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WE, THE MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF NURSING WISH YOU A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR

BOARD MEMBER REAPPOINTED:

We are pleased to announce that Governor Warren E. Hearnes, with the advice and consent of the senate, reappointed Mrs. Florena Carlstrom, L.P.N., to a three year term of office as member of the Missouri State Board of Nursing.

SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS:

February 16-17, 1972
April 20-21, 1972
June 29-30, 1972

*SCHEDULED MEETINGS WITH NURSING PROGRAM DIRECTORS: **

April 18, 1972: Workshop for revision of Minimum Standards for Accredited Programs of Professional Nursing, Holiday Inn, Jefferson City, Missouri.
April 19, 1972: Workshop for revision of Minimum Standards for Accredited Programs of Practical Nursing, Holiday Inn, Jefferson City, Missouri.

*(Directors of Nursing Programs: please accept our apology for the error on the notice you received, regarding these dates, which should read April 1972 rather than 1971).

October 26-27, 1972: Annual Conference for Representatives of Professional and Practical Programs of Nursing, Ramada Inn, Jefferson City, Missouri. ***

** Representation for the Workshop for the revision of the Minimum Standards for Accredited Programs of Nursing:

Physical space will accommodate one representative only from each program and, due to the extreme importance of the workshop, it is recommended that the Coordinator or Director of the Nursing Program be delegated. If the Director cannot attend she is requested to select an alternate. Space is not the only factor; the Board believes that the workshop time is so limited that more than one representative could hinder progress.

The representative is requested to bring a concise preparation of requests, and rationale, for constructive changes in the existing standards, including additions and deletions.

*** The Annual Conference for Representatives of Professional and Practical Programs of Nursing in the State of Missouri will be held on October 26-27, 1972. Henceforth, this Conference will be held annually during the fall of the year rather than in the spring-time. The change in season has been requested by many representatives due to the heavy school curricular spring load.

The Spring Conference also overloads the Board of Nursing office due to the enormous number of spring State Board Test Pool Examinations scheduled; and also, the annual licensure renewal period is between April and June 30.

SCHEDULED STATE BOARD TEST POOL EXAMINATIONS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE LICENSURE:

March 14-15, 1972
 June 8-9, 12-13, 14-15, 1972
 September 13-14, 1972
 December 12-13, 1972

SCHEDULED STATE BOARD TEST POOL EXAMINATIONS FOR PRACTICAL NURSE LICENSURE:

March 20, 1972
 June 1, 1972
 October 17,18,19, 1972

STATISTICAL DATA, 1970-71:

Licenses Renewed:

Registered Professional Nurse 20,151
 Licensed Practical Nurse 9,747
 Obstetrical Nurse 16
Licenses issued by State Board Test Pool Examination:

Registered Professional Nurse 1,184
 Licensed Practical Nurse. 927
Licenses issued by Endorsement from other states:

Registered Professional Nurse 951
 Licensed Practical Nurse. 251
Licenses endorsed to other states:

Registered Professional Nurse 1,351
 Licensed Practical Nurse. 361
Licenses endorsed to other Countries:

Registered Professional Nurse 6
 Licensed Practical Nurse. 0

DATA REGARDING INTER-COUNTRY APPLICANTS:

	<u>R.N.</u>	<u>L.P.N.</u>
Initial evaluations	91	4
Licenses issued	9	0
Licenses pending SBTPE results	18	1

DATA REGARDING ACCREDITED PROGRAMS OF NURSING IN MISSOURI:

Hospital Diploma Programs 16
 Associate Degree Programs 12
 Basic Baccalaureate Programs 7
 Practical Nursing Programs 27

Closed: Diploma School - Independence Sanitarium and Hospital, Independence, Missouri
Closed May, 1971.

Student Enrollment, June 30, 1971:

Hospital Diploma Programs	1581
Associate Degree Programs	457
Basic Baccalaureate	464
Practical Nursing Programs	979

Number of Students Graduated, July 1, 1970 - June 30, 1971:

Hospital Diploma Programs	696
Associate Degree Programs	264
Basic Baccalaureate Programs	464 187
Practical Nursing Programs	895

BOARD DISCIPLINARY ACTION, JULY 1, 1970 - JUNE 30, 1971:

Referrals to Administrative Hearing Commission:

- Revocation of one L.P.N. license: Upheld
- Refusal to grant permission to one candidate to write the SBTPE for Practical Nurse licensure: Overruled
- Revocation of one Registered Professional Nurse license: Pending

BOARD DISCIPLINARY ACTION, DECEMBER, 1971:

Mrs. Cheryl Eileen Good Seasholtz - In accordance with the finding of the Administrative Hearing Commission, Mrs. Cheryl Seasholtz's Missouri license #50415, to practice as a registered nurse was suspended for thirty (30) days, commencing on December 3, 1971, and terminating on January 1, 1972, for violation of Section 335.170, RSMo. 1969.

BEHIND THE SCENE:

The State Board Test Pool Examinations for Registered Professional Nurse licensure and Practical Nurse licensure are conducted at the Ramada Inn, Jefferson City, Missouri. Inquiry is often made as to why these examinations are not conducted at various locations in Jefferson City and throughout the State.

The factors involved in the selection of an examination center are: Cost of physical space; cost of transporting office personnel; size of examination room; parking facilities; availability of food service; and finally, last but certainly not least, contract approval from the National League for Nursing. The approval from NLN is the determining factor since a detailed floor plan, which includes: rest room facilities, exits, seating arrangement, room dimensions, lighting, ventilation and security isolation, with detailed explanatory comments must be submitted for their review before a contract will be negotiated with the Board of Nursing.

The cost of transporting the Board of Nursing personnel from city to city is not appropriated in the budget. The smallest SBTPE this year involved eight Board of Nursing staff members, for two day sessions; the largest examination involved fourteen persons, for four day sessions (the Board of Nursing consists of ten personnel members, therefore, long range plans were necessary for securing additional persons).

Another little known item is that the SBTP examination booklets must be vaulted at all times when not in use, and be under constant surveillance by the Executive Secretary and/or the Associate Executive Secretary when they are removed from the vault. Four to six trunks are involved, depending upon the size of the examination. Another factor

involved is the expense of transporting the trunks.

State Board Test Pool Examinations are scheduled three years prior to conduction.

These are a few of the major reasons why all examinations are given in Jefferson City.

AROUND OUR STATE:

Sister Mary Robert Edwards, R.N., Director of the Day and Night Programs of Nursing, Mercy Department of Nursing, Maryville College of the Sacred Heart, St. Louis, Missouri, has notified the Missouri State Board of Nursing that she will no longer be with the School. Sister Jeremy will be her successor in the program. Sister Mary Robert will be working with the Mother House, covering seven states; our best wishes go with her.

Item Writer

Mrs. Yolanda T. Dolecki, R.N., Coordinator, Practical Nursing Program, Statefair Community College, Sedalia, Missouri, was selected as an item writer for the NLN State Board Test Pool Examination for Practical Nurse licensure. All schools, professional and practical, are periodically requested to submit nominations for item writers and frequently do not know what is expected of an item writer. The following is a portion of a letter we received from Mrs. Dolecki that we would like to share with you:

"This experience has been one of the highlights of my professional career. We reported to the Test Construction Department of the National League for Nurses at 9 a.m. on October 25th. I had the privilege of spending this week with item writers from Maine, New Mexico, and California. We worked with Miss Marie Holley from University of Utah, a consultant and former staff writer, and Miss Patricia O'Malley, a staff writer. Our orientation was conducted by Mrs. Elinor Lynch, Assistant Director of the Department of Test Construction.

Apprehension coupled with our feelings of incompetence were quite evident when we arrived the first day. By Friday, we felt as though we knew why we were there, and it was time to leave. We agreed that the burden of our difficult assignment (mental health and psychiatric items) was lightened by the capable leaders from the Department.

The security measures employed at the center impressed us. All notes, including our "doodles", were shredded and disposed of in appropriate receptacles. Assignments were deleted so that we would not be tempted to discuss items away from the office.

After six to seven hours at the Department, we managed to refresh ourselves and do the things all tourists do in New York."

Statewide Conference on Nursing and Nursing Education:

On November 4, 1971, representatives of nursing, related health organizations, the legislature, Comprehensive Health Planning the Missouri Division of Health, USPHS Region VI, the State Department of Education and the Missouri Association of Junior Colleges accepted the invitation of Mrs. Helen Monroe, Director of Nursing Education, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri, and of Mrs. Emylou Deith to discuss the need for a statewide informational meeting in Missouri on the Report and Recommendations of the National Commission for the Study of Nursing and Nursing Education and its implications for the delivery of health care in Missouri. The group approved the proposal to hold a statewide informational conference on nursing and nursing education and established an interdisciplinary steering committee to develop the proposal and plan the conference.

The first meeting of the steering committee was held December 14, 1971. The members of the steering committee reaffirmed plans to hold a statewide conference on nursing and nursing education in the Spring of 1972.

You are invited to forward suggestions and ideas for planning a Statewide Conference on Nursing and Nursing Education to Mrs. Emylou Keith, Chairman, Steering Committee, 1825 West McCarty Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101, prior to January 15, 1972.

Sources of information about the Report and Recommendations of the National Commission for the Study of Nursing and Nursing Education are:

An Abstract for Action, McGraw-Hill Book Company, 330 West 42nd Street, New York, New York 10036

An Abstract for Action, Volume II, Appendices, McGraw-Hill Book Company, 330 West 42nd Street, New York, New York 10036

URGENT MESSAGE

Board of Nursing Budget Appropriation Request Cut
Contact your Senators and Representatives, Please

The following was the opening statement given by us at the Governor's appeal hearing on December 7, 1971:

"The Board of Nursing wishes to appeal the recommended budget appropriations. We had requested a budget of \$142,092.00 and \$117,670.00 has been recommended, which is a reduction of \$24,422.00.

The Board of Nursing is a self-sustaining agency with an anticipated income of \$237,545.00. We do not use any taxpayer's money and it would not be a drain on the General Revenue, but with the recommended budget \$119,875.00 would revert to General Revenue. With our original request \$95,453.00 would revert to General Revenue.

The approximately 33,000 active nurses all over the State of Missouri supported legislative action to increase their own license fees from \$2.00 to \$5.00, school accreditation fee from \$25.00 to \$50.00, professional nurse examination fee from \$15.00 to \$25.00, and practical nurse examination fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00, in order that they might receive better services from the Board of Nursing; which, of course, necessitates a third professional staff member and one additional clerk-steno.

The Board of Nursing has been operating on a 1953 fee structure income and has such a backlog of work that, in order to function, it is imperative that our budget be restored."

The Board of Nursing appeared before the House of Representatives Appropriation Committee on January 3, 1972, to request an emergency appropriation for temporary help during the spring peak workload season. The Board of Nursing appeared before the House of Representatives appropriation committee and presented the 1972-73 budget request, January 6, 1972.

The Board of Nursing also appeared for a hearing before the Senate Appropriation Committee on December 7, 1971. To date we have not been notified concerning their recommendations.

We request that you contact your Senator and Representatives and urge their support in the restoration of our budget so that we may give you the type of service you deserve.

DIRECTORS OF NURSING SERVICE:

We wish to express our gratitude to you who have complied with the annual control of licensure renewal of RN's and LPN's on your staff.

Due to the fact that a few Directors do not comply with this State Board of Nursing regulation without prodding, it is possible that an explanation of the importance of this procedure needs given at this time.

Section 335.130 of Chapter 335 of the Missouri Revised Statutes provides for the appointment

of a Board of Nursing, which is a unit of the State government. The Board of Nursing has the legal responsibility to see that the provisions of the law are carried out effectively. One of the basic responsibilities and functions of the Board is to arrange for annual renewal of licenses for qualified practitioners of Professional and Practical Nursing in Missouri.

The basic purpose of licensing legislation is for the protection of the public.

In the State of Missouri, all persons who practice as licensed professional nurses (R.N.) or as licensed practical nurses (L.P.N.) must meet the qualifications and standards established through the State law and be currently licensed.

The State Board of Nursing is the only licensing agency for nurses; therefore, the duty of checking on the current status of Missouri nurses is relegated through this office.

In order to assist you, in carrying out your responsibility to your institution and patients please help us to facilitate this service to you, and also execute our legal responsibility, by completing the necessary forms we send you annually and returning them to our office immediately.

F L A S H ! ! !

We have just received official notification from S.P. Marland, Jr. U.S. Commissioner of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Office of Education, Washington, D.C., that Missouri State Board of Nursing has been granted full recognition as a State agency for the approval of Nurse education under the authority of the Nurse Training Act (42 U.S.C 298 (b) as amended, for a four year period.

The Advisory Committee on Accreditation and Institutional Eligibility commended the Missouri State Board of Nursing for its cooperation and diligence in revising its rules and regulations to establish compliance with the Office of Education's criteria.

In turn we wish to thank all Directors of the Professional Nursing Schools for your immediate response to our many requests to you while we were conforming to the criteria, published in the Federal Register of January 16, 1969, and gathering evidence for submission to H.E.W.