



South Carolina

# Board of Nursing

Official Information



## 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://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](http://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-

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nies of health concerns in the schools, as well as participation from interested nurses. Mainstreaming of students with special health needs into schools without nurses is an especially urgent concern. Anyone wishing to contact the Task Force may write the Board, attention of Bob Barnwell, nurse consultant for practice. Task Force members are: Dr. Sylvia Whiting, RN, Board member; Debra Morford, LPN, Board member; Martha Bursinger, RN, Board administrator; Margie Moore, RN, district health supervisor for Richland School District One; Libby Brown, RN, state school health consultant, DHEC; and Bob Barnwell, RN.

## Board Appoints Advanced Practice Subcommittee Members

The first six members of the Advanced Practice Subcommittee to the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee were appointed by the Board in January. The new members are Sharon Bond, CNM, Pat Abercrombie, CRNA, Lynn Albert, CNM, Rodel Bobadilla, FNP, Claudia Rogers, CRNA and Kathy Saunders, PNP. It is expected that the remaining four membership vacancies will be appointed by the Board of Nursing during its March meeting. The subcommittee will advise the full committee and Board on advanced practice guidelines and scope of practice. Advanced practice questions and concerns may be submitted in writing to Bob Barnwell, who will refer them to the subcommittee for its review and recommendations.

## 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. Marett, 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.

## LLR Maps Out Its Strategic Plan

When the South Carolina legislature created the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) in 1994, one driving goal was to improve efficiency and the quality of service delivered by the 40 separate agencies that were merged to form the agency.

The legislature envisioned an agency that would promote efficiency and build accountability. With that in mind, LLR's staff has created a strategic plan for the agency. This plan is a roadmap to help the agency reach the ultimate goal of being the best state government agency in the United States by the year 2010.

Key points of the strategic plan include:

- Core purpose or mission – Making South Carolina a Better and Safer Place to Work and Live.

- Core values – Provide excellent service, act with integrity and treat people with respect.
- Key strategies – “Maximize Customer Satisfaction,” “Maximize Employee Satisfaction” and “Use Resources Efficiently.”

Several interim goals also were established:

- By 2001, be recognized in the Southeastern United States as a leading state government agency.
- By 2002, be recognized in the United States as a leading state government agency.
- By 2005, have specific performance measures in place to track progress toward being the best state government agency in the United States.

“These interim goals will keep us focused on the larger goal of being the best state government agency in the United States by 2010,” LLR Director Rita M. McKinney said. “I like to think of these goals as short-term wins on the road to achieving excellence in public service.”

## Renewal and Reinstatement Licenses Processed

October 1, 2000 - January 31, 2001

RN Renewals	35,249
LPN Renewals	10,651
RN Reinstatements	142
LPN Reinstatements	39
RN Transfers To Inactive Status	489
LPN Transfers To Inactive Status	569
RN Renewals From Inactive Status	36
LPN Renewals From Inactive Status	6
RN Renewals (Disciplinary)	24
LPN Renewals (Disciplinary)	17
RN Reinstatements (Disciplinary)	13
LPN Reinstatements (Disciplinary)	2

**Total Processed 47,237**



## 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  
Kathleen M. Crispin, RN, EdD  
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Syble M. Oldaker, PhD, RNC, GNP  
James P. Rogers, Esquire, Public Member  
Keith A. Torgersen, RN, MSN, CRNA  
Vacancy-LPN, Region One

### S.C. Board of Nursing Board Staff:

#### Receptionist

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#### Administration

Martha Summer Bursinger, Administrator  
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Dottie M. Buchanan, Administrative Assistant  
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#### Licensing Office

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Della Jacobs, Administrative Specialist  
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Margo Pierce, Administrative Specialist  
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#### Compliance/Disciplinary Office

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Todd Bond, Investigator  
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Joel Griggs, Investigator  
(803) 896-4745  
A.C. Williams, Investigator  
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#### Nurse Consultants

Robert (Bob) Barnwell, RN, MS, Practice Consultant  
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Nancy Murphy, RN, MSN, License Consultant  
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(803) 896-4532

**Visit Us On Our Web Site:** [www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing](http://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](http://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

