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1996-1997

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Board Meetings

August 22-23, 1996
Regular Meeting

September 18, 1996
Special Meeting

October 18-19, 1996
Regular Meeting

December 12 & 13, 1996
Regular Meeting

February 13-14, 1997
Regular Meeting

April 17-18, 1997
Regular Meeting

June 30 & July 1, 1997
Annual Meeting

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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 . . .

Excellence — We are committed to quality and consistency in delivering effective and efficient services.

Integrity — We are committed to honesty, fairness, and objectivity in the development and enforcement of laws and regulations.

Responsiveness — We are committed to taking initiative, communicating openly, and demonstrating care and concern in all endeavors.

Collaboration — We are committed to working in a cooperative spirit and promoting teamwork while maintaining respect for 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 and staff who have exceptional knowledge and skills.

Achieve integration of regulatory efforts in the public sector.

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

Goal 1: *Sound defensible, regulatory practices that protect the public.*

- Create opportunities for interagency policy development and collaboration.
- Develop a plan to enhance disciplinary action processes.
- Conduct a comprehensive analysis of KRS Chapter 314 and attendant administrative regulations.
- Increase public awareness and understanding of the role and purpose of the Board of Nursing.
- Develop a plan for addressing nursing education and competency issues.
- Increase the public's participation in regulatory decision making.
- Develop a plan for implementation of domestic violence training requirement (HB 309).
- Implement prescriptive authority for advanced registered nurse practitioners.
- Establish a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner credentialing program.

Goal 2: *Efficient delivery of services that meets the needs of consumers and regulated entities.*

- Develop organizational structure that promotes effective utilization of agency human and fiscal resources.
- Enhance mechanisms for internal communications.
- Develop a plan to enhance communication with consumers and regulated entities.
- Implement workflow redesign for selected agency services.
- Study the feasibility of implementing an electronic licensure system.
- Expand Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund for Kentucky residents (HB 363).
- Evaluate hearing officer services.
- Establish educational program concerning Board functions and activities for nursing servic administrators.
- Negotiate lease for office space for 1997-2002.
- Implement administrative law changes (HB 363).
- Develop contract for establishment of a Peer Assistance Program for Nurses.

Goal 3: *Optimal use of technology that supports agency services.*

- Continue implementation of the agency Information Resources Plan, 1996-98.
- Develop the agency Information Resources Plan for 1998-2002 and beyond.
- Improve utilization of communications technology.
- Increase staff competency in utilizing agency technology.
- Explore use of teleconferencing to accomplish 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 members of the board, committees, and councils.
- Implement process for creating individual staff development plans.
- Develop a tuition assistance plan within state employee guidelines, and budget accordingly.
- Develop a plan to increase service recognition of volunteers and Board and staff members.
- Monitor and maintain appropriate compensation for employees and Board members.
- Develop a plan to increase understanding of job functions throughout the agency.

Board of Nursing Statement of Philosophy

It is the philosophy of the Kentucky Board of Nursing that the regulation of the practice of nursing shall achieve public protection by ensuring the competency of licensees who provide nursing care. To that end, the regulation of nursing should be responsive to the changing health application of knowledge, skills, and behavior to meet those needs and priorities. As public protection is the essential role of the Board, the public should have a voice in the action taken to promote its protection.

Licensure establishes an essential level of competency, and indicates that nurses have a common core of knowledge. As such, the purpose of licensure is to set standards for practice and education of individuals in order to protect the public from dishonest and incompetent practitioners. These standards are established in the *Kentucky Nursing Laws* (Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 314) and its attendant administrative regulations. Nursing practice and behavior inconsistent with these standards should lead to disciplinary action.

Critical elements of the regulation of nursing practice include a coherent, generally acceptable definition of nursing, as well as definitions of professional scope and accountability. These definitions should make explicit that the nurse is responsible and accountable for the practice of nursing according to individual preparation and experience, with nursing auxiliaries assisting under prescribed conditions. Further, the licensed nurse is responsible and accountable for continued professional learning throughout her/his career continuum.

Essential components of the regulation of prelicensure nursing education include sufficient, qualified faculty and appropriate program curricula and clinical practice laboratories. The curricula should reflect the activities, functions, duties, and responsibilities of the practicing nurse. The clinical practice laboratories should allow prelicensure students opportunities to both generate new knowledge and demonstrate their practice abilities.

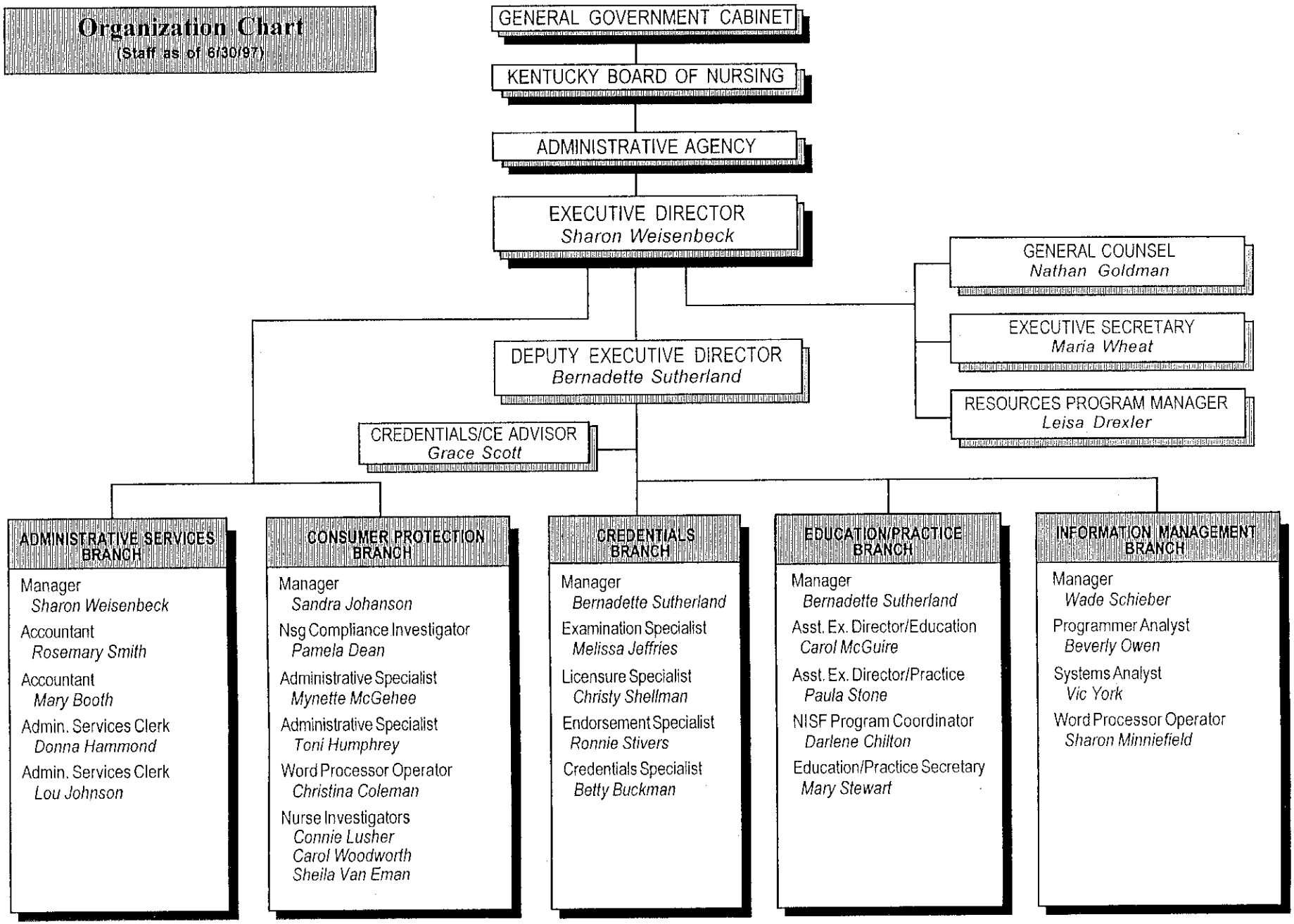
As the standards governing nursing practice, continuing education, and prelicensure education are established through the legislative process, the Board has a responsibility to maintain ongoing communication with the legislative branch of government. Concurrently, the complex and dynamic changes occurring in the health care delivery system require that effective communication be maintained with licensees and with local, state and national nursing organizations, health care providers and agencies, governmental units, and nursing education programs.

In summary, the Kentucky Board of Nursing believes that the protection of the public can best be accomplished through ensuring the competency of licensees who provide nursing care, and by establishing standards that allow for the fullest development of nursing practice, commensurate with its potential social contribution.

Adopted: August 1990

Organization Chart

(Staff as of 6/30/97)



Highlights of Board Activities

This Annual Report provides a synopsis of the various activities conducted by this 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 years' activities are listed below.

- Development of a participatory strategic planning model that resulted in revised mission, values, and vision statements.
- Initial implementation of new statutorily created programs including:
  - Establishment of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Advisory Council and statewide certification program.
  - Establishment of guidelines for domestic violence continuing education offerings.
  - Entry into a contractual agreement that provides peer assistance for impaired nurses.
  - Promulgation of an administrative regulation governing advanced registered nurse practitioner prescription authority.
- Implementation of statutory changes to the Nursing Incentive Scholarship Program that facilitated an increase in the number of scholarships awarded.
- Approval of a working position paper entitled "Accountability and Responsibility of Licensees to Assure Competency," and subsequent hosting of open forums to address related regulatory issues.
- Establishment of nurse administrator's educational program offerings presented by the Board members and staff.
- Initiation of work process improvement activities to increase efficiency and utilization of enhanced computerization and imaging technology.
- Enhancement of an automated nurse licensure verification system for verification of nurse licensure status.

Overview

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 Linda Thomas, RN; Debra Finneran, RN; Anne Willis, RN; and Diane Payne, Citizen-at-Large, were honored and thanked for their substantial contributions to the Board.

Pamela Dean, Nursing Compliance Investigator, was recognized for 15 years of service with the Board. Carol McGuire, Nursing Education Consultant, was recognized for 10 years of service. Mynette McGehee, Administrative Specialist, was recognized for 5 years of service. The following staff were recipients of the Employee Excellence Award: Pamela Dean, Nursing Compliance Investigator, and Sharon Minniefield, Word Processor Operator.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1996

Sep 18 ..... Practice Committee
Sep 19 ..... Education/Study & Planning Cmtes
Nov 13 ..... Education/Practice/Consumer Protection Committees
Nov 14 ..... Study & Planning Committee

1997

Jan 13 ..... Education/Practice/Consumer Protection Committees
Jan 14 ..... Study & Planning Committee
Mar 10 ..... Education/Practice/Consumer Protection Committees
Mar 11 ..... Study & Planning Committee
May 14 ..... Education/Practice/Consumer Protection Committees
May 15 ..... Study & Planning Committee

Board Officers

Elected April 1997	Immediate Past	Past
President: Marcia Stanhope	Linda Thomas	Melda Sue Logan
President-Elect: Susan Hockenberger	Marcia Stanhope	Linda Thomas
Secretary: Sr. Margaret Ann Seasly	Sr. Margaret Ann Seasly	Sr. Margaret Ann Seasly
Financial Officer: Linda DeVries	Linda DeVries	Diane Payne

Councils/Committees/Groups/Panels

Advanced Registered Nurse Practice Council

Membership	Designation/Organization
Nancy Khola, ARNP	Kentucky Board of Nursing, Chair
Suvas Desai, MD	Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure
Ralph Bouvette, RPh	Kentucky Board of Pharmacy
Brenda Farmer, ARNP	ARNP - Anesthetist
Laure Schadler, ARNP	ARNP - Midwife
Roberta Garfield, ARNP	ARNP - Practitioner
Janile Martin, ARNP	ARNP - Practitioner
Don Rountree, ARNP	ARNP - Clinical Nurse Specialist
Kathleen Saylor, ARNP	ARNP - Clinical Nurse Specialist

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.

The ***Communique'*** **Editorial Panel** considers those matters related to planning for the preparation and publication of the official Board of Nursing newsletter, which is published 3 times annually (fall, winter, and spring).

Communique' Editorial Panel

Debra Finneran, RN, Chairperson
Susan Hockenberger, RN
Sr. Margaret Ann Seasly, LPN

Credentials Review Panel

Diane Payne, Citizen-at-Large, Chairperson
Nancy Kloha, ARNP
Linda Thomas, RN

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

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

Consumer Protection Committee

Anne Willis, RN, Chairperson
Mabel Ballinger, Citizen-at-Large
Michael Carr, RN
Linda DeVries, RN
Debra Finneran, RN
Marcia Stanhope, RN
Dorothy Thomas, LPN
Sandra Thornton, LPN

Peer Assistance Liaison Group

Debra Finneran, RN, Chairperson
June Bell, RN
Diane Payne, Citizen-at-Large
Nathan Goldman, JD
Connie Lusher, RN
Carol Woodworth, RN

The **Peer Assistance Liaison Group** considers those matters related to KRS 314.171 which grants authority to the Board to establish, or enter into a contractual agreement for, an impaired nurse committee [KPAPN]. The Liaison Group facilitates communications between the Board of Nursing and KPAPN, and assures that the contractual terms are met.

Education Committee

Marcia Stanhope, RN, Chairperson
Susan Hockenberger, RN
Sr. Margaret Ann Seasly, LPN
Phyllis Morris, RN, PN Educator
Donna Combs, RN, ADN Prelicensure Education
Marcia Hobbs, RN, BSN Prelicensure Education
Mary Kleber, RN, LPN Prelicensure Education
Meg Fuqua, RN, RN Continuing Education
Judy Tomberlin, RN, LPN Continuing Education

The **Education Committee** considers those matters related to mandatory continuing education and prelicensure nursing education in the Commonwealth. An additional membership category was added so that all levels of prelicensure nursing education are now represented on one committee.

The **Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund** was created to increase the number of licensed nurses in medically underserved areas of the state, to decrease the number of vacant licensed nurse positions in all service sectors, and to increase the pool of master's prepared registered nurses for faculty positions.

Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund Committee

Debra Finneran, RN, Chairperson
Mabel Ballinger, Citizen-at-Large
Peggy Fishburn, LPN
Ann Fultz, LPN
Marjorie Perrin, RN
Deborah Scott, RN

Practice Committee

Michael Carr, RN, Chairperson
June Bell, RN
Linda DeVries, RN
Peggy Fishburn, LPN
Anne Willis, RN
Susan Jones, RN, RN Educator
Jane Hudson, RN, LPN Educator
Geneva Coldiron, LPN, KSALPN Representative
Debora Price, RN, KNA Representative

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.

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 response to individuals 14 years and older who have been the victims of sexual assault.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Advisory Council

Sharon Weisenbeck, RN, Chairperson
Pat Arnold
Margaret Belcher, RN
Carol Goodfleisch, RN
Tamra Gromley
Rice Leach, MD
Phyllis Millspaugh
Capt. Lonnie Moert
John Morse
George Nichols, MD
Betty Porter, ARNP
Eileen Recktenwald
Lisa Sampson
Susan Stout Tamme

Study & Planning Committee

Marcia Stanhope, RN, Chairperson
Mabel Ballinger, Citizen-at-Large
Michael Carr, RN
Linda DeVries, RN
Nancy Kloha, ARNP
Ann Willis, RN
Sr. Margaret Ann Seasly, LPN
Dorothy Thomas, LPN, Alternate

The **Study and Planning Committee** considers those matters related to the needs of the Board and its operation for enhancement of monitoring statutory and regulatory compliance and in planning for the predictable future.

The *Kentucky Nursing Laws* are contained in *Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 314*. During its 1996 session, the General Assembly enacted several revisions to the laws. Effective July 1996, these revisions are as follows:

House Bill 363 (1996 Acts Chapter 26) amended several provisions of *KRS Chapter 314*.

.025 Changes made to the Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund program.

.026 Changes made to the Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund committee and to the program.

.027 Changes made to the Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund program.

.091 Adds provision clarifying that action can be taken against a nurse for violating previous order of the Board.

.121 Adds a member to the Board. Deletes the Advisory Council.

.131 Adds president-elect to the officers of the Board.

.171 Establishes the Impaired Nurses Committee of the Board.

.193 Changes the composition of the ARNP Council.

House Bill 495 (1996 Acts Chapter 260) created the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Advisory Council, and authorized the Board to promulgate regulations to implement the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program.

Senate Bill 292 (1996 Acts Chapter 318) amended the uniform hearing procedure provisions of KRS 13B and amended *KRS Chapter 314* to conform.

House Bill 358 (1996 Acts Chapter 342) authorized ARNPs to prescribe nonscheduled legend drugs if they have a collaborative practice agreement with a physician.

Kentucky Administrative Regulations are enacted to operationalize statutory language and carry force and effect of law. Several regulations were revised during FY 96-97 as indicated by the effective date.

201 Kentucky Administrative Regulation 20:		Effective Date
.056	Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Registration	8/94
.057	Scope & Standards of Practice of ARNPs	6/97
.070	Licensure by Examination	6/96
.085	Licensure Periods	2/95
.090	Temporary Work Permit	3/94
.095	Inactive Nurse Licensure Status	2/93
.110	Licensure by Endorsement	2/93
.161	Investigation & Disposition of Complaints	8/93
.162	Procedures for Disciplinary Hearings Pursuant to KRS 314.091	9/95
.200	Definitions for Mandatory Continuing Education	7/92
.215	Contact Hours	3/97
.220	Provider Approval	3/97
.225	Reinstatement of License	2/93
.230	Renewal of Licenses	3/97
.235	The Prevention of Transmission of HIV & HBV by Nurses	9/93
.240	Fees for Applications & for Services	3/96
.250	Definitions for RN & PN Prelicensure Programs of Nursing	2/93
.260	Organization & Administration Standards for Prelicensure Programs of Nursing	8/93
.270	Programs of Nursing Surveys	11/
.280	Standards for Prelicensure RN & PN Programs	6/85
.290	Standards for Prelicensure RN & PN Extension Programs	11/87
.300	Standards for Prelicensure Experimental Programs of Nursing	6/85
.310	Faculty for Prelicensure RN & PN Programs	2/93
.320	Standards for Curriculum of Prelicensure RN Programs	11/87
.330	Standards for Curriculum of Prelicensure PN Programs	3/89
.340	Students in Prelicensure RN & PN Programs	6/85
.350	Education Facilities & Resources for Prelicensure RN & PN Programs	6/85
.360	Evaluation of Prelicensure RN & PN Programs	11/87
.370	Applications for Licensure & Registration	3/97
.380	Standards for Refresher Course Approval	11/87
.390	Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund	2/97
.400	Delegation of Nursing Tasks to Unlicensed Persons	1/93
.410	Expungement of Records	9/95
.411	Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program Standards & Credential Requirements	9/97

Board Appointed Representatives

Cabinet for Human Resources
Ky Board of Family Health Care Providers
Annette Castle

Council on Licensure Enforcement & Regulation
Regulatory Issues Task Force
Nathan Goldman

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council
Linda DeVries
Paula Stone

Governor's Project
Care 2000 Task Force
Sharon Weisenbeck

Jefferson County Nurse Day
Recognition Committee
Sharon Weisenbeck

Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure
Physician Assistant Advisory Council
Ellen Bailey

Kentucky Council of Baccalaureate & Higher Degree Programs
Marcia Stanhope
Carol McGuire

Kentucky Council of Associate Degree Nursing
Linda Thomas
Carol McGuire

Kentucky Council of Practical Nursing
Phyllis Morris
Carol McGuire

Kentucky Nurses Association
Board of Directors
Linda Thomas

Cabinet on Nursing Practice
Michael Carr
Paula Stone

Nurse Day Committee
Susan Hockenberger
Sheila Van Eman

Nursing Education & Research Cabinet
Susan Hockenberger

Kentucky Nursing Continuing Education Network
Leisa Drexler

Kentucky State Association of Licensed Practical Nurses
Sr. Margaret Ann Seasly

National Council of State Boards of Nursing
Delegate Representatives
Linda Thomas
Sharon Weisenbeck

Executive Officers Outreach Communications
Sharon Weisenbeck

Alternate Delegate Representatives
Nancy Kloha
Sandy Johanson

Bylaws Committee
Sharon Weisenbeck

Examination Committee
Carol McGuire

Long Range Planning Task Force
Sharon Weisenbeck

Multistate Regulation Task Force
Sharon Weisenbeck

Resolutions Committee
Sharon Weisenbeck

Continuing Education

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, including at least two hours of Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources (CHR) approved AIDS education (KRS 214.610). The Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) is the Commonwealth agency legally authorized to approve providers of mandatory continuing education (CE).

In 1996, the Kentucky General Assembly mandated that all nurses with active licensure status on July 15, 1996 must earn three hours of KBN approved Domestic Violence CE before July 1, 1999. This is a one-time earning requirement. Any nurse licensed after July 15, 1996 has three years from the date of initial licensure to earn the one-time three hours of Domestic Violence CE. Compliance monitoring will include random audits following renewals in 1999.

Continuing Education Providers By Category

Professional Nursing Organizations	13
Related Nursing Organizations	2
Educational Institutions	32
Health Service Agencies	118
Health Related Organizations	22
Commercial Organizations	9
Other	14
Total	210

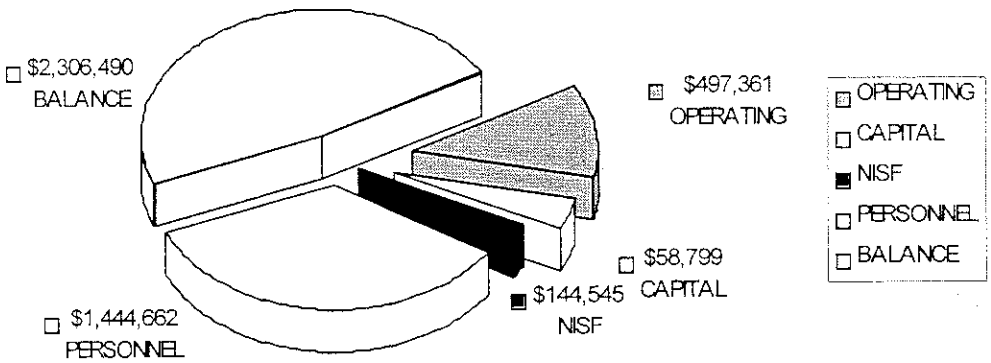
The post-renewal audit process is used to verify earning of the required 30 contact hours including the two hours of CHR approved AIDS education. The random audit requires that those persons selected show documented evidence (certificate of attendance, transcript, grade report, etc.) of approved contact hour earning during the applicable licensure period. Of those licensees randomly selected for the audit process, 99% demonstrated compliance with the CE requirements. Those not complying were referred for disciplinary action.

BIENNIAL LICENSURE/CE EARNING SCHEDULE

RN Licensure/Earning Period	Earning Requirement	For Renewal By
11/1/1996 – 10/31/1998	30 Contact Hours	10/31/1998
11/1/1998 – 10/31/2000	30 Contact Hours	10/31/2000
11/1/2000 – 10/31/2002	30 Contact Hours	10/31/2002
PN Licensure/Earning Period	**Earning Requirement**	**For Renewal By**
11/1/1995 – 10/31/1997	30 Contact Hours	10/31/1997
11/1/1997 – 10/31/1999	30 Contact Hours	10/31/1999
11/1/1999 – 10/31/2001	30 Contact Hours	10/31/2001

Financial Report

FY 96-97: TOTAL OPERATING FUND = $4,451,857



The Kentucky Board of Nursing is a fee supported agency. No general revenue tax dollars are expended by the agency. The operating fund for FY 96-97 was $4,451,857 with expenditures totaling $2,145,367. Due to biennial licensure of nurses, funds from carry forward (balance) are needed to meet the FY 98 budget.

Various Board of Nursing 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*, KBN Administrative Regulations, KBN Advisory Opinion Statements, and Disciplinary Process and Procedures for Nursing Licensure. A free brochure on continuing education was also available.

Fee Schedule

Licensure/Registration Application Fees	RN	LPN
Endorsement	$70	$70
Reinstatement	70	70
Active License Renewal *	50	50
Inactive License Renewal *	40	40
Examination		
Licensure	70	70
Retake	30	30
ARNP Registration	70	
ARNP Reinstatement	70	
ARNP Renewal *	45	
Duplicate License Letter	20	20
Verification to Other States	20	20

Continuing Education Approval Fees	
Initial Provider Approval	$100
Reinstatement of Provider Approval	100
Renewal of Provider Approval *	50
Offering Approval Via Staff Review	10

* Issued for a two-year period

Disciplinary Actions FY 96-97

TYPE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION	RN	PN
Licenses Revoked	1	2
Licenses Suspended	10	16
Immediate Temporary Suspension of Licenses	3	1
Licenses Suspended Followed by Probation	1	2
Licenses Suspended Followed by Limitation/Probation	6	2
Licenses Probated	4	10
Licenses Limited/Probated	29	14
Licenses Continued on Probation or Limitation	2	3
Voluntary Surrender of License	8	9
Requests for Reinstatement of Revoked/Suspended Licenses - Granted on a Probationary or Limited Basis	5	2
Admitted to NCLEX/Licenses Probated/Limited	0	3
Admission to NCLEX/Reprimand	1	0
Licensure Reinstatement Denied	3	4
Reprimand	8	12
Licensure Granted	1	0
Licensure Denied	0	3
Consent Decree/Civil Penalty	41	60
Letter of Concern	0	1
No Action Taken	1	1

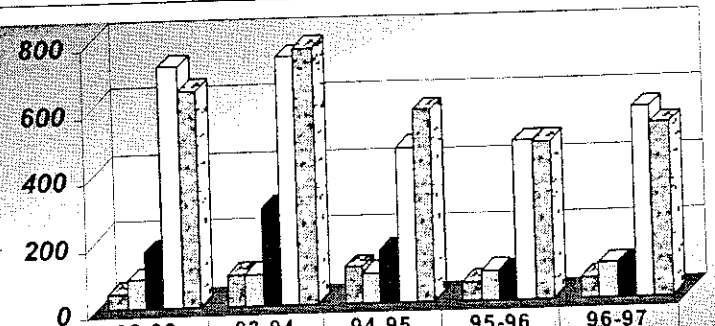
COMPLAINT ACTIVITY

Complaints for Applicants with Conviction Records Reviewed	166
Complaints/No Formal Action Deemed Necessary or Possible	91
Complaints Filed Away in Cases Where Individuals Could Not be Located, Were Deceased, or Criminal Charges Were Dismissed	70
TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	571
ACTIVE CASES AS OF JUNE 30, 1997	239

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 Comparative Summary FY 92-97



	92-93	93-94	94-95	95-96	96-97
Decisions	46	96	108	57	61
Agreed Orders	87	95	91	88	103
Consent Decrees	169	292	156	85	101
Complaints Received	725	747	464	478	571
Complaints Resolved	649	771	577	473	521

Nursing Practice

The Board interprets the legal scope of nursing practice according to the *Kentucky Nursing Laws* and Board of Nursing 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, the Board has published formal advisory opinion statements as guidelines for safe practice (see the chart at right), as well as issuing other opinions on nursing practice matters.

During FY 96-97, the Board addressed the following inquiries regarding nursing practice: Performance of long pulsed dye laser therapy by nurses; performance of transcutaneous nerve stimulation by licensed practical nurses; performance of flexible sigmoidoscopy for colorectal cancer screening by nurses; removal of temporary epicardial pacing wires by registered nurses; and research proposal - monitoring patient responses to ketamine hydrochloride for post surgical pain management by registered nurses.

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
*	83/89B-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	The Performance of Stapling and Suturing for Superficial Wound Closure by RNs, and the Removal of Staples and Sutures by Nurses
	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 Personnel
	87-16	Roles of Nurses in the Administration of Medication via Various Routes
	87-17	Roles of Nurses in the Administration of "PRN" Medication
	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 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 Central and Long Line 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 either reviewed, revised, or developed during FY 96-97.

Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund

The Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund (NISF) provides scholarships to Kentucky residents who will be attending approved prelicensure nursing programs (registered nurse or practical nurse) or graduate nursing programs. The scholarship requires that a recipient must work as a nurse in Kentucky for one year for each academic year funded. To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must already be admitted to a nursing program.

Students in prelicensure and BSN completion nursing programs must complete a minimum of eight (8) credit hours per semester of published requirements for the nursing program, and maintain a minimum grade point average which will allow continuation in the nursing program. For graduate nursing programs, students must complete a minimum of six (6) credit hours per semester of published requirements for the nursing program, and maintain a grade point average which will allow continuation in the graduate program.

Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund
Comparative Summary: FY 91-97

APPLICATION DATA	FY 91-92	FY 92-93	FY 93-94	FY 94-95	FY 95-96	FY 96-97
# Applications Mailed Out:	1200	1123	1215	1146	1151	1401
# Applications Received/Processed:	148	149	120	51	39	332
# Applications Complete/Not Funded:	49	56	30	2	3	210
# Applications Incomplete/Not Funded:	41	23	20	9	7	14
# Applications Approved/Funded:	58	70	70	40	29	108
(Initial)	58	39	40	21	16	95
(Continuation)	--	31	30	19	13	13
# Recipients Graduated: (271) *	14	34	47	21	16	27
# Completed Work Obligation: (112)	N/A	12	21	38	19	22

* Includes Completed Work Obligation Number

NISF AWARD DATA	FY 91-92	FY 92-93	FY 93-94	FY 94-95	FY 95-96	FY 96-97
NISF Fund Balance:	$152,925	$108,800	$121,100	$133,800	$146,400	$150,800
NISF Awards Granted:	$88,050	$96,430	$102,195	$54,040	$40,340	$124,150
(Initial)	$88,050	$51,680	$59,325	$28,860	$22,190	$104,490
(Continuation)	--	$44,750	$42,870	$25,180	$18,150	$19,660

Note: The amount varies each fiscal year due to cancellations, deferments, and defaults.

NCLEX Pass Rates

With the April 1994 implementation of computer adaptive technology, eligible licensure candidates schedule the NCLEX examination at a time of personal perference, within one year of being declared eligible to test by the Board.

Since NCLEX testing is on a demand basis, the reporting of pass rates for first-time candidates by programs of nursing is based upon the numbers of graduates from a program of nursing during a fiscal year (i.e., July 1 through June 30) who test prior to December 31 of the subsequent fiscal year.

First-Time Writers: NCLEX Pass Rates 96-97

BSN PROGRAMS	DATE	# GRADS	AS OF 12/31/97 # TESTED	AS OF 12/31/97 # PASS	% PASS	FY 96-97
Bellarmine College	Aug-96	2	2	2	100%	
	Dec-96	1	1	0	0%	
	May-97	70	67	65	97%	96%
Berea College	May-97	21	19	18	95%	95%
Eastern Kentucky University	Dec-96	46	46	45	98%	
	May-97	61	61	60	98%	98%
Morehead State University	Dec-96	1	1	1	100%	
	May-97	30	30	28	93%	94%
Murray State University	Dec-96	22	22	20	91%	
	May-97	32	32	29	91%	91%
Spalding University	Dec-96	5	5	5	100%	
	May-97	45	45	42	93%	94%
Thomas More College	Oct-96		1	1	100%	
	Dec-96	2	1	1	100%	
	May-97	14	13	11	85%	87%
University of Kentucky	Dec-96	7	7	7	100%	
	May-97	60	60	57	95%	96%
University of Louisville	Aug-96	4	4	3	75%	
	Dec-96	24	24	23	96%	
	May-97	54	53	49	92%	93%
Western Kentucky University	May-97	28	28	27	96%	96%
TOTAL		529	522	494		95%

FIRST-TIME WRITERS: NCLEX PASS RATES 96-97 (CONTINUED)

ADN PROGRAMS	DATE	# GRADS	AS OF 12/31/97 # TESTED	AS OF 12/31/97 # PASS	AS OF 12/31/97 % PASS	FY 96-97
Ashland Community College	May-97	58	58	56	97%	97%
Eastern Kentucky University	Dec-96	41	41	40	98%	94%
	May-97	56	56	51	91%	
Elizabethtown Community College	Dec-96	33	33	29	88%	91%
	May-97	31	31	29	94%	
Hazard Community College	Dec-96	23	23	20	87%	87%
	May-97	63	63	55	87%	
Henderson Community College	Dec-96	39	38	38	100%	97%
	May-97	39	38	36	95%	
Hopkinsville Community College	May-97	46	46	43	93%	93%
Jefferson Community College	Dec-96	73	71	65	92%	91%
	May-97	86	82	74	90%	
Kentucky State University	May-97	44	41	33	80%	80%
Kentucky Wesleyan College	May-97	28	27	23	85%	85%
Lexington Community College	May-97	78	78	74	95%	95%
Corbin Extension, Lincoln Memorial University	May-97	17	17	16	94%	94%
Madisonville Community College	Dec-96	23	22	18	82%	79%
	May-97	34	34	26	76%	
Maysville Community College	May-97	29	29	21	72%	72%
Midway College	Dec-96	30	30	26	87%	86%
	May-97	53	53	45	85%	
Morehead State University	May-97	24	23	19	83%	83%
Northern Kentucky University	May-97	67	67	62	93%	93%
Paducah Community College	Dec-96	29	29	21	72%	85%
	May-97	45	44	42	95%	
Pikeville College	May-97	22	22	20	91%	91%
Prestonsburg Community College	Dec-96	20	20	19	95%	97%
	May-97	17	17	17	100%	
Somerset Community College	May-97	38	36	33	92%	89%
	Aug-97		1	0	0%	
Southeast Community College	May-97	35	35	35	100%	100%
St. Catharine College	Dec-96	4	4	3	75%	86%
	May-97	25	25	22	88%	
Sue Bennett College	May-97	11	11	9	82%	82%
Western Kentucky University	Dec-96	40	38	34	89%	88%
	May-97	44	42	36	86%	
TOTAL		1,345	1,324	1,190		90%

FIRST-TIME WRITERS: NCLEX PASS RATES 96-97 (CONTINUED)

PN PROGRAMS	DATE	# GRADS	AS OF 12/31/97 # TESTED	AS OF 12/31/97 # PASS	% PASS	FY 96-97
Ashland	Oct-96	20	19	16	84%	84%
	Jan-97	1				
Central Kentucky	Jan-97	11	11	11	100%	
	Jun-97	20	19	16	84%	90%
Cumberland Valley	Oct-96	42	42	41	98%	
	Dec-96	3	3	3	100%	98%
Danville	Jan-97	26	26	25	96%	
	Jun-97	26	21	20	95%	96%
Elizabethtown	Dec-96	15	15	15	100%	100%
Glasgow	Oct-96	50	50	49	98%	
	Nov-96	1	1	1	100%	98%
Hazard	Jan-97	18	18	18	100%	
	Apr-97	19	19	19	100%	100%
Health Institute of Louisville	Aug-96	26	25	9	36%	
	Nov-96	27	27	23	85%	
	Dec-96	2	1	1	100%	
	Feb-97	16	13	9	69%	
	May-97	14	11	9	82%	66%
Jeffferson State	Oct-96	14	14	13	93%	
	Jan-97	12	12	11	92%	
	May-97	8	7	7	100%	
	Jun-97	5	4	4	100%	95%
Madisonville	Oct-96	22	22	21	96%	
	Jun-97	36	36	32	89%	91%
Mayo State	Apr-97	18	18	17	94%	
	Jun-97	16	16	16	100%	97%
Murray	Jun-97	17	15	14	93%	93%
Northern Kentucky	Apr-97	27	24	20	83%	
	Jun-97	11	10	10	100%	88%
Owensboro	Jun-97	17	17	15	88%	88%
Rowan State	Jan-97	13	13	13	100%	
	Apr-97	19	18	17	94%	97%
Somerset	Oct-96	1	1	1	100%	
	Jan-97	21	21	18	86%	86%
Spencerian College	Sep-96	28	26	25	96%	
	Dec-96	25	23	21	91%	
	Mar-97	22	19	16	84%	
	Jun-97	32	28	27	96%	93%
West Kentucky	Sep-96	1	1	1	100%	
	Jun-97	17	17	17	100%	100%
TOTAL		**719**	**683**	**621**		**91%**

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* (KRS 314.011, 314.031, 314.111 and 314.131) and applicable *Kentucky Administrative Regulations* (201 KAR 20:250-360), the Board prescribes standards for educational institutions offering programs preparing candidates for licensure as nurses.

All programs of nursing listed on the three previous pages have full approval status except for the following programs which have initial or conditional approval status, as noted.

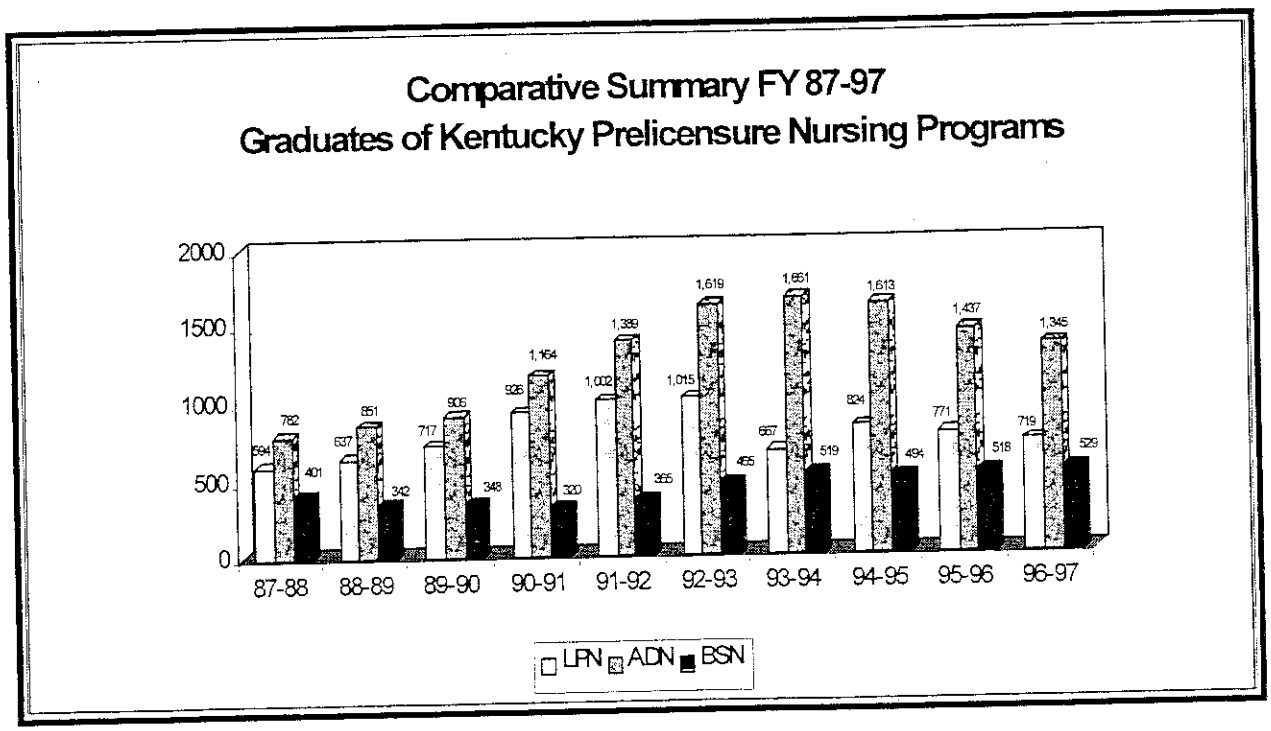
Initial Approval Status:

Associate Degree Nursing Program
St. Catharine College, St. Catharine

Conditional Approval Status:

Practical Nursing Program
Ashland State Vocational-Technical School, Ashland

Practical Nursing Program
The Health Institute of Louisville, Louisville

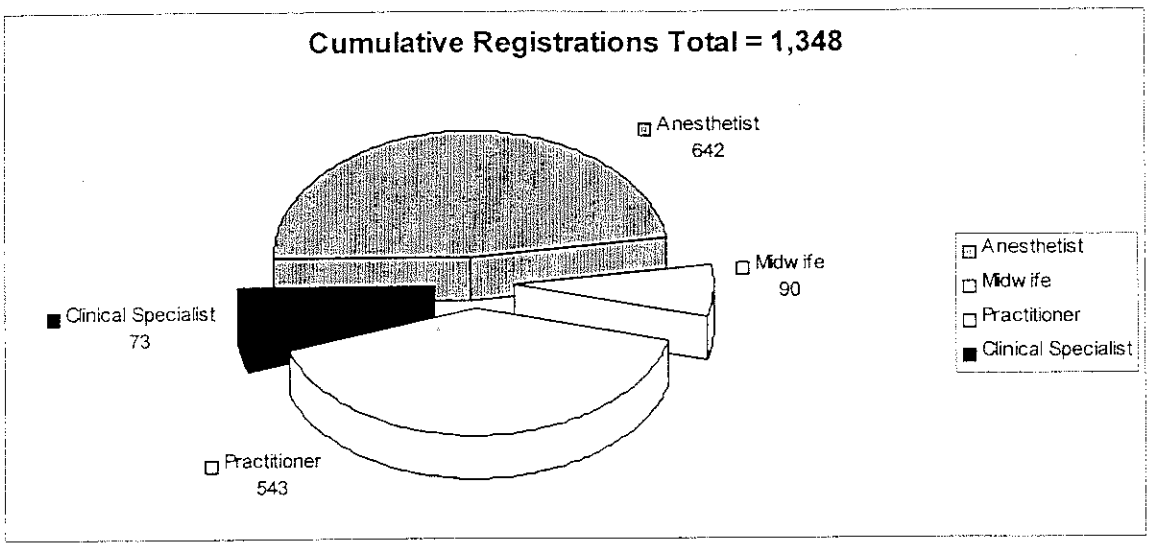


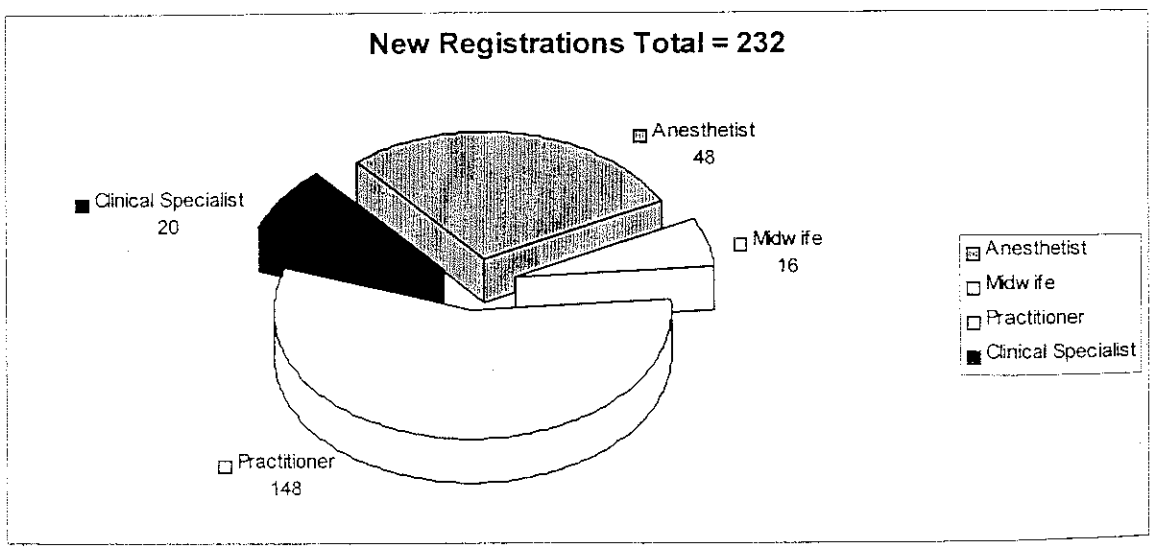
SOURCE: 1987-97 Annual Reports from Kentucky Prelicensure Programs of Nursing

ARNP Registrations

Since 1978, *Kentucky Revised Statutes* 314.131(1) empower the Board to register and designate those persons qualified to engage in advanced nursing practice. KRS 314.011(6) and (7) define "advanced registered nurse practitioner" and "advanced registered nursing practice," respectively. The Kentucky Board of Nursing registers qualified individuals as advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNP) designated either as nurse anesthetist, nurse-midwife, nurse practitioner, or nurse clinical specialist.

Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Registrations
Cumulative and New: FY 96-97





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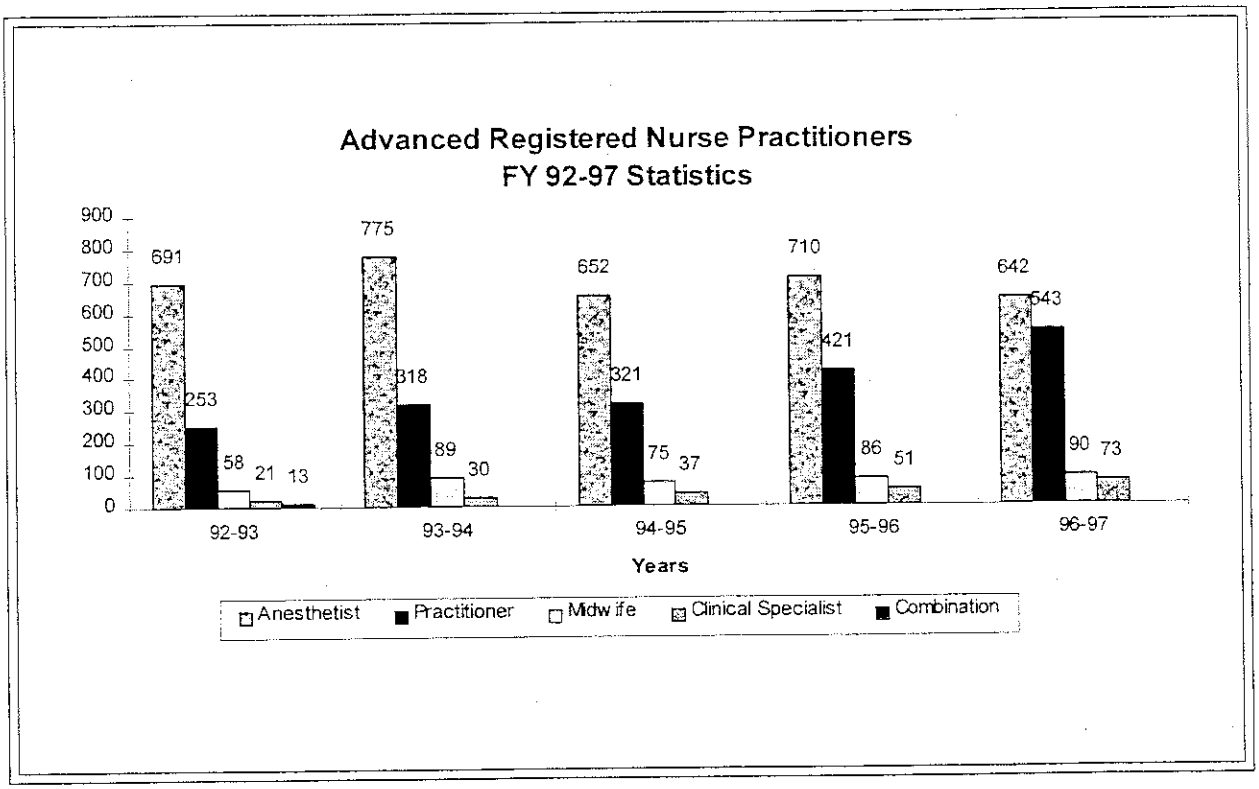
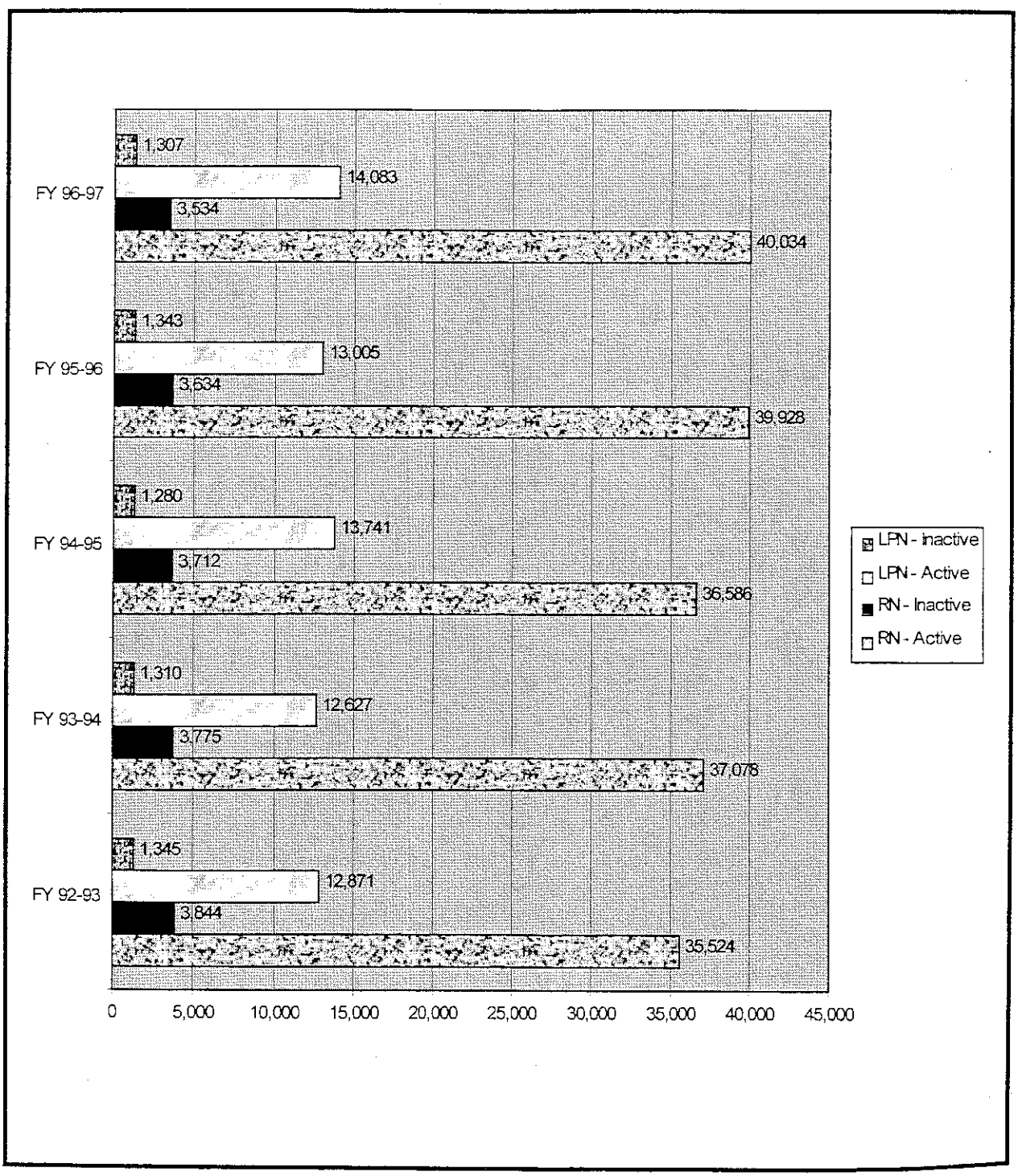


NOTE: *The "Combination" category was eliminated as a separate grouping beginning FY 93-94. Those who hold "dual" registrations are now reflected in the individual registration categories.*

Registered Nurse & Practical Nurse Licensees
Comparative Summary
FY 92-97



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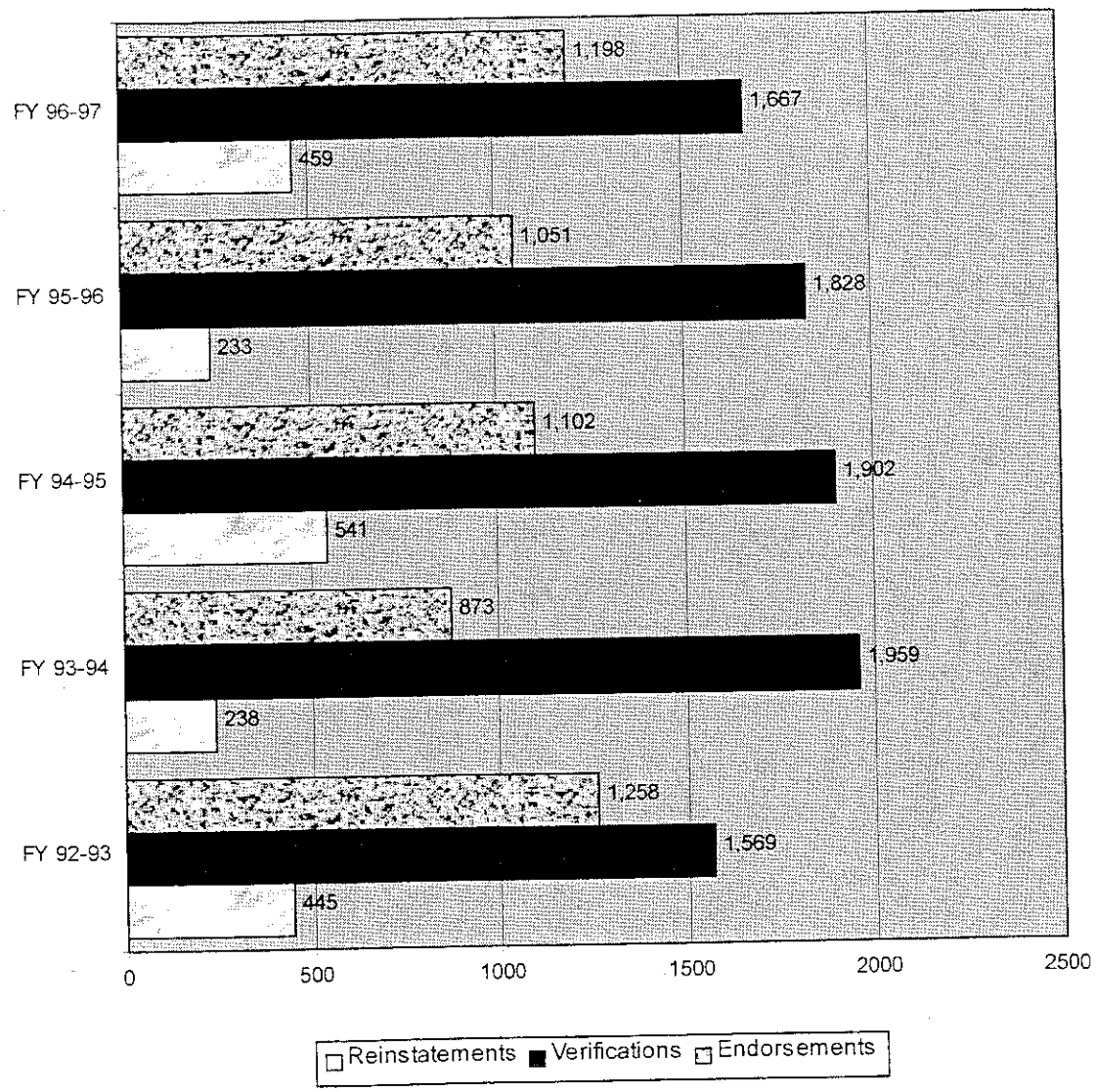

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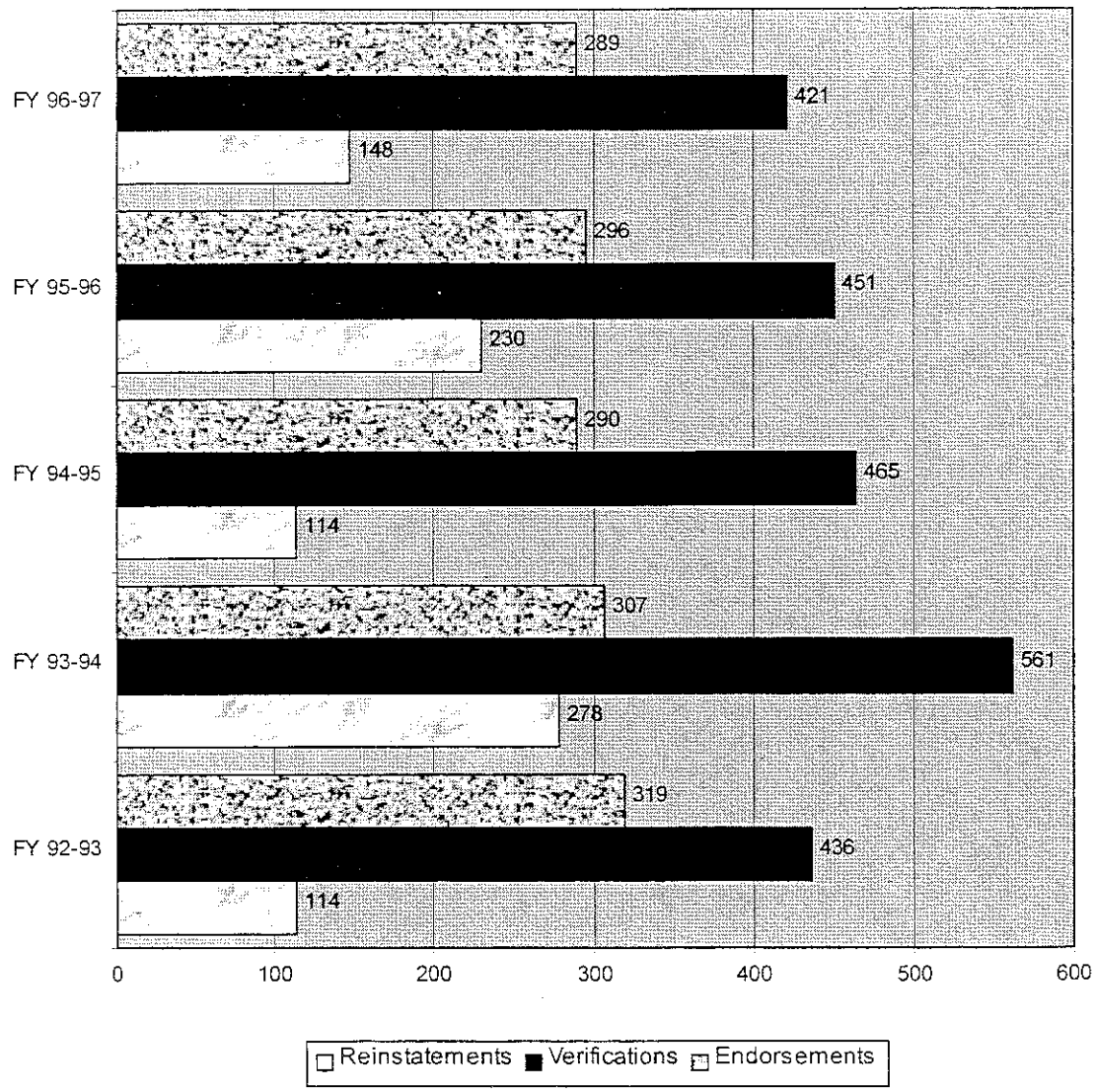
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