

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING
SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIONS
Regular Board Meeting
December 9 and 10, 2004**

ANNUAL LICENSURE RENEWAL FEE

Ratified the annual licensure renewal fee of \$40.00 in 201 KAR 20:240, Fees for applications and for services.

NURSING EDUCATION

Granted Northern Kentucky University Baccalaureate Nursing Program full approval status.

Accepted the Progress and Evaluation Report submitted by Beckfield College, Florence.

Approved the Big Sandy Community & Technical College proposal to implement the Academic/Career Mobility Program on both the ADN and PN curricula levels.

Approved the recommendations as stated in the November 1, 2004 Survey Visit Report of the proposed Associate Degree Program of Nursing, Galen Health Institute, Louisville.

Directed that progress reports be submitted documenting the implementation of the Associate Degree Program of Nursing, Galen Health Institute, Louisville, at six months and one year.

Granted developmental approval status to the proposed Associate Degree Program of Nursing, Galen Health Institute, Louisville.

Directed that the waiver of faculty educational requirements for Eunice Taylor, RN, Owensboro Community & Technical College, be continued.

Directed that until educational qualifications are achieved, Ms. Taylor report progress toward achieving educational qualification within the program of nursing annual report.

Approved the Pikeville College, Pikeville, proposal to increase by one credit hour the total program hours from 70 to 71 credits to allow additional classroom time in NUR 245, Mental Health Nursing.

Granted development approval status to the proposed Practical Nursing Program, Henderson Community College, Henderson.

Approved the West Kentucky Community & Technical College, Paducah, proposal for addition of NPN 115 – Practical Nursing Bridge Course to the current Practical Nursing Program.

NURSING EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Directed that pursuant to 201 KAR 20:360, Section 1, subsection 4, the following programs of nursing with a pass rate of less than 85 percent for one year shall be issued a letter of concern and the nurse administrator shall be requested to submit an analysis of the cause(s) of the high failure rate on the licensure examination and plans to correct the deficiencies in the future:

Morehead State University	Baccalaureate Degree Program	Morehead
Northern Kentucky University	Baccalaureate Degree Program	Highland Hgts
Hazard Cmty. & Technical College	Associate Degree Program	Hazard
Midway College	Associate Degree Program	Midway
Big Sandy Cmty. & Technical College	Practical Nursing Program	Paintsville
Bowling Green Technical College	Practical Nursing Program	Glasgow
Madisonville Community College	Practical Nursing Program	Madisonville
Maysville Community College	Practical Nursing Program	Maysville

Directed that pursuant to 201 KAR 20:360, Section 1, subsection 5, the following programs of nursing with a pass rate of less than 85 percent for two consecutive years shall be issued a letter of warning and the nurse administrator shall appear before the Board and give a report of the implementation of the plans submitted to the Board the previous year and to present any further analysis and plans to correct the deficiencies as defined:

Spencerian College	Associate Degree Program	Louisville
Gateway Cmty. & Technical College	Practical Nursing Program	Edgewood

Directed that pursuant to 201 KAR 20:360, Section 1, subsection 6, the Practical Nursing Program of Spencerian College, Louisville, having achieved a pass rate of less than 85 percent for three consecutive years, shall be notified that its nurse administrator and head of the governing institution shall appear before the board to show cause that approval of the program be continued.

NURSING PRACTICE

Approved the Practice Committee Proposed Objectives for 2004-05.

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request dated September 24, 2004 from Joey Papst, RN, University Health Services, Lexington, on registered nurses prescribing medication via established protocol following telephone triage.

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request of June 28, 2004 from Susan Shively, RN, Campbellsville, on the performance of punch biopsies and small skin lesion excisions by registered nurses, Certified Registered Nurse First Assistant.

Approved the letters of response to the opinion requests of August 17, 2004 from Lisa Heiser, Director, Quality Improvement, Marymount Medical Center, London, and October 29, 2004 from Sheryl Glasscock, RN, Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, Somerset, on the roles of nurses in surgical site markings.

NURSING PRACTICE (Cont'd)

Directed that the letters of response to the opinion requests dated July 13, 2004, from P. Creighton, RN, Methodist Hospital Union County, Morganfield, and October 21, 2004, from K. Jenkins, RN, Crittenden County, Marion, addressing the delegation of triage to paramedics in a hospital emergency room, be amended to read, "It was the opinion of the Board that triage does not meet the criteria as defined in 201 KAR 20:400 Section 2 (3) and 902 KAR 20:016 (8) (a) 1 and 2.

GOVERNANCE

Directed that the Executive Branch Ethics Commission be invited to provide an in-service presentation to the Board of Nursing concerning the "Model Code of Ethics for State Board and Commission Members".

DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Appointed Wendy G. Martin, CHT, PCT, as a member of the Dialysis Technician Advisory Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

Directed that a letter of response be sent to the letter dated November 28, 2004 from Monica Hicks, RN, Buffalo, Kentucky, indicating that legislation regarding the ratio of four patients to one nurse has been introduced, but failed to pass.

HEALTHCARE EXCEL

Directed that information from Healthcare Excel regarding the Kentucky Healthcare Provider Adult Transfer Form be published in the "KBN Connection."

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Approved three (3) Proposed Decisions, and received reports on the approval of seventeen (17) Agreed Orders, three (3) Consent Decrees, and one (1) Removal of License from Probation.

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