nurses and persons who provide nursing related acts.

**Goal 2:** Efficient delivery of services that meet the needs of consumers and regulated entities.
- Maintain an organizational structure that promotes effective utilization of agency resources.
- Enhance communications.
- Continue to implement workflow redesign for selected agency services.
- Monitor mutual recognition initiatives.
- Continue electronic enhancements to licensure and credentialing processes.

**Goal 3:** Optimal use of technology that supports agency services.
- Plan for implementation of the agency Information Resources Plan.
- Improve utilization of communications technology.
- Explore new technologies to enhance agency functions.

**Goal 4:** An organizational culture that promotes job satisfaction and career development.
- Increase staff involvement in agency planning and policy implementation.
- Enhance orientation and development programs for the members of the Board, committees, and councils.
- Enhance means to increase service recognition of volunteers and Board and staff members.
- Monitor and maintain appropriate compensation for employees and Board members.
- Increase understanding of job functions throughout the agency.
BOARD ACTIVITIES

All meetings of the Board and its committees and councils were held in open session as required by the open meetings law. The commitment of the members of the Board and the dedication of its staff continued in unabated fashion. Appreciation for this service by Board staff and members was expressed through the recognition programs of the agency and executive branch of state government.

Retiring Board members Marcia Hobbs, RN; Clara Dorris, RN; Phyllis Caudill-Eppenstein, LPN; and Elizabeth Partin, ARNP, were honored and thanked for their substantial contributions to the Board.

Pam Dean, Legal Executive Secretary, was recognized as a 20-year Career Service Employee. Linda Burgin, Receptionist, was the recipient of the Employee Excellence Award.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Sep 6, 2001 ....................... Education/Practice Committees
Nov 15, 2001 ...................... Practice Committee
Jan 11, 2002 ...................... Education, Practice & Consumer Protection Committees
Mar 14, 2002 ...................... Education, Practice & Consumer Protection Committees
May 16, 2002 ...................... Education, Practice & Consumer Protection Committees

BOARD OFFICERS

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ADVISORY BOARD

KENTUCKY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
Center for Nursing & Allied Health Professions
Sharon Weisenbeck, RN
End of Life Project
Catherine Hogan, RN

CABINET FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN
Elder Abuse Committee
Michael Bloyd, RN

CABINET FOR HUMAN SERVICES
Ky Board of Family Health Care Providers
Annette Castle, RN

KENTUCKY NURSE DAY COMMITTEE
Peggy Fishburn, LPN; Judy Amig, RN

KENTUCKY COUNCIL OF ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING
Mary Gail Wilder, RN; Michael Bloyd, RN

KENTUCKY COUNCIL OF BACCALAUREATE & HIGHER DEGREE NURSING
Marcia Hobbs, RN; Michael Bloyd, RN

KENTUCKY COUNCIL OF PRACTICAL NURSING
Clara Dorris, RN; Michael Bloyd, RN

KENTUCKY NURSES ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors
Marcia Hobbs, RN
Cabinet on Nursing Practice
John Sublett, ARNP; Bernadette Sutherland, RN
Nursing Education & Research Cabinet
M. Susan Jones, RN; Michael Bloyd, RN

KENTUCKY NURSING EDUCATION MOBILITY TASK FORCE
Michael Bloyd, RN

KENTUCKY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
Patient Safety Task Force
Elizabeth Partin, ARNP

KENTUCKY STATE ASSOCIATION OF LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES
Phyllis Caudill-Eppenstein, LPN

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING
Delegate Representatives
June Bell, RN; Peggy Fishburn, LPN
Alternate Delegate Representatives
Catherine Hogan, RN; Sharon Weisenbeck, RN
Awards Recognition Panel
Sharon Weisenbeck, RN, Chair
Board of Directors
Marcia Hobbs, RN, Vice-President
Committee on Nominations
June Bell, RN

Commitment to Excellence Project Pilot States Group
Sharon Weisenbeck, RN

Practice, Regulation & Education Subcommittee to Develop Model Rules
Clara Dorris, RN

SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER PROGRAM
STEERING COMMITTEE
Joyce Bonick, RN
**COMMITTEES, COUNCILS, GROUPS, PANELS**

**CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE** *

The Consumer Protection Committee considers those matters related to investigation and disciplinary processes and preparation of hearing panel members.

Mabel Ballinger, Citizen-at-Large, Chairperson  
Sally Baxter, RN  
Phyllis Caudill-Eppenstein, LPN  
Lori Davis, Citizen-at-Large  
Anne H. Veno, RN

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE** *

The Education Committee considers those matters related to mandatory continuing education and prelicensure nursing education in the Commonwealth.

Clara Dorris, RN, Chairperson  
Ann Fultz, LPN  
Marcia Hobbs, RN  
M. Susan Jones, RN  
Mary Gail Wilder, RN  
Anne H. Veno, RN

**PRACTICE COMMITTEE** *

The Practice Committee considers those matters related to the interpretation of the legal scope of nursing practice as defined in Kentucky Nursing Laws and Board of Nursing administrative regulations. Committee deliberations may include review of other relevant statutes and regulations as necessary.

Jan Ridder, RN, Chairperson  
Sally Baxter, RN  
June Bell, RN  
Phyllis Caudill-Eppenstein, LPN  
Catherine Hogan, RN  
Elizabeth Partin, ARNP  
John Sublett, ARNP

**NURSING INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE**

The Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund was created to address the nursing workforce needs throughout the Commonwealth. The intent is to give preference for scholarships to financially needy residents, RNs pursuing graduate nursing education, and LPNs. Recipients agree to practice as a nurse in Kentucky for at least one year for each academic year funded. The fund may also issue grants for nursing workforce competency development.

M. Susan Jones, RN, Chairperson  
Cynthia Crabtree, RN  
Martha Dawson, RN  
Barbara Harrison, RN  
Ruth Ann Steele, LPN

**ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTICE COUNCIL**

Related organizations nominate representatives for membership on the Advanced Registered Nurse Practice Council, as an advisory body to the Board of Nursing. The council advises and recommends practice standards regarding the performance of acts relative to nurse anesthesia, nurse-midwifery, nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist practice.

Elizabeth Partin, ARNP, Chairperson  
Debra A. Barber, ARNP, KNA  
Danny M. Clark, MD, KBML  
Jill Crawford, ARNP, KNA  
Kimberly Basham Evans, ARNP, KNA  
Brenda Farmer, ARNP, KANA  
Marianne Hutti, ARNP, KCNP/NM  
Melinda Joyce, RPh, KBPh  
Laure Schadler, ARNP, KCNP/NM

**SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The SANE Program was created to provide a partnering of nursing, forensic medicine, law enforcement, and victim services across the Commonwealth. It is a statewide commitment to provide compassionate and comprehensive care for individuals 14 years and older who have been the victims of sexual assault.

Elizabeth Johnson, DSN, Chair  
Susan Blake, JD  
Tracy Corey-Handy, MD  
Donna Harmon  
Carol E. Jordan  
Rice Leach, MD  
David MacKnight  
Phyllis Millsapugh  
Sharon Weisenbeck, RN  
Capt. Wayne Mayfield  
Michael Rust  
Lisa Sampson  
Carol Smith-Rupe  
Phyllis Sosa  
Kimothy Sparks  
Robert F. Stevens  
Catherine Hogan, RN

* Marcia Hobbs, RN, KBN President, and Sharon M. Weisenbeck, RN, KBN Executive Director, are Ex-Officio Members of Standing Committees
COMMITTEES, COUNCILS, GROUPS, PANELS (CONTINUED)

KBN CONNECTION EDITORIAL PANEL
The KBN Connection Editorial Panel considers those matters related to planning for the preparation and publication of the official KBN newsletter, which is published 3 times annually (fall, winter, and spring).

Catherine Hogan, RN, Chairperson
Peggy Fishburn, LPN
Lori Davis, Citizen-at-Large

CREDENTIALS REVIEW PANEL
The Credentials Review Panel considers those matters related to licensure and registration credentials and disciplinary investigation and action not otherwise covered by applicable laws and/or guidelines set by the Board of Nursing.

Marcia Hobbs, RN, Chairperson
Clara Dorris, RN
Jan Ridder, RN

GOVERNANCE PANEL
The Governance Panel is responsible for reviewing certain Board guidelines, Board member development, Board structure, and Board operations. It submits recommendations to the Board on these and related matters.

June Bell, RN, Chairperson
Phyllis Caudill-Eppenstein, LPN
Catherine Hogan, RN
John Sublett, ARNP

CONTINUED COMPETENCY TASK FORCE
The Continued Competency Task Force was established to address nursing competence from a regulatory perspective. During FY 01-02, the task force reviewed the current continuing competency requirements as stated in 201 KAR 20:215; developed criteria for existing options for continuing competency; and recommended other options.

M. Susan Jones, RN, Chairperson
Phyllis Caudill-Eppenstein, LPN
Jan Ridder, RN
John Sublett, ARNP

INITIAL COMPETENCY TASK FORCE
During FY 01-02, the Initial Competency Task Force determined the regulatory requirements for nursing competence; developed a competency model; and recommended a process to implement a competency program.

Catherine Hogan, RN, Chairperson
Clara Dorris, RN
Peggy Fishburn, LPN
Marcia Hobbs, RN

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORK GROUP
The Strategic Planning Work Group was established to address strategic planning matters. The membership is composed of various Board members and staff. The group utilizes a facilitator as necessary to assist in revising the current strategic plan.

John Sublett, ARNP, Chairperson
Lori Davis, Citizen-at-Large
Peggy Fishburn, LPN
Anita Gambill, LPN
Nancy Held, RN

UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL WORK GROUP
The Unlicensed Assisitive Personnel Work Group was established for the purpose of recommending to the Board a plan for addressing unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP). The first task to be addressed by the group was the role of nurses in the delegation of nursing acts to UAPs in dialysis care.

Peggy Fishburn, LPN, Chairperson
Mabel Ballinger, Citizen-at-Large
Sally Baxter, RN
Clara Dorris, RN
M. Susan Jones, RN
Elizabeth Partin, ARNP
Jan Ridder, RN
John Sublett, ARNP

REGULATION OF ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL TASK FORCE
The Regulation of Assistive Personnel Task Force was established for the purpose of addressing the regulation of unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP). Participants include representatives from numerous nursing, health organizations, and the following Board members:

June Bell, RN, Chairperson
Peggy Fishburn, LPN
Marcia Hobbs, RN
Anne H. Veno, RN

DIALYSIS TECHNICIANS CREDENTIALING, TRAINING & PRACTICE PROGRAM
In 2001, the Kentucky General Assembly passed House Bill 184, establishing authority for the Kentucky Board of Nursing to regulate dialysis technician practice, training, and credentialing. Effective June 21, 2001, the Board began to issue a credential to qualified dialysis technicians who provide dialysis care in a licensed renal dialysis facility under the direct, on-site supervision of a registered nurse or physician. 374 dialysis technician credentials were issued from July 2001 through June 30, 2002. As of June 30, 2002, the Board has approved 13 dialysis technician training programs in Kentucky.
REGULATION OF NURSES AND NURSING EDUCATION AND PRACTICE

ORGANIZATION CHART
(PROGRAM)

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTICE COUNCIL

DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

NURSING INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUND GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT BRANCH

- Nursing Practice
- Competency Determination
- Prelicensure Nursing Education
- Mandatory Continuing Education
- Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund
- Dialysis Technician Credentialing

CREDENTIALS BRANCH

- Registered Nurse Licensure
- Licensed Practical Nurse Licensure
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Credentialing
- Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Registration
- Nurse Aide Registry
- Home Health Nurse Aide Abuse Registry

CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH

- Complaint Investigation
- Case Management & Prosecution
- Compliance Monitoring
- KARE for Nurses Program

AGENCY SUPPORT BRANCH

- Office Reception & Coordination
- Administrative Services
- Payroll Administration
- Information Management & Technology

Legend: ——— Direct Relationship

——— Advisory Relationship

Rev. 6/02
This Annual Report provides a synopsis of the various activities conducted by the agency to fulfill its charge to regulate the practice of nursing in order to protect and safeguard the health and safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky [Reference: KRS 314.021(1)]. Highlights of this year’s activities are listed below:

- Directed that a letter of support be forwarded to state boards of nursing in the District of Columbia, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia regarding the September 11, 2001 national tragedy.

- Directed that the Board adopt a resolution of appreciation to A. Benjamin Chandler, III, Attorney General, for his commitment to enhance nursing education for improved delivery of nursing care to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky by designating $500,000 of a settlement case for nursing student scholarships.

- Directed that a letter be forwarded to the Office of the Governor requesting exemption from the federal rule that requires facilities to have a physician supervise a nurse anesthetist. Directed that a comment be filed with the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) opposing the language in the proposed federal rule.

- Accepted a proposal to form a special task force on the nursing shortage for submission to the Office of the Governor.

- Directed that a letter be forwarded to Representative Nunn requesting employment protection for health care workers who respond to emergencies.

- Adopted a revision to 201 KAR 20:110, Licensure by Endorsement, to include submission of a completed Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Applicant Fingerprint Card and the fee required by the FBI. Directed that a fingerprint card be returned no more than twice to the FBI for failure to read the endorsement applicant’s fingerprint. Directed that the executive director and general counsel approach the Office of the Governor to address fingerprinting of all healthcare employees.

- Directed that a temporary work permit may be issued to applicants for licensure by endorsement pending the results of National Crime Information Center (NCIC) criminal history reports.

- Directed that the proposal to regulate unlicensed assistive personnel be deferred to the 2003 General Assembly. In the interim, a Task Force shall be created to draft regulatory legislation and accompanying administrative regulations along with an implementation plan.

- Directed that the Unlicensed Assistive Personnel Work Group, having completed the charge as directed by the Board, be dissolved.

- Accepted the application from the College of Nursing, University of Kentucky, Lexington, to establish a prelicensure program of nursing at the graduate level.

- Approved the proposal from Kentucky Christian College, Grayson, to establish a baccalaureate degree program of nursing.

- Directed that legislation be proposed permitting graduates of an approved prelicensure RN program of nursing, who have not successfully completed the NCLEX-RN, be eligible for admission to the NCLEX-PN following successful completion of a KBN approved LPN transition course. The transition course must include content on the roles and responsibilities of a LPN, and direct supervised clinical instruction. Reaffirmed that students in an approved RN program of nursing and individuals licensed as RNs shall not be eligible for admission to the NCLEX-PN.

- Directed that the Education Committee explore requiring a time limit for admission to the NCLEX-PN for graduates of a prelicensure RN program of nursing, who have not successfully completed the NCLEX-RN.

- Directed that the Practice Committee explore the eligibility requirements for licensure by endorsement for experienced nurses who have not completed an approved prelicensure program of nursing for the specific licensure type requested when the topic of the Interstate Nursing Compact is addressed.

- Directed that the Continuing Competency Task Force, having completed the charge as directed by the Board, be dissolved.

- Approved the Kentucky Nursing Education Mobility Task Force’s (KNEMTF) request to amend the grant proposal to utilize $2,500 for future distribution of reports and brochures. Further, directed that when KNEMTF returns the $8,254 surplus, the Board recognizes that the objectives of the grant have been met.

- Directed that nurses be notified in the KBN Connection that House Bill 469 states that paramedics “provide patient care services under the orders of a physician, physician assistant, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or as delegated by a registered nurse.” Directed that staff meet with the Kentucky Nurses Association (KNA) and the Kentucky Organization of Nurse Leaders (KONL) to monitor the situation of paramedics functioning in hospital emergency rooms as allowed under Section 31 of House Bill 469, and directed that the Practice Committee review the legislation for its impact on nursing.
# Kentucky Administrative Regulations

*Kentucky Administrative Regulations* are enacted to operationalize statutory language and carry force and effect of law. Administrative regulations were revised during FY 01-02 as indicated by the effective date.

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Various KBN publications and informational material were offered for a nominal fee that covered duplicating costs. Some of the publications available for purchase were the KBN History, *Kentucky Nursing Laws*, and KBN Administrative Regulations.

Brochures available at no charge included Continuing Education, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program, Kentucky Alternative Recovery Effort for Nurses Program, Disciplinary Process and Procedures for Nursing Licensure, Assuring Safe Nursing Care in Kentucky, Criminal Convictions, and Nursing Workforce Competency Development Grants. Three editions of the agency newsletter, the *KBN Connection*, was published.

A variety of information and services was also available on the KBN website.

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### Continuing Education Approval Fees

- Initial Provider Approval: $400
- Reinstatement of Provider Approval: $400
- Renewal of Provider Approval *: $150
- Offering Approval Via Staff Review: $10

* Issued for a two-year period
CONTINUING EDUCATION/COMPETENCY

As a mechanism to promote continuing competency, the Kentucky Nursing Laws (KRS 314.073) mandate that licensees earn a minimum of 30 hours of approved nursing continuing education (CE), including at least 2 hours of Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services (CHS) approved AIDS education (KRS 214.610). KBN is the Commonwealth agency legally authorized to approve providers of mandatory CE.

Following the 2000 Legislative Session, the Board amended 201 KAR 20:215 pertaining to CE/competency. Validation of CE/competency must include one of the following:

1. Proof of earning 30 approved contact hours (2 of the 30 must be CHS approved HIV/AIDS education); or
2. A national certification related to the nurse’s practice role, plus 2 contact hours of CHS approved HIV/AIDS education; or
3. Proof of earning 15 approved contact hours which shall include 2 contact hours of CHS approved HIV/AIDS education, PLUS at least one of the following:
   a) completion of a nursing research project;
   b) publication of a nursing related article in a refereed professional publication;
   c) a professional nursing presentation that is made to other health professionals, at least one hour in length, not part of your primary job function, and is evidenced by a program brochure, course syllabi or letter from the offering provider identifying your participation as a presenter in the offering;
   d) an employment evaluation that is satisfactory for continued employment;
   e) a successfully completed employment competency validation.

House Bill 140, passed by the 2001 Regular Session of the General Assembly, allows KBN to require the 2 hours of mandatory HIV/AIDS CE to be earned once every 10 years instead of once every 2 years. The LPN earning period is from November 1, 2001 through October 31, 2011. The RN earning period is from November 1, 2002 through October 31, 2012. Nurses are required to maintain proof of earning the required CE for up to 12 years.

There is still a requirement to earn 3 contact hours of KBN approved domestic violence CE within 3 years of initial licensure (one-time only). Also, ARNPs are required to earn 5 contact hours of approved CE in pharmacology within the 2-year licensure period. Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) credentialed nurses must earn 5 contact hours of approved sexual assault CE every 2 years (forensic medicine and domestic violence CE will meet this requirement). These hours count as part of the CE requirement for the period in which they are earned.

The post-renewal audit process is used to verify CE/competency earning, including the 2 hours of CHS approved AIDS education. The random audit requires that those persons selected show documented evidence (certificate of attendance, transcript, grade report, employment evaluation, competency validation, etc.) of approved CE/competency earning during the applicable licensure period. Of those licensees randomly selected for the recent LPN audit process, 82% demonstrated compliance with the CE requirements. Those not complying were referred for disciplinary action.

NATIONAL NURSING ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZED BY KBN FOR APPROVAL OF CE OFFERINGS

American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)
American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN)
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA)
American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM)
American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) of the American Nurses Association (ANA)
Accredited Providers including ANA Constituent State Nurses’ Associations
Association of Women’s Health, Obstetrical and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN)
National Association of Pediatric Nurses Associates & Practitioners (NAPNAP)
National Association for Practical Nurses Education & Service (NAPNES)
National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses (NFLPN)
National League for Nursing (NLN)
Other State Boards of Nursing
The Kentucky Nursing Laws provide that the Board of Nursing may "deny, limit, revoke, probate or suspend any license to practice nursing issued by the Board or applied for . . . or to otherwise discipline a licensee or to deny admission to the licensure examination, or to require evidence of evaluation and therapy . . . ."

The Board continues its efforts to make the public aware of the investigatory and disciplinary procedures and to emphasize the legal requirement to, and importance of, reporting nurses who are suspected of engaging in unsafe or illegal practices.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FY 01-02**

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**COMPLAINT ACTIVITY**

| Complaints for Applicants with Conviction Records Reviewed | 427 |
| Complaints/No Formal Action Deemed Necessary | 89 |
| Information Filed Away for Insufficient Evidence of Violation | 42 |

TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED: 971

ACTIVE CASES AS OF JUNE 30, 2002: 171

**SUMMARY OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FY 96-02**

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NURSING PRACTICE

KBN interprets the legal scope of nursing practice according to the Kentucky Nursing Laws and KBN administrative regulations in the determination of safe and effective nursing care for the citizens of the Commonwealth. In response to inquiries requesting interpretation of the legal scope of nursing practice, KBN has published formal advisory opinion statements as guidelines for safe practice (see the chart below), as well as issuing other opinions on nursing practice matters.

During FY 01-02, the Board addressed the following inquiries regarding nursing practice: Roles of nurses in dental screening and the application of dental varnishes; maintenance of Propofol (Diprivan) infusions by RNs in aero medical transport; roles of LPNs in dialysis care; dialysis care via a “Tesio” catheter system; administration of placebo substances; accountability of nurses in the administration of insulin in school settings; delegation of tasks by RNs related to post-cardiac catheterization interventions; performance of incisional/surgical removal of a skin lesion for biopsy by RNs; “bed-assignment coordinator” for LPNs; eliminating the 72-hour requirement for the medical staff to authenticate/sign verbal orders, and instituting a requirement for the nurse to “repeat and verify” verbal orders; approved the revisions to the Department of Juvenile Justice Health Services Portocol, Second Edition; role of a nurse to order physical and mechanical restraints; and ARNP's issuing orders for “do not resuscitate” and “discontinuation of feeding tubes.”

KBN ADVISORY OPINION STATEMENTS

83-01 Role of the RN/LPN in Spinal Screening for Detection of Common Abnormal/Curvatures of the Spine
83-02 Role of the ARNP, RN, and LPN in Gynecological Cancer Detection
99-03 Roles of Nurses in Intravenous Therapy Practice
84-04 Roles of RNs and ARNPs in the Administration of Medication per Intraspinal Routes
84-05 The Performance of Advanced Life Support Procedures by RNs
84-06 The Performance of Arterial Puncture by RNs
84-07 Roles of Nurses in Superficial Wound Closure
84-08 Role of the RN First Assistant
95-09 The Performance of Wound Debridement by Nurses
85-10 Roles of Nurses in the Care of Intrapartum Patients
85-11 Roles of Nurses in the Insertion and Removal of a Gastric Tube and in the Reinsertion of a Gastrostomy Tube
85-13 Roles of RNs in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing Practice
87-14 Roles of Nurses in the Implementation of Patient Care Orders
87-15 Roles of Nurses in the Supervision and Delegation of Nursing Acts to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel
87-16 Roles of Nurses in the Administration of Medication via Various Routes
87-17 Roles of Nurses in the Administration of “PRN” Medications and Placebos
87-18 Employment of Students in Nursing
88-19 Responsibility and Accountability of Nurses for Patient Care Assignments and Nursing Care Delivery
89-20 Roles of RNs in Invasive Cardiac Procedures
90-21 Roles of Nurses and Technicians in Dialysis
90-22 Roles of Nurses who Provide “Private Duty” Nursing
90-23 The Application and Removal of a Cast or Splint by Nurses
90-24 Responsibility and Accountability for Assuring Safe Patient Care by Nurses Employed in Health Care Facilities
91-25 Peripheral Insertion of Centra, Midclavicular and Midline Intravenous Catheters by Nurses
91-26 Roles of Nurses in the Delivery of Prehospital Emergency Medical Care via Ambulance Services
92-27 Components of LPN Practice
92-28 Roles of Nurses and Unlicensed Nursing Personnel in Endoscopic Procedures
93-29 Cardiopulmonary/Respiratory Nursing Practice
93-30 School Nursing Practice
94-31 Removal of Femoral Access Devices (Sheaths) and Use of Mechanical Compression Devices by RNs
95-32 Intravenous Administration of Medications for Conscious Sedation by Nurses

* These advisory opinion statements were revised during FY 01-02.
The Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund (NISF) provides scholarships to Kentucky residents for attending approved prelicensure nursing programs (registered nurse or practical nurse) or graduate nursing programs. Scholarship recipients must work as nurses in Kentucky for one year for each academic year funded. To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must have been admitted to a nursing program.

The Nursing Incentive Scholarship Grant Review Committee accepts grant proposals for workforce competency development. Workforce competency development is defined as organized, structured or formal activity designed to improve the ability of nurses to meet the health care needs of the citizens of Kentucky. The nursing workforce is defined as actual and/or potential licensed nursing population. The funding and reporting requirements for the grants may be obtained on the KBN website.

In FY 01-02, a $40,250 grant was awarded to the Kentucky Nurses Association Diversity Recruitment Project to assist in the support of an innovative program targeted for the recruitment of minority populations into the nursing profession.

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* The recipient completion information does not include all data from cosponsored recipients.

Note: The amount of awards varies each fiscal year due to cancellations, deferments, and defaults.
The Kentucky Board of Nursing is the legally authorized body in the Commonwealth to approve programs of nursing preparing persons for eligibility for licensure as nurses. Through the provisions of the Kentucky Nursing Laws and applicable Kentucky administrative regulations, the Board prescribes standards for educational institutions offering programs preparing candidates for licensure as nurses. As of June 30, 2002, there were a total of 12 baccalaureate nursing (BSN) programs, 24 associate degree (ADN) programs, and 20 practical nursing (PN) programs approved by the KBN.
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