Kansas State Board of Nursing
2017
Student Presentations
Kansas State Board for Examination & Registration of Nurses

- Established by Legislative action in 1913
- First meeting July 1, 1913
- Fee for registration was $5.00
History

- 1949 - licensure of practical nurses
- 1976 - Continuing education required to renew license
- 1984 - Regulations written and passed for certification of advanced nursing practice
- 1994 - LPN’s allowed to practice IV therapy in expanded role
Purpose

Protecting the citizens of Kansas from the practice of nursing by unscrupulous and unqualified individuals.
Our Mission

Kansas State Board of Nursing

"To assure the Citizens of Kansas safe and competent practice by nurses and mental health technicians"
The Board of Nursing is...

- Administered under the Executive Branch of Government (the Governor)
- Subject to legislative oversight through the legislative process
- Assisted with legal matters by the Judicial Branch through the Attorney General’s office
- Self-supporting or totally fee supported
Board Members

- Eleven---appointed by the Governor
- Serve without compensation (expenses only)
- Serve a four year term
- Six registered nurses
  - Two from nursing service
  - Two from education
  - One from practice as an ARNP or RNA
  - One from any area of nursing
- Two licensed practical nurses
- Three public members
  - At least one shall not have been involved in health care
Current Board Members

- JoAnn Klaassen, RN, MN, JD (Olathe) President
- Carol Bragdon, PhD, APRN (Topeka) Vice-President
- Patricia Zeller MSN, APRN NP-C (Garden City) Secretary
- Judith Hiner, RN, BNS (Coffeyville)
- Leanna Beeson, LPN (Wichita)
- Rebecca Sander, MSN, RN (Hays)
- Sherri Brown, RN, BSN (Hays)
- Mary Struble, LPN (Attica)
- Leslie Sewester LMSW, LCAC Public Member (Olathe)
- Rebecca Nioce, Public Member (Topeka)
- Jennifer Szambecki, Public Member (Wichita)
26 Staff

- Executive Administrator
- Nursing Practice Specialist
- Nursing Education Specialists
- Attorneys
- Investigators
- Information Technology
- Administrative Assistants
Current Committees

• Education
• Continuing Nursing Education
  • Investigative
• Practice/IV Therapy Advisory
  • Finance
• Advance Practice (APRN)
Legislative Process
Regulation

- Appropriate Committee Agrees Upon Language
- Board of Nursing Agrees Upon Change(s)
- Reviewed by Department of Administration
- Reviewed by Assistant Attorney General
- Published for 60 days
- Hearing
- Testimony Reviewed by Board of Nursing
- Board of Nursing Makes Final Decision
- Effective 15 days after Publication
Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC)

25 states currently in the NLC

New enhanced NLC that 13 states have enacted and 14 additional states has introduced the legislation in 2017. Will become effective when 26 enact or December 31, 2018, whichever is first.

Kansas Board of Nursing has initiated discussion about joining the compact
Kansas Nurses Assistance Program

- KNAP is supported by funds from the Board of Nursing
- Fees charged to Participants
- Started in late 1987
- KNAP is overseen by a voluntary Board of Directors comprised of nurses who are knowledgeable in impairment
- Maintains about 120-130 in the program
- National average is about 13% of licenses
- Kansas is below the national average
Kansas Nurses Assistance Program

• Self-referrals to the program are encouraged
• KNAP is a confidential program
• Nurse stays compliant with program their name is not shared with board of nursing
• Referrals can be made by family, friends, employer
• Reporting requirements under the risk management law and KSBN regulations are satisfied by a report to KNAP