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HAPPY 95TH ANNIVERSARY TO THE MONTANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING!

This quarter’s newsletter cover features pictures of past Executive Secretaries of the Board of Nursing in Montana from the first paid appointment through 1999, at which time I began employment with the BON. Other individuals served in the position between 2003 and 2006, but I have no pictures of them.

Mary Munger, an honored and exemplary Montana nurse, has provided some historical background of the Board of Nursing in Montana for this publication. She and Dr. Therese Sullivan, along with

other distinguished nurses, have authored or contributed written histories of nursing in our state, citations of which are included in Ms. Munger’s article.

An interesting note for this anniversary year – the Board of Nursing members elected Kathy Hayden,

LPN Member, as its President for 2008-09. This is the first time, to my knowledge, that an LPN Member has served in this capacity. Congratulations, Ms. Hayden, for your commitment and time that it takes to serve as our Board President!

**CHANGES AFOOT!
CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT FOR APRNs COMING – WINTER 2009!**

A key change in the APRN rules relates to verification of continuing education. We did not require such verification as a condition of renewal for this renewal season. The renewal process required that the licensee sign an affidavit that he/she

did obtain the necessary continuing education for APRN licensure and, if applicable, Prescriptive Authority.

Should the audit uncover lack of compliance with these rules, the licensee’s records will be submitted to the Board’s Screening Panel for possible disciplinary action. The board staff members do not have the authority to act on audit results – only the Board has such authority.

Interestingly, when the Nevada BON completed their audit in 2007, they found that 40% of those nursing CE records audited demonstrated that the licensees had NOT met the continuing education requirements for license renewal (source: Nevada Board of Nursing newsletter published June 2007). I truly hope that our findings are much better as we conduct our first audit this coming winter.

Remember, signing an official document and swearing that renewal requirements have been met, while knowing that the statement is false, may be considered intentional misrepresentation or deception. Consequences of such actions are determined by the Screening Panel.

LPN RULES:

The Board’s regulations pertaining to the practice of Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) have been revised as well. The adoption procedure occurred in July 2008 at the meeting of the full board. The rule changes have been published by the Secretary of State’s Office and are now available on our website: www.nurse.mt.gov. Please make sure that you review the revised definitions (Subchapter 3) as well as the changes to Licensed Practical Nurse rules in Subchapter 10.

Kathy Hayden, LPN Member and Board President, summarizes the LPN rule changes in her President’s Address in this newsletter issue.

Always check directly with the Board of Nursing where the program is located if you are making a decision to invest your time and money in nursing education.



LICENSING, NURSING EDUCATION and FRAUD:

With changes in technology, and other impacting factors, boards of nursing (including Montana) are dealing with a significant increase in fraudulent documents submitted by license applicants. For example, individuals are hiring businesses to create fraudulent college transcripts, fraudulent license verification documents, and creating nursing programs that are not approved to educate nurses and prepare them for initial licensure.

These issues have a direct impact on application processing effectiveness and efficiency. They also have an indirect effect on the legitimate processes that boards use for verification of licensure and basic nursing education. Additionally, with a substantial increase in fraudulent nursing education programs around the country, boards of nursing are escalating efforts to locate and address such programs in their mission to protect the public.

Always check directly with the Board of Nursing where the program is located if you are making a decision to invest your time and money in nursing education. You'll want to make sure that program is approved by the respective state board for initial licensure. Don't wait until you complete the program to find out that your education does not qualify you for nursing practice. Consider the old adage that if it seems too good to be true, it probably is!

FINAL NOTE:

I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming months as I continue to travel around the state. Please feel free to call me if you wish to schedule a presentation or facilitate dialogue regarding nursing regulation issues!

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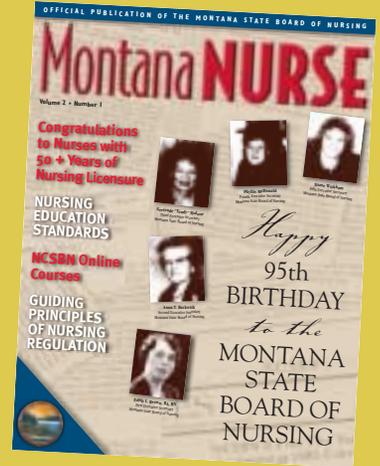
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With the rapidly changing healthcare environment, the demand for more responsibilities and competencies increases for all nurses.

WHAT CAN YOU DO as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)? How many times have we heard this question? As our practice and the nursing profession have evolved, we find ourselves asking this question over and over. In 1997, the board was asked to address the issues facing LPNs, such as changes in current practice, tasks that could be performed safely by LPNs, and clinical decision making.

An area of greatest concern was the LPN's role in intravenous (IV) therapy. The board addressed this one by adopting rules that were believed to clarify which IV-therapy-related tasks and responsibilities can be safely handled by LPNs based on current technology and changes in IV products and packaging. The new rules are intended to more clearly define

the LPN's role in IV dressing changes, central lines, blood draws, and medication and fluid administration. All such decisions, whether they relate to RN or LPN practice, the Board ensures that there is evidence to support the decision and that stakeholders have had opportunity for input into the change process.

The Board's legislative mandate is to ensure public protection in all of its decisions and processes, and that periodic review of emerging practice issues at the national and state levels are also considered. With the rapidly changing healthcare environment, the demand for more responsibilities and competencies increases for all nurses, including LPNs. About 4 years ago, the Board recognized that changes in the LPN rules were necessary to further define what is appropriate for LPNs to provide in the current environment. The Board created a Task Force of stakeholders to take on this challenge and bring recommendations forward to the Board.

Several issues arose during the meetings of this Task Force, such as additional education requirements if the LPN role is to expand. The LPN has long been recognized by the Board as a vital healthcare team member and while

there are limitations to practice based on that level of licensure, improvements could be made to further develop the roles and responsibilities of the LPN and still maintain patient safety standards and not extend into RN practice.

As you review the new rules, the LPN's responsibilities are outlined and more succinct definitions are provided for initial and ongoing competence, appropriate supervision, and prohibited therapies based on level of licensure. However, healthcare institutions also need to ensure that policies and procedures are in compliance with the Board's regulations and the scope of practice for each level of nursing licensure.

Because the Board does not have jurisdiction over healthcare institutions/facilities, it cannot promulgate rules or provide directives to those entities. The Board holds the individual nurse responsible for ensuring that he/she has the knowledge and competence to perform allowable tasks or procedures as defined by rule, whether they relate to IV therapy or any other action by a licensed nurse.

The Board has adopted a Scope of Practice decision-making model to help individuals make sound nursing practice decisions when specific rules are not in place that address the variety of nursing practice situations. The recently updated model is available on our website: www.nurse.mt.gov. Please contact the board office if you need guidance in using the model.

This is an exciting step forward for LPN practice in Montana that is intended to support safe and effective overall delivery of nursing care. As LPNs, we will be able to further our knowledge through continuing education and meet competency requirements. This will, in turn, increase our effectiveness as a member of the healthcare team. The Board believes these changes provide guidance to nurses and allows us to better serve Montana citizens.

KATHY HAYDEN

LPN Board Member, Board President



MONTANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

12/31/2008

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BOARD TALK

COME TALK TO THE BOARD

During each regularly scheduled meeting of the Montana State Board of Nursing, Board members hold a public comment period for people to talk to them on nursing-related issues.

If you want to speak during the public comment period, just check the meeting agenda for the date and time it will be held. Usually, the Board President opens the first day of the meeting by inviting public comment. Time is divided equally among those who wish to speak. For more detailed information regarding the public comment period, please call the board office.

WE'LL COME TALK TO YOU

Board staff will come speak to your organization on a range of nursing-related topics, including delegation, the impaired nurse, licensure and discipline processes, and the Nurse Practice Act.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

SPECIAL REPORTS:

- University of Montana, College of Technology-Helena – first quarterly progress report as required by board order - reviewed and accepted
- Flathead Valley Community College – Spring 2008 survey report and program response – continued approval granted
- University of Montana, College of Technology-Missoula – Spring 2008 survey report and program response – conditional approval lifted - program now holds full approval

ANNUAL REPORTS:

- Carroll College – report accepted
- Salish Kootenai College – report accepted with letter to program regarding compliance with deadlines
- Montana State University, College of Technology-Billings – report accepted
- Miles Community College – report accepted with Letter of Notice regarding NCLEX pass rates
- Montana State University, Northern – report accepted
- University of Montana, Montana Tech-Butte – report accepted with change of program approval status to Conditional Approval related to continuing issues with NCLEX pass rates
- Montana State University, Great Falls COT – report accepted

FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS

- Education waivers granted for faculty from U of M Helena, College of Technology, Montana State University, Billings COT, and Miles Community College

APRN/PRACTICE COMMITTEE:

- Supervision of RN/LPN during cosmetic procedures was discussed: the Board does not intend to exclude APRNs from supervising RNs and LPNs performing procedures and will make the necessary changes to the

LPN and RN rules pertaining to performance of cosmetic procedures to include APRNs.

FULL BOARD:

NON-ROUTINE APPLICATIONS (for reasons of license discipline history, criminal history, or nursing education obtained in foreign country):

APPROVED:

- Michelle Briggs, Jessica Bray, James Forsman: grant licensure by exam upon successful completion of NCLEX
- Kimberly Miller, Virginia Jansen, Donna Sauls, Kevin Griffin, Patricia Hernandez, Sharon Vass, Bethany Bloom, Lisa Dunn, Monica Lang
- Foreign-educated endorsement applicants approved: Barbara Bayley, Catherine Sampson, Maureen Allen

DENIED:

- Karlyn Jarosch: Application for LPN Licensure by Exam denied; she may reapply to the Board after 6 months of successful participation in the NAP program
- John Beighle: Application for RN licensure denied on the grounds of unprofessional conduct statute # 37-1-316 (3) MCA

COMPLIANCE AND LEGAL UNITS:

Discussed statistics and trends related to license discipline and investigations.

BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURES

APPROVED FOR:

- Licensing applicants with alcohol or drug convictions
- Military educated practical nursing applicants
- Managing complaints against montana nursing education programs

CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION

DOCUMENTS NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE: some documents and issues that may be discussed in relation to a license application in Executive Session upon recommendation

from legal counsel or at the request of the Board President/Presiding Officer due to the sensitive nature of some information about a given applicant. The Board may make a decision to go into Executive Session when the applicant's right to privacy outweighs the public's right to know. All materials and minutes related to Executive Session cannot be disclosed to the public.

The resulting Board decision regarding licensure, however, is made by the Board in open session, meaning the motion relating to licensure was made in open session and minutes are provided as a public document.

LEGISLATION:

Medication Aide In Long Term Care Facilities Proposal – may support legislation intended to request that a study be conducted during the next two years – draft will be available soon on the Legislature Website

Mental Health Monitoring Proposal that would incorporate mental health monitoring by the Nurses' Assistance Program for licensees who do not also have a chemical dependency issue
 Prescription Drug Monitoring Plan – is supported by the BON

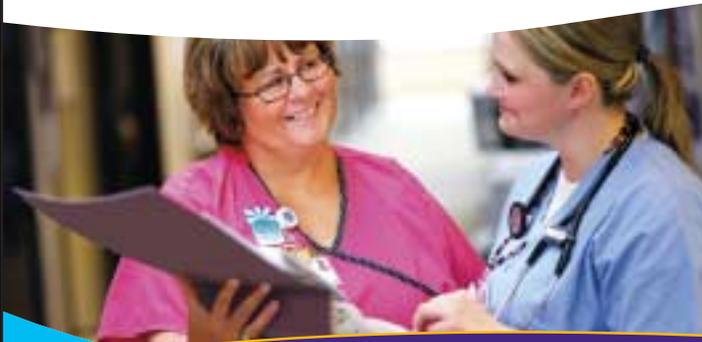
UNLICENSED PRACTICE COMPLAINTS:

Full Board Decisions

- Marcie Elyn Brooker – Missoula – examination applicant – 'Cease and Desist Order' to not practice nursing or hold herself out as a nurse unless licensed to do so
- Jennifer Cain – Miles City – 'Cease and Desist Order' for practicing nursing without the educational qualifications and nursing licensure
- Anna Northrup – Butte – 'Cease and Desist Order' for using a name badge indicating licensure as an LPN without holding an LPN license



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Congratulations and Thank You to these RNs and LPNs who hold active Montana nursing licenses as of this date and have served the nursing profession for 50 years or more!

In this, our 95th year as a Board of Nursing, we wish to honor those licensed nurses who have served Montana citizens for many years. We are indeed privileged to be part of a profession that was one of the first to initiate nursing licensure and to establish standards for nursing licensure, practice and education. Thank you very much for your important contribution to nursing in Montana!

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Montana State Board of Nursing

A Brief Look Back

In 1912 nine “trained” nurses from across the state met and changed the face of professional nursing forever. Not only did they propose bylaws for chartering a statewide nurses’ association, but they endorsed a bill to be presented to the next legislature to establish a law that would distinguish nurses who had formal preparation from untrained women who were caring for the sick.

Over 50 nurses gathered for the first convention of the Montana Nurses’ Association in 1913, in Butte, to ratify the work of the small group and make plans for convincing the 1914 legislature to pass the bill. Two months later, the first Nurse Practice Act became law. The new law created a Board of Nurse Examiners composed of five “trained” nurses appointed by the Governor to set standards for education and practice of nurses desiring to be “registered” (Montana

Nurses’ Association, *Nursing in Montana, The Recent Past*, 1992, pg 102). The law has been amended through the years to reflect changes in nursing practice, the authority of the Board and its composition.

Crucial to the development and function of the Board were its Executive Secretaries. Frances Fredricks, the first Executive Secretary, served without pay for fifteen years (we had no picture of Miss Fredricks to put on our cover). Miss Edith L. Brown, BA, RN, was the first

paid Executive Secretary, employed from 1932 until 1941. During this time, she became Mrs. Edith Brown Hughes. Her successor, Anna T. Beckwith, RN, accepted the position in 1941 and stayed until her retirement in 1968 (Montana Nurses’ Association, *Nursing in Montana, The Recent Past*, 1962, pg 73).

Gertrude “Trudy” Malone, BA, RN, Phyllis McDonald, MN, RN, and Dianne Wickham, MN, RN followed, in that order, in subsequent years until 1999.

Notes on cover photos:

The picture of Miss Edith L. Brown, BA, RN with caption is from the E. Augusta Ariss (RN) book, *Historical Sketch of the Montana State Association of Registered Nurses and Related Organizations*, pg. 44 published by the Montana Nurses’ Association.

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Protection of the public

- Nursing regulation exists to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public in their receipt of nursing services.
- Involvement of nurses in nursing regulation is critical to public protection.

Competence of all practitioners regulated by the board of nursing

- Nursing regulation is responsible for upholding licensure requirements for competence of the various levels of nursing practice.
- Competence is assessed at initial licensure/entry and during the career life of all practitioners.

Due process and ethical decision making

- Nursing regulation ensures due process rights for practitioners.
- Boards of nursing hold practitioners accountable for conduct based on legal, ethical and professional standards.

Shared accountability

- Nursing regulation requires shared accountability for enhancing safe patient care.

Strategic collaboration

- Nursing regulation requires collaboration with individuals and agencies in the interest of public protection, patient safety, and the education of nurses.

Evidenced-based regulation

- Nursing regulation uses evidenced-based standards of practice, advances in technology, and demographic and social research in its mission to protect the public.



Response to the marketplace and health care environment

- Response to the marketplace and health care environment
- Nursing regulation requires timely and thoughtful responsiveness to the evolving marketplace.
 - Scope of practice clarity and congruence with the community needs for nursing care are essential.

Globalization of nursing

- Nursing regulation occurs at the state level and concurrently works to standardize regulations and access to licensure.
- Nursing regulation requires fair and ethical practices and policies to address the social, political, and fiscal challenges of globalization.

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NURSING EDUCATION STANDARDS AND SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

An important aspect of nursing regulation is being impacted by technological growth and changes in the higher education industry. All nursing education programs must be approved by their respective BONs in order for its graduates to qualify for nursing licensure. Citizens of a rural, frontier state such as Montana are gaining access to higher education at an incredible rate because of technology, a change that is both exciting and concerning.

All Montana BON-approved nursing programs provide supervised clinical experience as part of their education process. As such, the MT BON is confident that nursing students from these Montana programs are being supervised by qualified faculty as they learn patient care procedures on real patients. An important outcome for nursing education in this state is that new graduates can be reasonably expected to practice nursing safely and effectively.

Clinical experiences continue to be an important aspect of quality nursing education, which is supported by evidence obtained through quality nursing research. A program that does not have supervised clinical cannot ensure the public that new graduates are sufficiently prepared to take on the new professional roles and responsibilities. We believe this variation from the MT BON education program standards negatively impacts the ability of the BON to protect the public — its legislative mandate.

Some programs operating in Montana, but are approved by another BON jurisdiction, do not provide supervised clinical experiences for nursing students. If that program has been approved by the Board of Nursing in its primary state of operations, we are currently expected to accept their graduates for licensure by examination or endorsement.

The Montana BON will be addressing this issue in upcoming meetings, as have many other board of nursing jurisdictions.

Some states require a certain amount of supervised clinical following graduation from one of these programs prior to licensure. Some accept applicants for licensure by endorsement as long as the applicant has had at least six months' nursing experience in another state. Others do not accept these graduates at all for initial licensure by examination.

The primary rationale for such decisions is that these programs do not meet the nursing education requirements in the state where the licensing decision is being made.

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JAMIE PAGE	BOZEMAN	MT	9014	LPN	10/14/08 Suspended
NINA GODDARD	DEER LODGE	MT	28602	LPN	10/14/08 Monitored Practice (1 yr) Remedial Education Chemical Dependency Evaluation
KATHRYN HALVORSEN	FORT SMITH	MT	35287	LPN	10/14/08 Probation (Concurrent with WA)
LINDA PAYNE	GLENDIVE	MT	2654	LPN	10/14/08 Monitored Practice (1 yr) Remedial Education Permanent Practice Restrictions
PAMELA WYSE	GLENDIVE	MT	33452	RN	10/14/08 Probation (3 yrs) Nurses' Assistance Program
CINDY FARRELL	HELENA	MT	5954	LPN	10/14/08 Nurses' Assistance Program (1 yr)
SHERRIE GOODY	MELROSE	MT	18926	RN	10/14/08 Nurses' Assistance Program
CYNTHIA COOPER	MISSOULA	MT	24781	RN	10/14/08 Suspended
DANA FISCUS	MISSOULA	MT	32136	LPN	10/14/08 Probation Nurses' Assistance Program
LELA GALLAGHER	MISSOULA	MT	32955	LPN	10/14/08 Probation (1 yr) Monitored Practice (1 yr) Restricted Practice Remedial Education
MINDY WALKER	MISSOULA	MT	28453	LPN	10/14/08 Suspended
DONNA WIERSON	MISSOULA	MT	14742	RN	10/14/08 Probation (3 yrs) Nurses' Assistance Program
R. CRANE PAXTON	CUT BANK	MT	33372	RN	11/24/08 Summary Suspension
ROBERTA RIGSBEE	NAVAL AIR STATION/ JRB	TX	31412	RN	10/14/08 Suspended

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SERVICE Application	FEE	SERVICE Late Fees	FEE
Advanced Practice-Application	75.00	Advanced Practice-Active Late	50.00
LPN/RN-Endorsement Application	200.00	Advanced Practice-Inactive Late	30.00
LPN/RN-Examination Application	100.00	Advanced Practice-Suspended Late	25.00
LPN/RN-Re-Examination Application	100.00	LPN/RN-Active Late	100.00
Medication Aide-Examination Application	25.00	LPN/RN-Inactive Late	50.00
Medication Aide-Re-Examination Application	25.00	LPN/RN-Suspended Late	50.00
Prescriptive Authority-Application	100.00	Medication Aide-Late	20.00
Temporary Permits		Medication Aide-Suspended Late	10.00
Advanced Practice-Temporary Permit	35.00	Prescriptive Authority-Late	75.00
LPN/RN-Temporary Permit	25.00	Changes	
Renewals		Advanced Practice-Inactive to Active Change	20.00
Advanced Practice-Active Renewals	50.00	LPN/RN-Inactive to Active Change	50.00
Advanced Practice-Inactive Renewals	30.00	Miscellaneous	
Advanced Practice-Suspended Renewals	25.00	Duplicate License	5.00
LPN/RN-Active Renewals	100.00	Duplicate Wall Certificate	20.00
LPN/RN-Inactive Renewals	50.00	History	20.00
LPN/RN-Suspended Renewals	50.00	NSF Check Fee	30.00
Medication Aide-Renewals	20.00	Verification	20.00
Medication Aide-Suspended Renewals	10.00		
Prescriptive Authority-Renewals	75.00		

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