

**WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES**



LPN NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Vicki Jenkins, Vocational Director

The board is pleased to welcome Michelle Mayhew, MSN, MBA/HCM, RN-BC as the Executive Director of the WV Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nursing. Michelle served as the Associate Director for 11 years prior to her new appointment. The board also welcomes Carolyn S. Baily, BSN, RN, NHA as the Associate Director. Both women bring a multitude of nursing experience and education to their respective roles.

The members of the board express appreciation to Lanette Anderson who retired June 30th. Lanette served as the Executive Director for 15 years.

West Virginia can take pride in the fact that the WV LPN Board received the Regulatory Achievement Award at the National Council State Boards of Nursing conference in August for their implementation of ORBS. As the pilot state for ORBS, the staff was able to help many other boards with their implementation of the system thus contributing to enhanced public protection.

The PN-NCLEX is being revised for 2017 and those taking the exam are reminded of the preparation courses offered by NCSBN. The next reporting period for licensee compliance and continuing education competence requirements will occur in 2018. Random education audits are conducted for licensees and each quarter the board has a number of nurses who are fined for failing to meet the requirements. The board can assist those needing help with continuing education credits.

The WV Board of Licensed Practical Nurses remains committed to ensuring public safety through nursing regulation. The board meets again on February 16th at 10:00 am. You are invited to join our meeting. Here's to a happy and safe winter!

Vicki Jenkins, Board President

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS BY THE BOARD

Since February 2016

Consent Agreements

*Katherine Jones, License #23346
Reprimand per practice error
February 18, 2016*

*Donna M. Ruppert, License #30696
\$360 monetary penalty per audit failure
March 3, 2016*

*Paula S. Casto, License #23426
\$400 monetary penalty per worked on lapsed license
March 3, 2016*

*Wina J. Hanselman, License #28277
\$300 monetary penalty per audit failure
March 3, 2016*

*Whitney M. Hedrick, License #30964
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
March 3, 2016*

*Mandy J. McQuain, License #30963
\$125 monetary penalty per audit failure
March 3, 2016*

*Temper F. Hancock, License #30838
\$460 monetary penalty per audit failure
March 3, 2016*

*Mark. K. Hughes, License #33132
1 year Suspension per criminal conviction
March 8, 2016*

*Michael Meyer, License #22212
2 years Probation per practice issues
March 18, 2016*

*Linda Carr, License #04217
\$500 monetary penalty per worked on lapsed license
March 29, 2016*

*Caprice O. Andrews, License #31072
\$130 monetary penalty per audit failure
March 29, 2016*

*Phyllis Atkins, License #12697
\$400 monetary penalty per worked on lapsed license
April 11, 2016*

Amanda G. Steenburgh, License #31233

*\$210 monetary penalty per audit failure
April 12, 2016*

*Carol Littleton, License #26316
Reprimand per practice issue
April 20, 2016*

*Jeanette Brown, License #26397
\$900 monetary penalty per worked on lapsed license
April 29, 2016*

*Julia Tibbs, Examination Application
1 year probation per prior conviction
May 5, 2016*

*Leslie Baldwin, License #31243
\$140 monetary penalty per audit failure
May 5, 2016*

*Virginia R. Smith, License #31286
\$580 monetary penalty per audit failure
May 5, 2016*

*Danielle L. Lenyee License #31454
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
May 5, 2016*

*Beverly Hylton, License #31688
\$400 monetary penalty per worked on lapsed license
May 17 2016*

*Lavina M. Ruckman, License #27300
Reprimand per practice errors
May 19, 2016*

*Barbara D. Jackson, License #31306
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
May 19, 2016*

*Cynthia E. Lafferty, License #31251
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
May 19, 2016*

*Sue E. Nortman, License #31165
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
May 26, 2016*

*Robin L. Pence, License #31333
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
May 26, 2016*

*Kristie York, License #22902
Reprimand per practice errors
May 26, 2016*

*Sabrina McWhorter, License #35667
1 year probation per medication errors
May 27, 2016*

*Samantha Steele, License # 34826
1 year probation per medication errors
June 3, 2016*

*Brandon L. Busbey
1 year probation per DUI Conviction
June 3, 2016*

*Jennifer R. Bailey, License #31317
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
June 3, 2016*

*Alberta I. Roes, License #28772
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
June 3, 2016*

*Ginny L. Braham, BPN 16-162: License # 23490
Reprimand social media violation
August 15, 2016*

*Kimberly D. Salmons, BPN 16-161: License # 30649
1 year Probation per positive drug screen
August 15, 2016*

*Jennifer C. Hults, BPN 16-48: Examination Applicant
1 year Probation per DUI and misdemeanor conviction
August 15, 2016*

*Tina L. McPeak, BPN 15-144: License # 28816
1 year Probation per practice issues
August 16, 2016*

*Amber D. Boak, BPN 16-154: License # 31453
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
September 28, 2016*

*Rachel L. Aten, BPN 16-172: License # 30935
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
September 28, 2016*

*Stephanie Y. Pannell, BPN 16-157: License # 31415
\$580 monetary penalty per audit failure
September 28, 2016*

*Carla R. Dixon, BPN 16-155: License # 31499
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
September 28, 2016*

*Anna M. McDowell, BPN 16-183: License # 30978
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
September 28, 2016*

*Etta D. Walbrown, BPN 17-11: License # 31379
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
September 28, 2016*

*Dawnell L. Sears, BPN 16-159: License # 31541
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
September 28, 2016*

*Brandy L. Wellman, BPN 16-174: License # 30652
\$480 monetary penalty per audit failure
September 28, 2016*

*Cori M. Grindle, BPN 17-08: License # 31476
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
September 28, 2016*

*Katosha D. Noe, BPN 17-12: License # 30589
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
September 28, 2016*

*Terrace J. Wilkins, BPN 17-22: License # 28819
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
September 28, 2016*

*Cathy A. Adkins, BPN 16-31: License # 26108
\$300 monetary penalty per worked on lapsed license
September 28, 2016*

*Tonya L. Sutphin, BPN 17-35: License # 30792
\$1400 monetary penalty per worked on lapsed license
September 28, 2016*

*Rebecca E. Lott, BPN 17-28: License # 31666
\$190 monetary penalty per worked on lapsed license
September 28, 2016*

*Theresa D. Bolyard, BPN 16-178: License # 31505
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
October 4, 2016*

*Jessica L. Malcomb, BPN 17-24: License # 30976
\$180 monetary penalty per audit failure
October 4, 2016*

*Cassie L. Black, BPN 17-27: License # 31238
\$580 monetary penalty per audit failure
October 4, 2016*

*Yvette D. Williamson, BPN 17-10: License # 31435
\$580 monetary penalty per audit failure
October 4, 2016*

*Pansy Jackson, BPN 16-166: License # 30632
\$180 monetary penalty per audit failure
October 4, 2016*

*Brenda K. O'Dell, BPN 17-03: License # 16378
\$200 monetary penalty per worked on lapsed license
October 4, 2016*

*Barbara L. Reed, BPN 16-175: License # 31517
\$580 monetary penalty per audit failure
October 4, 2016*

*Terry L. Wyrostok, BPN 17-36: License # 10054
\$200 monetary penalty per worked on lapsed license
October 4, 2016*

*Kathryne R. Fox, BPN 17-38: License # 30573
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
October 4, 2016*

*Essie L. Pierce, BPN 17-21: License # 31434
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
October 4, 2016*

*Samantha R. Wiles, BPN 16-58: License # 31455
\$120 monetary penalty per audit failure
October 4, 2016*

*Virginia S. Cruz, BPN 16-171: License # 30547
\$160 monetary penalty per audit failure
October 4, 2016*

*Cara R. Ellis, BPN 16-170: License # 30615
\$580 monetary penalty per audit failure
October 4, 2016*

*Mildred E. Bailes, BPN 17-30: License # 30799
\$260 monetary penalty per audit failure
October4, 2016*

Reinstatement

*Brandy Barker
License reinstated to full status after one year probation
March 22, 2016*

*Angela N. Bailey
License reinstated to full status after one year probation
April 7, 2016*

Terri Ham
License reinstated to full status after two year probation
May 18, 2016

Susan C. Racer
License reinstated to full status after one year probation
May 23, 2016

Jessica H. Walker
License reinstated to full status after 6 months probation
May 24, 2016

Jocelyn C. Ponciano
License reinstated to full status after one year probation
June 2, 2016

Bobbie J. Brewster, BPN 02-128: License # 19550
License reinstated to full status after one year probation
July 8, 2016

Heather F. Ross, BPN 15-162: License # 34764
License reinstated to full status after one year probation
July 8, 2016

Jennifer D. Blankenship, BPN 03-115: License # 23010
License reinstated to full status after two year probation
July 8, 2016

Melanie D. Romans, BPN 09-73: License # 26505
License reinstated to status after one year probation
August 10, 2016

Katherine L. Adkins, BPN 15-182: License # 30448
License reinstated to full status after one year probation
August 11, 2016

Renea Johnson, BPN 16-86: License # 31305
License reinstated to full status after one year probation
August 26, 2016

Surrender

Rachelle D. Cates, License #33927
Voluntary surrender of license d/t allegation of fraud
March 29, 2016

Leslie S. Woodruff, BPN 17-03: License # 34229
Voluntary surrender of license D/T allegation of diversion
August 24, 2016

All disciplinary actions taken are public information and are therefore provided to any individual who may call to inquire about the status of a license. They are also reported to the NURSYS national nursing data base as maintained by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the HIPDB Data Bank as maintained by the federal government, and also to the Office of the Inspector General when a license has been surrendered, suspended, or revoked.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CHANGES TO CE REQUIREMENTS!!!!

*In 2004, the West Virginia Legislature changed a previous law regarding the requirement for **two (2) contact hours in end of life care including pain management. Effective July 1, 2005, this is a one-time requirement.** Therefore, those who reported end of life CE for renewal in 2004 will not be required to complete it again. Those new licensees, individuals reinstating licenses, etc, will be required to report it with their CE during their first renewal in which CE reporting is required or at the time of reinstatement.*

*In 2012, the West Virginia Legislature added the requirement for CE in the subject of substance abuse. **Therefore, during each reporting period ending each licensee must have completed at least three (3) contact hours in the topic of substance abuse to renew the LPN license.***

*In 2014 The West Virginia Legislature added the requirement for CE in the subject of mental health conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans. **Therefore, effective with the reporting period ending in 2018 (between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2018) each licensee must have completed at least two (2) contact hours in the topic of mental health conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans to renew the LPN license.** This is not a one-time requirement and must be completed during each subsequent reporting period.*

You may access a partial list of approved CE providers on the Board's website under "NEWS." The RN Board website at www.wvrnboard.com also contains a list of CE providers that you can utilize.

PAPERLESS CHANGES TO BOARD OPERATIONS

*Paper applications are no longer available. The West Virginia LPN Board is the first Board of Nursing in the US to begin using a new Operations Management System offered by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. **One significant change is that all actively licensed LPNs in West Virginia are required to have a valid email address to utilize the many new online services which will be offered. If you do not have an email address, you can establish one at google.com, yahoo.com or other websites. Remember to notify the Board if you change your email address. You must use a credit or a debit card for renewals or other applications on the Nurse Portal. Please feel free to contact the Board with any questions.***

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW DO I CHANGE MY NAME WITH THE LPN BOARD?

Log into the nurse portal at <https://wvvpn.boardsofnursing.org/wvvpn>. On the left of the screen click on Edit Profile. Once taken to the edit profile page you will click on request name change under demographic information and upload either a marriage certificate or divorce decree whichever pertains to the name change.

HOW DO I CHANGE MY ADDRESS WITH THE LPN BOARD?

Log into the nurse portal at <https://wvvpn.boardsofnursing.org/wvvpn>. On the left of the screen click on Edit Profile. Once taken to the edit profile page you will click on change address under contact information. Remember, every nurse is required to keep an up to date address, phone number and email address with the Board.

HOW DO I REQUEST A NEW PASSWORD?

The first step is to access the nurse portal site at <https://wvvpn.boardsofnursing.org/wvvpn> and click on forgot password under already have an account. The second step will require you to enter the email address associated with your portal. A secure link will be sent to your email to reset your password. The third step is to access your email and open the link sent. This will permit you to reset your password so you can log into your account. The Board does not have access to the password associated with the Nurse Portal Account.

INTRODUCING e-Notify! FREE OF CHARGE!

e-Notify is a nurse licensure notification system developed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing that delivers real-time notifications to nurses about any changes in licensure status. Once registered the nurse will automatically receive changes to licensure status and available discipline data as the information is entered by boards of nursing. Registration is free for all nurses. **The Board is recommending that each nurse enroll at www.nursys.com or via your Nurse Portal.**

HOW TO FIND US

The LPN Board office is located at 101 Dee Drive, Charleston, WV. From I-64, take Exit 99 (State Capitol Exit). Turn onto Greenbrier Street (towards the airport and away from the Capitol). Turn right onto Hillcrest Drive. Come to the top of Hillcrest and into Hillcrest Office Park. Take the first left onto Player's Club Drive, then the next left at the mailboxes onto Dee Drive. The office building is a one-story brown building, and the LPN Board is located inside the door where the visitor parking is located.

LPN SCHOOL INFORMATION

A list of all West Virginia LPN Schools can be found on the Board's website at www.lpnboard.state.wv.us under "Our Goals and Services", "Education." The Board visits each school to conduct an accreditation visit at least once every three years. Each school is accredited by the Board and therefore graduates from all West Virginia LPN schools who meet all other required criteria are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure examination.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

February 16, 2017, Regular Meeting – 10:00 am

June 14, 2017 – Regular Meeting – 10:00 am

October 19, 2017 – Regular Meeting – 10:00 am

LPN Board meetings are open to the public with the exception of executive sessions. If you wish to attend a meeting, please contact the Board office at least five days in advance so that adequate seating can be assured. Meeting dates are subject to change. The proposed agenda for each meeting is posted on the Board's website under NEWS approximately 30 days prior to the meeting.