Governor Appoints New Board Member

Eight of the nine positions on the South Carolina State Board of Nursing are now filled. On October 20, 2000, Governor Jim Hodges appointed James P. Rogers, Esquire, to the Board. Rogers serves as our public member. His term expires December 31, 2005. Rogers is a 1977 graduate of Howard University in Washington, D.C. and was admitted to the South Carolina Bar that same year. He is an attorney in Columbia, and attended his first Board meeting in November. The Board looks forward to working with and welcomes Rogers aboard.

Board Needs LPN Member

There is one vacant position on the Board of Nursing at this time. This vacant position is for a licensed practical nurse to represent Region I, which includes Congressional Districts I, II and III. If you are a licensed practical nurse or know of a licensed practical nurse who would like to be considered for a position on the Board, submit a letter of request along with a copy of your resume and/or curriculum vitae to the Governor’s office at PO Box 11829, Columbia, SC 29211.

Murphy, Pierce Join Board Staff

The Board welcomes Nancy G. Murphy and Margo Pierce to its staff.

Murphy joins the Board staff as program nurse consultant for licensure. She received her bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Maryland and her master of science from Kansas State University. Murphy is also certified by the ANCC in nursing continuing education and staff development. Her nursing experiences have included clinical, education, public health, staff development and administrative settings. Before coming to the Board, Murphy was director of the Volunteer/Guest Services Department at Lexington Medical Center.

Pierce joins the Board staff as administrative support for the nurse consultants. She will be working closely with Murphy in the licensing area and on special projects. Pierce is originally from Connecticut. She has many years of experience in city government in Florida and most recently with a law firm in Columbia.

Don’t Forget to Renew

Renewal applications will be mailed before October 1, 2001, pursuant to state law. Please mark your calendar now. If you do not receive your renewal application by October 31, 2001, contact the Board at (803) 896-4550 to receive a duplicate. Renewal applications are mailed out at the end of September. Your license must be renewed annually by January 31st. We encourage you to renew early to avoid the rush and stress at the end of renewals in January.

Our online renewal pilot project was a success. Online renewal will be offered to all licensees in the upcoming renewal period. Instructions along with your personal identification number (PIN) will be included with your renewal application. We hope this will make renewing your license easier.

Check Out Changes to the Web Site

We are updating and enhancing our Web site. Our Web address is www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing. This site contains information on Board-approved nursing education programs, examinations and endorsement for initial licensing in the state. There is information on official recognition and prescriptive authority. We recently added downloadable applications for official recognition and prescriptive authority and hope to have all applications available in the future. Disciplinary actions are posted on the site after Board decisions are final. Also included on our website are advisory opinions, frequently asked questions, Board/committee meetings calendars, links to other Web sites, and other valuable information. The names, telephone numbers, email addresses, and duties of Board staff are listed so you can contact each of us directly. Visit our Web site regularly to see what is new.

Board Approves Two New Advisory Opinions

During the January 2001, Board meeting, two new advisory opinions were approved. Advisory Opinion #35 describes the role of the LPN to perform additional acts and replaces an earlier statement of the Board entitled “Advisory Opinion Attachment: Additional Acts for the Licensed Practical Nurse.” The Board also approved Advisory Opinion #36 which describes the role of the LPN to practice without on-site RN supervision. Advisory Opinion #36 replaces the 1998 statement published in the South Carolina State Register. You may obtain copies of these new advisory opinions from our Web site – www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing, or by contacting Sandra Bryant at (803) 896-4524.

School Health Nursing Task Beginning Work

The Board of Nursing and Nursing Practice and Standards Committee are collaborating to form the School Health and Nursing Task Force. The Task Force will collect information and data on school health nursing in South Carolina and bring to light issues in school nursing which are impacting the health of students and posing difficult practice questions for licensed nurses. The members of the Task Force welcome information, data and testimo-
Multiple Specialty Recognition of Advanced Practice Nurses Gets Approval

The Board has approved granting Official Recognition and Prescriptive Authority to advanced practice nurses who meet all of the qualifications for more than one specialty practice area. Advanced practice nurses who meet educational and national certification requirements in more than one specialty area may apply for recognition in each area. A separate application and fee are required for each recognition and prescriptive authority desired. This change will enable advanced practice nurses to work in their different specialties in varying settings for which they are fully qualified. For questions and applications, contact Sandra Bryant, advanced practice administrative assistant, at (803) 896-4524.

Board Names New Nursing Practice and Standards Committee Members

Newly appointed members of the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee include: Bruce K. Williams, acute and critical care clinical nurse specialist at The Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg and Calhoun counties; Nancy B. Corley, executive director, HospiceCare of the Piedmont; Merisa Lynn Randall, acute care LPN at Beaufort Memorial Hospital; Benjamin E. Maret, CNS for Emergency Care Consultants of the Carolinas; Margie Moore, district health nurse supervisor for Richland School District One; and Carolyn Cuttino, wound/ostomy/continence specialist at MUSC Medical Center. We welcome these new members. The Committee and Board staff also extend thanks to Cheryl Postlewaite for serving as her term expires.

Renewal and Reinstatement Licenses Processed

October 1, 2000 - January 31, 2001

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South Carolina Board of Nursing General Information

S.C. Board of Nursing Board Members:
Rose Kearney-Nunnery, RN, PhD, President
Sylvia Whiting, RN, PhD, CS, Vice President
Debra Morford, LPN, Secretary
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Syble M. Oldaker, PhD, RNC, GNP
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Visit Us On Our Web Site: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing

Our Web site contains the Nurse Practice Act, advisory opinions, disciplinary actions, most frequently asked questions, forms and other valuable information.

Licensee Look Up:
To verify a nurse’s license, go to www.llr.state.sc.us and choose License Look Up from the selections on the top of the screen, select nursing and enter the nurse’s last name. You may also check the disciplinary actions on the Board’s website to verify a license is in good standing. These listings contain nurses with permanent licenses only.

Office Location/Hours of Operation:
S.C. Board of Nursing is located at 110 Centerview Drive-Suite 202, Columbia, SC 29210. The mailing address is Post Office Box 12367, Columbia, SC 29211-2367. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for designated state holidays.

Office Closings:
The Board office will be closed for the following holidays, designated by the state of South Carolina:
May 10, 2001 – Confederate Memorial Day
May 28, 2001 – National Memorial Day
July 4, 2001 – Independence Day
September 3, 2001 – Labor Day
November 12, 2001 – Veteran’s Day
November 22 - 23, 2001 – Thanksgiving
December 25 - 26, 2001 – Christmas

2001 Board and Committee Meetings:
April 19 - Nursing Practice & Standards Committee
May 18 - Advisory Committee on Nursing
May 24, 25 - Board Meeting
June 21 - Nursing Practice & Standards Committee
July 17 - Advisory Committee on Nursing
July 26, 27 - Board Meeting
Aug. 16 - Nursing Practice & Standards Committee
Sept. 18 - Advisory Committee on Nursing
Sept. 27, 28 - Board Meeting
Oct. 18 - Nursing Practice & Standards Committee
Nov. 20 - Advisory Committee on Nursing
Nov. 29, 30 - Board Meeting
Dec. 13 - Nursing Practice & Standards Committee

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