We are excited to announce that the South Carolina Nurses Association’s publication the SC Nurse is going DIGITAL! The SC Nurse will be distributed as part of an SCNA membership benefit in both printed and electronic form. Beginning with the March 2020 issue, the publication will be available as an e-newsletter to any nurse licensed in SC who would like to receive it. If you are not a member of SCNA, then this current issue will be your LAST printed copy of the SC Nurse! If you want to continue to receive information from SCNA, you have three options:

1) Become a member of SCNA and receive both a digital and print version as part of your membership!

2) Subscribe your email address online at https://tinyurl.com/scnurse20 to receive the digital edition for FREE. Your email will never be sold or shared and will only be used to continue receiving the digital SC Nurse.

3) Purchase a subscription to continue receiving a paper copy of the newsletter. Subscription are $20 and are available by calling our publisher at 800-626-4081.

NON-MEMBERS THIS IS YOUR LAST PRINTED ISSUE - make sure you take action to continue receiving information that is vital to your nursing practice. We encourage every nurse in SC to register to receive the SC Nurse electronically. Whether you want to go green, or just like reading news electronically, signing up for the online version of the SC Nurse is simple.
New President and President – Elect

SCNA welcomes Kelly Bouthillet as President and Sheryl Mitchell and President-Elect to their new offices.

Experiencing a State Board

Robert Wolff, Ph.D. Professor of Science and Health Science, South University Columbia

My recent privilege to join the South Carolina Board of Nursing (BON) as a member of the public has been an eye-opening experience. I did not understand the full scope and importance of the BON, and now I have been entrusted in this volunteer position with helping to keep this state great.

The BON is part of State Government operating within the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR). Their mission is to “promote the health, safety and economic well-being of the public through regulation, licensing, enforcement, training and education.” Wow…that is a large, and critical task.

The LLR is deeply involved in sustaining South Carolina in these important professional activities in South Carolina. All decisions, of all categories of decisions I have been a participant in have assured me of the very high integrity and professionalism of the members. All decisions, of all categories of actions, have focused on and been decided on these principles:

- The decision of the BON first must protect the public.
- Second, and yet a part of all discussions, is to uphold the Nurse Practice Act (the legal basis for nursing practice) and to ensure that board decisions are legally correct.
- Third, if the first two concerns are met, to attempt to render the best decisions for the individual or organization appearing before the board.

While the above may seem like a daunting task, I am truly amazed at the good will exhibited in discussions and the consensus that is the result. This does make me very proud to be a member of the BON and to be able to represent all of the people of South Carolina in these important decisions. I believe we are making the correct decisions for the right and best reasons.

The process of becoming a board member is long, and I appreciate the help of many individuals along the path. First, I am grateful for Senator Ronnie Cromer and Representative Chip Huggins for recommending me to the Governor. I am highly appreciative that Governor McMaster nominated me for the Board and for the help of his staff, especially Tommy Windsor. The Senate of South Carolina and the Medical Affairs Committee are deserving of my great thanks for expediting my confirmation and their positive votes. And thanks to the many people who supported me, especially those who wrote letters of support. The efforts of all have been worth it, and I pledge that I will conduct myself honorably in service to this State.

The nomination process involves many steps to protect the regulatory process. Extensive background checks, financial conflict issues and strong recommendations are required and considered. While this is a lot of work for the Governor’s Office and a cumbersome process for applicants, it is necessary to assure that the regulatory work is done with integrity and quality.

It is necessary in my mind to keep these positive and important functions moving forward in support of the missions of both the BON and LLR. The state needs, and deserves, the high quality oversight of such important professional activities in South Carolina that I have observed.

The Board of Nursing is doing a great job and providing a needed service for South Carolina!

The great State of South Carolina and its wonderful people deserve, and have, a regulatory board that does an excellent job of protecting the public and helping to maintain the wonderful and important profession of Nursing in this state.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The SCNA Nominating Committee has called for member suggestions for the 2020 election. Nominations are due May 1st.

In 2020, members will elect: Secretary/Treasurer Commission Chair Public Policy Legislation Commission Chair Professional Advocacy and Development

Current Officers Eligible to run again: Amelia Joseph Jessica Stricklin TK Pugh

Current Board Members Eligible to run for office other than the one they currently hold: Not applicable at this time.

SCNA Chapters will also hold elections for: Vice Chair Secretary/Treasurer

SCNA Chapter Ballot will be with the SCNA Ballots for those SCNA members who are also signed up as SCNA Chapter members. Nominations may be submitted at the same time as nominations for SCNA officers. All nominations are due to SCNA by May 1st, 2020.

Note that both the nominator and nominee for the SCNA 2020 elections must be SCNA members in good standing. Call SCNA at 803-252-4781 if you would like more information on any of these positions.

Go to www.scnurses.org to fill out a nomination form. The link to the nomination form can be located under "About SCNA" on the "Elections" page http://www.scnurses.org/?page=SCNAElections

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

Any SCNA member may research, write and submit resolutions for consideration by the 2020 SCNA Annual Meeting. Resolutions should be submitted in form for printing to the Reference Committee through SCNA at 1301 Gervais Street, Suite 802, Columbia, SC 29201. Resolutions are due before May 1, 2020.

Guidelines for writing and submitting resolutions can be downloaded from http://www.scnurses.org/?SCNAAnnualMeeting

2020 OFFICIAL CALL FOR SUGGESTED SCNA BYLAW REVISIONS

Please consider this the official call for any suggested SCNA bylaw revisions for consideration at the 2020 SCNA Annual Meeting to take place this Fall. A full set of current SCNA Bylaws can be obtained via the SCNA web site at http://www.scnurses.org/?Bylaws. All proposed revisions must be submitted to SCNA before May 1, 2020. Please forward to:

SCNA-Bylaws Committee 1301 Gervais Street, Suite 802 Columbia, SC 29201 FAX (803-779-3870)

Changes have taken place...

Judith Curtfman Thompson, IOM CEO

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- SCNA Portion of dues that is non-deductible is 11.12% for a figure of $16.23 of your full SCNA dues of $137.00.
- Therefore, a total of $37.84 is non-deductible of your total dues payment of $283.00.

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- SCNA Portion of dues that is non-deductible is 11.12% for a figure of $16.70 of your full SCNA dues of $68.50.
- Therefore, a total of $18.92 is non-deductible of your total dues payment of $141.50.

Special Membership
- ANA Portion of dues that is non-deductible is 15.48% for a figure of $5.65 of your full ANA dues of $36.50.
- SCNA Portion of dues that is non-deductible is 11.12% for a figure of $3.81 of your full SCNA dues of $34.25.
- Therefore, a total of $9.62 is non-deductible of your total dues payment of $70.75.

SCNA Only Membership
- SCNA dues that are non-deductible is 11.12% for a figure of $20.79 of your SCNA Only dues of $187.
- ANA Only Membership
  - ANA dues that are non-deductible is 18.59% for a figure of $59.57 of your ANA Only dues of $326.
  - Please check with your accountant as to whether in your individual case any of your SCNA dues fee is deductible for business/professional expenses as this varies widely.
  - This information is published each year in the South Carolina Nurse or you can call 803-252-4781. Thank you for your continued support of your profession through your professional organization.

# CEO Column

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The Annual Membership Meeting was held at the Hilton in Greenville on October 24, 2019. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance, the reading of the Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements 2015 by SCNA member Elizabeth Swanson a member of the revision committee for the code and a reading of I AM A Nurse. A quorum was established.

The Time of Remembrance was celebrated.

The Address of the SCNA President, Selina Hunt McKinney, was given followed by a report of the SCNA Treasurer. A report by the CEO, Judith Curfman Thompson, was given.

The 2018 – 2020 Legislative Priorities were confirmed and SCNA Chapters have brief reports about their plans for 2020.

The Report of the Tellers was given for the 2019 Election and the results of the election were declared valid. The new Board of Directors and Chapter Officers were sworn in. The meeting ended at 6:40PM.

The Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Nurses Association Board of Directors followed at the Hilton in Greenville, SC. A quorum was present and the 2020 SCNA Board Calendar was received with the first meeting to be January 18, 2020. The meeting was adjourned.

During the Luncheon on Friday October 25, 2020 President, Selina Hunt McKinney, gave an excellent presentation titled Where is your Inner Leader? following this presentation SCNA Awards were presented. The Awards were presented to:

Teshieka K. Curtis-Pugh - Commission Chair - Professional Advocacy and Development
Elaine Reimels - SCNP President
Selina Hunt McKinney - President
Amelia Joseph - Secretary/Treasurer
Jessica Stricklin - Commission Chair - Public Policy/Legislation

The Board of Directors in a surprise move also presented awards to the staff of SCNA, Judith Thompson and Rosie Robinson.

Over 40 different educational sessions were offered over the three-day Convention. Poster Presentations took place on Thursday, October 24th. A great time was had by all.
Close to 50 people attended this meeting at the Riverbanks Zoo & Gardens in West Columbia, SC. Seen here are some of those who attended.
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- SCNA Chapters – Get involved with SCNA at the chapter level and you will have the opportunity to connect with nursing professionals who have the same interest/specialty as you!

- SCNA Nursing Flash and Legislative Updates – Members gain access to informative SCNA Nursing Flash including timely updates during the legislative session, national news & policy updates and vital information for all nurses.

- Member Discounts on SCNA Convention and Event Registration – SCNA members receive special discounts on all SCNA events. Discounts available as well for ANA Events.

- Free quarterly SCNA newspaper The South Carolina Nurse.

- SCNA State Convention and APRN Conference, October 15-17, 2020 – Sonesta Resort Hilton Head, Hilton Head Island, SC

- SCNA Welcomes New Professional Liability Insurance Provider: NSO

- SCNA/ANA members will now offer Professional Liability Insurance through the NSO company, an AON Affinity partner. This decision was made following an offering by NSO to insure nurses in South Carolina through its excellent products.

- So, if you are in need of liability insurance or wish to make some changes in your current coverage, please see the benefits page of the SC Nurse or the SCNA Website for further information.

- Welcome NSO!

- SCNA Career Center – Find a new opportunity on SCNA’s online career center, http://nurses.sc.associationcareercenter.com

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Membership Made Easy Everything you need to know is on line http://www.nursingworld.org/joinana.aspx

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As a member of SCNA there are several options available to you to enhance your membership experience. SCNA has Chapters that are open to members of SCNA. You are welcome to join any of the chapters listed, think about creating others, or simply enjoy your state membership in SCNA. For more information about SCNA Chapters go to http://www.scnurses.org/?SCNAChapters

Two 2020 Calendar for CEAC Submissions

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August 19, 2019 – November 20, 2019

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Bluffton SC

Heather Aird
Simonsville SC

Marinda Alexander
Blythewood SC

Tamieka Alston-Gibson
Boiling Springs SC

Benjamin Ambreg
Columbia SC

Tricia Amlung
Hilton Head Island SC

Eileen Andry
Charleston SC

Mylene Antonio
Columbia SC

Rebecca Bailey
Pauline SC

Sarah Baranski
Greer SC

Jacquelyn Barrus
Simpsonville SC

Virginia Bell
Murrells Inlet SC

Alexia Bodiford
Simpsonville SC

Edith Bostic
Conway SC

Peggy Brennan
Hilton Head Island SC

Christopher Brewer
Belton SC

Lynn Brown-Bulloch
Florence SC

Deana Burr
Mount Pleasant SC

Roseanne Cameron
Ladson SC

Yolanda Charles
Manning SC

Amanda Clark
Chapin SC

Zackery Cooper
Boiling Springs SC

Jessica Davis
Gilbert SC

Amanda Driggers
Lavisse SC

Yolanda Elam
North Augusta SC

Alisha Ellison
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Prosperity SC

Joyce Flowers
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Chanda Flynn
Landrum SC

Sarah Froese
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Columbia SC

Erika Jeter
Chapin SC

Tasha Garrick
Columbia SC

Mikel Gaston
Caye SC

Alexandria Gibbons
Greenville SC

Carrie Grant
Columbia SC

Chantel Greenfield
Spartanburg SC

Alice Habina
Simonsville SC

Alisha Hair
Gaffney SC

Vicki Harden-Taylor
Greenville SC

Amy Hill Galvants
Ferry SC

Kerry Holder
Six Mile SC

Megan Hollandsworth
Bluffton SC

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Myrtle Beach SC

Sara Horne
Lake View SC

Tasha Hott
Orangeburg SC

Grayson Hucks
Myrtle Beach SC

Tamatha Huneycutt
Summerville SC

Emma Jackson
Rembert SC

Maegen Jackson
Summerville SC

Rebecca Jackson
Salley SC

Kathy Jacobson
Irmo SC

Courtney Jarrard
Mount Pleasant SC

Erika Jeter
Columbia SC

Jimmi Jones
Mulhins SC

Karen Kinard
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The mission of the South Carolina Nurses Association is to represent all South Carolina registered nurses in a membership organization to promote and advocate the role of the registered nurse to improve health for all.
The South Carolina Nurses Foundation Awards American Nurses Foundation Scholarships for 2nd Year!

The American Nurses Foundation (ANF) announced in April 2018 that applications were open throughout the country for state-based foundations to compete for fifteen $1,000 scholarships to distribute each year for three years. The scholarships were to focus on nurses who have demonstrated advocacy – local or national. ANF described advocacy as incorporating leadership and excellence in a broad variety of settings.

In May 2018, the SC Nurses Foundation (SCNF) was awarded two $1,000 scholarships! One is an Anna Gallagher/American Nurses Foundation Scholarship which must be given to an MSN, DNP or PhD student. The second $1,000 is for a Fresenius Kabi/ American Nurses Foundation Scholarship which can be awarded to a BSN, MSN, DNP, or PhD student.

These two scholarships were awarded by the Foundation for a second year in August 2019! SCNF is pleased to announce that the 2019 recipients are: Kelsey Barnes, a second semester junior nursing major and Capstone Scholar at USC- Columbia, the recipient of the Fresenius Kabi/ American Nurses Foundation Scholarship and, Kellie Gainey, a graduate student at USC – Columbia, and an instructor at Francis Marion University, will receive the Anna Gallagher/American Nurses Foundation Scholarship. Congratulations to Kelsey and Taylor!

Nurses Care Scholarship Awardees

The South Carolina Nurses Foundation (SCNF) is proud to announce the 2019 recipients of scholarships from the License Plate Initiative fund: The Nurses Care Scholarships.

Notification was sent to all South Carolina Nursing Schools, the Chief Nursing Officers of all South Carolina hospitals, and to the South Carolina Student Nurses Association in April 2019 advertising the undergraduate and graduate scholarships. Eligible applications were comprised of submission of a complete application form; a transcript with current cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and showing evidence of enrollment in nursing courses; and two faculty recommendation letters.

The SC Nurses Foundation awarded $25,000 in scholarships in August 2019. Eight $2,000 undergraduate scholarships and three $3,000 graduate scholarships. The awardees are listed below.

2019 SCNF NURSES CARE SCHOLARSHIP Awardees

Undergraduate Awardees

Nominee School
1. Ajukuwa, Onyiychi MUSC
2. Barnes, Kelsey (ANF) USC- Columbia
3. Lucas, Lauren USC- Columbia
4. Nguyen,Thein USC - Columbia
5. Seymour, Courtneystack USC - Beaufort
6. Smith, David Midlands Tech
7. Tucker, Gracen USC - Columbia
8. Wynn, Jace Horry-Georgetown Tech

Graduate Awardees

Nominee School
1. Gainey, Kellie (ANF) USC - Columbia
2. Keen, Victoria USC – Columbia
3. Rogers, Morgan USC - Columbia

Save the Date

The SCNF appreciates the support received over the years as we have provided millions of dollars in student nurse scholarships, research grants and hosted the wonderful Palmetto Gold Nurse Recognition Gala (April 18, 2019). Our desire is to be able to provide even more scholarship support and grow the Foundation’s assets so that we can make an even bigger impact on the nursing profession. To that end, the SCNF will be participating for a fourth year in a 24 hour online giving event on May 5, 2019 known as MidlandsGives. The event is sponsored by the Central Carolina Community Foundation and over the past several years has raised over $3 million for non-profits. All donations made on that day go directly to SCNF and are tax deductible. The event begins at 6:00 am and goes to 11:59 pm on May 5th.

How you can Help:

• Please like our Facebook Page – “SC Nurses Care” and follow us on Twitter @ SCNursesCare. This will be our primary means of communication on giving day.
• Go to the MidlandsGives website on May 5th – midlandsgives.org – and click on the “Donate Now” button. You then scroll down to the SCNF logo and make your donation. A minimum of $20 is required. Donations must be made with a credit or debit card. The donation will reflect that you have made a donation to the Central Carolina Community Foundation, but your donation will be credited to the SCNF. Our website – www.scnursesfoundation.org – will also get you to the Midlands Gives site.

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Kelsey Barnes, who is a second semester junior nursing major and Capstone Scholar at the University of South Carolina (USC) has been awarded an American Nurses Foundation (ANF) scholarship. The $1,000 award is for a Fresenius Kabi/American Nurses Foundation Scholarship which can be awarded to a BSN, MSN, DNP, or PhD student.

Dr. Patrick Hickey, faculty at the University, states, “Kelsey has shown immense dedication to her academic studies as evidenced by a 3.7 GPA, membership in Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, and notations on both the Dean’s & Presidents Lists for Academic Achievement. Kelsey has outstanding leadership abilities, which are demonstrated through her present role as a USC Peer Leader as well as her previous leadership position in the USC Hall Government student organization.”

Kelsey applies her obvious compassion and advocacy for others by giving back to her university through her volunteerism on campus as evidenced by her role as a First Night Carolina Guide, a mentoring role for incoming freshman students. In our local community Kelsey has donated her time as a volunteer at Pawmetto Lifeline, the Carolina Clemson Blood Drive, and other various service opportunities though the Capstone Scholars Program. Additionally, Kelsey’s compassion and advocacy extends to the international arena as she joined Dr. Hickey on a medical mission trip to rural Nicaragua in March 2019. Her prior healthcare experience as a CNA, and her clinical rotations prepared her very well for this experience as she stood out amongst the students as far as her comfort level while rendering hands-on healthcare. As a result of her compassionate care for this underserved population Kelsey was asked to lead her own team for the 2019 study abroad opportunity. 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Dr. Deborah Hopla and Dr. Felicia Bowen were recently inducted in the American Academy of Nursing at the Annual Meeting of the Academy. Congratulations to these outstanding leaders.

Once again the SCNA Women and Children's Health Chapter solicited donations at the SCNA Convention for its annual project. The organization chosen this year to receive the boxes of donations was Safe Harbor, Greenville. Thank you WC Chapter for always doing this as part of our Convention!

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To the family of Joan Bainer who died December 6th.
ANA ENTERPRISE GEARS UP FOR GLOBAL ‘YEAR OF THE NURSE’ IN 2020

Milestone year recognizes nurses’ invaluable contributions to health care

SILVER SPRING, MD - The ANA Enterprise today announced its intent to elevate and celebrate the essential, robust contributions of nurses as the world recognizes 2020 as the “Year of the Nurse.”

The ANA Enterprise is the family of organizations that is composed of the American Nurses Association (ANA), the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), and the American Nurses Foundation. ANA Enterprise will celebrate Year of the Nurse by engaging with nurses, thought leaders and consumers in a variety of ways that promote nursing excellence, infuse leadership and foster innovation.

“As the largest group of health care professionals in the U.S. and the most trusted profession, nurses are with patients 24/7 and from the beginning of life to the end. Nurses practice in all health care settings and are filling new roles to meet the ever-growing demand for health and health care services,” said ANA President Ernest J. Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN. “Despite the major role nurses play in health care delivery and community outreach, there are opportunities to increase understanding of the value of nursing in order to expand investment in education, practice and research, as well as increase the numbers of nurses who serve in leadership positions.”

“We look forward to working with partner organizations to communicate a contemporary and accurate view of nurses and the critical work they do, as well as challenge boards and other influencers to commit to nursing and nursing leaders in order to improve the nation’s health,” said Grant.

Given the wide range of nursing roles in the U.S., ANA Enterprise will promote inclusivity and wide engagement of all nurses throughout Year of the Nurse. As an example, during 2020, ANA Enterprise will expand National Nurses Week, traditionally celebrated from May 6 to May 12 each year to a month-long celebration in May to expand opportunities to elevate and celebrate nursing.

The World Health Assembly, the governing body of the World Health Organization, declared 2020 the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife, in honor of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale’s birth. The declaration offers a platform to recognize past and present nurse leaders globally, raise the visibility of the nursing profession in policy dialogue and invest in the development and increased capacity of the nursing workforce. This declaration is an extension of work initiated by the Nursing Now campaign to elevate the profession and ensure nurses are leading efforts to improve health and health care. ANA Enterprise is leading Nursing Now USA along with the Chief Nurse, U.S. Public Health Service; the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill; and the University of Washington, School of Nursing. Nurses are encouraged to use #yearofthenurse and follow us on social media as we celebrate nurses in 2020.

About ANA Enterprise

The ANA Enterprise is the family of organizations that is composed of the American Nurses Association (ANA), the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), and the American Nurses Foundation. The three organizations work together as a cohesive system to achieve the Enterprise vision, advance the mission, and embody the Enterprise values. For more information visit http://anaenterprise.org/.

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South Carolina changed from a supervisory state to a collaborative state with the passage Senate Bill 345 in May 2018. This change benefits the citizens of South Carolina, which ranks 44th in the nation for overall health. Parts or all of the state's 46 counties are designated as medically underserved. Eight counties are underserved for women's health, and three counties lack mental health providers. The Nurse Practitioner (NP) “Clean-up bill” allows NPs to perform the following acts:

- Provide noncontrolled prescription drugs at free medical clinics that care for indigent patients.
- Certify that a student is unable to attend school and may benefit from instruction at home or a facility.
- Refer patients for physical therapy
- Pronounce death, certify the manner and cause of death, and sign death certificates.
- May place an order to admit a patient to hospice.
- Certify that a patient is disabled and declare if the disability is temporary or permanent to apply for a disability placard.
- Order Schedule II narcotics (if in the collaborative agreement and with a State and Federal DEA number). In hospice, palliative care or long-term care facilities a 30-day narcotic supply may be ordered; in other settings a 5-day limit for schedule II narcotics. Any further ordering for narcotics for that patient must have the written agreement of the physician.
- Execute a do not resuscitate order.

The next legislative effort of success started over four years ago. The stakeholders from public and proprietary higher education in healthcare met to establish a means for clinical preceptor resources. Many of the public universities were turning students away due to not having clinical preceptors. The result after debate and bipartisan sponsorship was the passage of Senate Bill 314. This tax credit bill begins in January of 2020. The tax credit for clinical preceptors passed with the following information:

- The student must be at a public or independent institution of higher learning
- The preceptor must complete a minimum of 160 hours.
- Rotations included were: Family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/Gyn offices, emergency medicine, psychiatry, and general surgery.
- Preceptors include MDs, NPs, and PAs who cannot receive compensation for serving as a preceptor otherwise. This person can provide a minimum of two clinical rotations within a calendar year.
- If 50% of the clinical practice has at least 50% Medicaid or Medicare patients or a combination of the two the MD will receive $1000 per rotation, the NP and PA $750 per rotation. The tax credit cannot exceed $3000 a year. The preceptor can roll additional amounts over to the next year instead.
- If 30% of the practice has Medicaid or Medicare patients, the tax credit will be $500 per rotation not to exceed $2000.
- The tax credit is not available for less than 30% Medicaid, Medicare, or a combination of both.
- Any unused tax credit may be carried over to the next year but will expire if not used in 10 years.

The next bill involves many health care providers and the Joint Underwriters Association and Patient Compensation Fund. All healthcare providers: MDs, Nurses, Oral Surgeons, Dentists, Pharmacists,
Podiatrists, NPs, PAs, and DOs will assist in the Joint Underwriters Association (JUA) with paying for the patient’s compensation pay down fund.

- The increase in all medical malpractice insurance premiums will affect all providers of healthcare.
- This increase begins January 1, 2020, with a uniform assessment of not less than 2% and not more than 6% of the net-driven written premium assessed to each healthcare provider. This premium surcharge must increase by 1% annually until it reaches 10%. Assessments will end on December 31, 2035, or the full elimination of the debt.
- The removal of the assessment premium will occur when the deficit is paid off.
- The new name of this group is SC Medical Malpractice Liability Joint Underwriting Association.

New board consisting of 11 Directors appointed by the Governor. These Directors consists of members from the South Carolina Medical Association (SCMA), South Carolina Dental Association (SCDA), SC Alliance SC Hospital Association, and the South Carolina Nurses Association.

The final bill is The Physician Orders for the Scope of Treatment (POST) Act. This act enables:

- Physicians, PAs, NPs, RNs, and EMTs a means to use a document for documentation where the patient has been diagnosed with a serious illness or, based on a medical diagnosis, may be expected to lose capacity within 12 months to sign a set of orders addressing key medical decisions consistent with the patient’s goals of care and treatment at the end of life that is portable and valid across healthcare settings.
- The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) will oversee the POST forms and will display a printable sample of the POST form on websites.
- DHEC will develop POST related educational efforts for healthcare professionals and the public.
- This form will contain demographic information, the effective date of the form, diagnosis, treatment plan, healthcare representative, CPR preference, medical interventions, preference of antibiotics, and nutrition and hydration preferences.
- POST forms are voluntary, and the patient or their legal representative can revoke POST forms.
- A healthcare provider who objects to the POST orders due to their convictions shall be allowed to transfer the care of the patient to another provider.
- POST forms should be reviewed annually.

Pending Federal Legislation:
- The ability for NPs to write for diabetic shoes (S. 237/H. 808). Not one Federal legislator has sponsored this bill in SC.
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How can you help? Support the organization that helps to lobby for you. Join SCNA, AANP, and ANA. Call SCNA to join: 803-252-4781. Write letters to your legislative representative. Speak up, vote, let your voices be heard. Remember, “You are either at the table or on the menu!” and “The world is run by those who show up!”

Diabetes Advisory Council (DAC)- 4th Quarter Meeting—leaving 2019 behind and looking forward to 2020

Nancy Durham

On October 25th 2019 DAC had its last meeting for 2019. The meeting was held in Columbia at the SCMA building from 9:30am to 11:30am. Dr. Gerald Wilson started the meeting with some opening remarks and reflections for 2019. He discussed our progress with having more DPP Nationally certified programs in the state and having our website up but not quite ready for public domain. Next Ava Dean gave an update on our monthly DAC newsletter and then we broke into our 4 Pillar groups and the work began. During this time each Pilar came up with one goal that we would complete by the end of first quarter 2020. As has been mentioned in previous reports, I am serving on Pillar one. Pillar Ones ultimate goal is for all Health Care Providers in SC to routinely screen test and refer individuals diagnosed with prediabetes to evidence based lifestyle interventions programs such as the National DPP program. Our first quarter goal is to develop an identifier to place on our newly created website that will let us know who is accessing the DAC tool kit. The tool kit provides instructions to the HCP on how to screen, test and refer patients with prediabetes to a DPP program in their area. The action plan is for the website to be available for the public in early 2020 with the toolkit identifier operational as well.

Other news from the meeting included Prisma Health getting full national certification for their DPP program and the announcement to “save the date” for SC Chronic Disease Symposium to be on March 13 and 14, 2020; with details to follow in my next report.

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This puts out of reach one of the best features of a Roth IRA, the ability to maximize tax-free growth even after age 70 1/2, because Roth IRAs do not require minimum distributions (RMDs). So if you don’t need income from your Roth IRA your balance continues to grow tax-free until it passes to your heirs. Enter the Backdoor Roth, a work-around for those who earn more income than the current limits to establish a Roth IRA. With a Backdoor Roth, you first make a contribution to a Traditional IRA and then convert it to a Roth IRA.

WHAT THEN IS A “BACKDOOR ROTH”?

A Backdoor Roth is a conversion of Traditional IRA assets to a Roth IRA. Currently, anyone can convert money that they have put into a Traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Since $6,000 of the $6,200 converted consists of after-tax dollars, only the $200 of gain will be taxable upon conversion. Thus, Cathy will have paid tax on a total of $6,200, the entire balance of her Roth IRA at that point.

Example: Cathy would like to make a Roth IRA contribution, but she is above her applicable income limit, so she is utilizing the Backdoor Roth IRA strategy. If Cathy contributes $6,000 to her traditional IRA, she will have no deduction and her contribution will go in as after-tax funds. A month later, when her IRA account has risen to $6,200, Cathy converts her traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Since $6,000 of the $6,200 converted consists of after-tax dollars, only the $200 of gain will be taxable upon conversion. Thus, Cathy will have paid tax on a total of $6,200, the entire balance of her Roth IRA at that point.

LOOKING AT IT FROM A TAX STANDPOINT, THIS STRATEGY WORKS BEST IF YOU DON’T HAVE OTHER TRADITIONAL, DEDUCTIBLE IRA ASSETS, BECAUSE IF YOU DO, PART OF THE CONVERSION WOULD BE SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX.

For Example: Jan has $114,000 in her traditional IRA, all of which is pre-tax. If Jan makes a $6,000 nondeductible (after-tax) contribution to a traditional IRA, the total IRA balance will be $120,000, $6,000 of which will be after-tax. Thus, only 5% ($6,000 / $120,000 = 5%) of her Roth IRA conversion will be tax-free. If Jan converts $6,000 from her traditional IRA to a Roth IRA after making her nondeductible contribution, just $300 would be tax free ($6,000 x 5%), while the remaining $5,700 ($6,000 – $300 = $5,700) would be taxable upon conversion.

The examples provided are all hypothetical and do not take into account any specific situations. The hypothetical examples are provided to help illustrate the concepts discussed throughout and do not consider the effect of fees, expenses, or other costs that will effect investing outcomes. Any actual performance results will differ from the hypothetical situations illustrated here. Please consult a professional to help you evaluate your situation before implementing any of the strategies discussed here.

A Backdoor Roth is a conversion of Traditional IRA assets to a Roth IRA. Currently, anyone can convert money that they have put into a Traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, no matter how much income they earn. This allows you to avoid both Roth IRA income limits and Roth IRA contribution limits.
Tele-Critical Care: Nursing Perspective

Claudine Rayess, DNP, MBA, RN

What is telemedicine?

Telemedicine is an evolving science. It means “healing at a distance.” According to the American Telemedicine Association (ATA) “telemedicine is the use of medical information exchanged from one site to another via electronic communications to improve a patient’s clinical health status” (ATA, 2019).

Benefits of telemedicine

Telemedicine is considered a cost-effective alternative to the face-to-face way of providing care. Telemedicine improves the quality of healthcare by expanding accessibility and efficiency through minimizing the need of commuting, providing clinical support, enhancing follow-up care, and improving patient access to services. The use of telemedicine can help patients become more involved in their healthcare plan and increase their autonomy. Telemedicine has hand in the provision of healthcare in underserved areas through services such tele-cardiology, tele-stroke, tele-pediatrics, tele-critical care and in many other settings.

What is tele-critical care?

The society of critical Medicine, has defined tele-critical care (TCC) as critical care services delivered using communications technologies from anywhere to anywhere (Adzhigirey et al, 2019).

As the discipline of telemedicine has evolved, the ability of critical care services to be provided beyond the physical boundaries in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) has expanded. It is estimated that 10% of all ICU beds in the United States are covered by a telemedicine program (Kahn et al, 2014). But is tele-critical care effective? Some studies show no benefit (Nassar et al, 2014).

Many hospitals in rural areas lack access to trained intensivists clinicians. TCC is designed to approach this problem. ICU telemedicine trained team can monitor and treat patients at remote hospitals jointly with the bedside care team. Intensivist-led multidisciplinary team is in need for a high-quality TCC programs. Critical care nurses are an important element of TCC programs, participating at both TCC remote and local sites.

Nursing perspective

Recently, the American Association of Critical Care issued a consensus statement on TCC to project the elements for implementing, evaluating, and improving TCC nursing practice. There are around 1,000 nurses working in TCC across the United States and over 16,000 nurses who interact with them (Kleinpell, 2016). Many benefits of TCC nursing practice have been reported: Improved monitoring of vital signs, better detection of dysrhythmias, detection of Patient falls, and unplanned removal of lines and tubes. A TCC nurse use the latest technology that provide access to the patient clinical data and can monitor up to 50 ICU patients in different ICUs.

TCC allows alternative staffing solutions for an exhausted nursing workforce while achieving a quality of care. It offers experienced nurses, unlike bedside nursing and its associated burnout, a new career option. Therefore, TCC helps hospitals retain their skilled nurses.

Nurses work barriers include barriers with regard to the technology, barriers with regard of the patient and patient care issues, barriers with regard to the relationship between the ICUs and the TCC, barriers with regard to the organization and characteristics of TCC, barriers with regard to the variety of ICUs and the nurses’ tasks (Hoonakker & Carayon, 2018). Challenges for nurses include the resistance for change while other reasons are related to liability concerns.

Conclusion

The success of technology programs such as tele-Critical care contributes to support patient needs using knowledgeable nurses and intensivists throughout and beyond hospital settings. TCC seems to be a promising path in improving the quality of critical care.

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MISSION OF THE BOARD OF NURSING

The mission of the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by assuring safe and competent practice of nursing.

The mission is accomplished by assuring safe initial practice as well as continuing competency in the practice of nursing and by promoting nursing excellence in the areas of education and practice. The Board licenses qualified individuals as licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, or advanced practice registered nurses. Complaints against nurses are investigated and disciplinary action taken when necessary. Schools of nursing are surveyed and approved to ensure quality education for future nurses.

BOARD VACANCIES

There currently are five vacancies on the South Carolina Board of Nursing. Members serve terms of four years and until their successors are appointed. Board members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. South Carolina Code Section 40-33-10(B).

Pursuant to Section 40-33-10(A) of the Nurse Practice Act, members to the Board of Nursing include a diverse representation of principal areas of nursing not limited to hospital, acute care, advanced practice, community health and nursing education. Registered nurse and licensed practical nurse members must be residents of South Carolina, must be employed in nursing, must have at least three years of practice in their respective professional background, be able to attend Board meetings at their own expense, and must reside in the district they represent. If you are not sure of your nursing district, you may check your district at scnurses.org.

There is one vacancy on the Board of Nursing for a Registered Nurse representative from Congressional District 6, one vacancy for a Registered Nurse representative from Congressional District 7, and two vacancies for a Licensed Practical Nurse from the state at large. No board member may serve as an officer of a professional health-related state association.

An individual, group, or association may nominate qualified practical nurse members to request letters to the Governor’s Office for consideration and appointment to the South Carolina State Board of Nursing. If you or someone you know meets the criteria for one of these vacant positions, a letter of request, along with a resume or curriculum vitae, should be submitted to the Boards and Commissions, Office of the Governor, 1100 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

The following are vacant positions for advisory committees to the South Carolina Board of Nursing:

1. Advisory Committee on Nursing Education: Associate Degree Nurse Educator
2. Advisory Committee on Nursing Education: Bachelor of Science Degree Nurse Educator
3. Expert Reviewers: Nursing Administration, Ambulatory ( Urgent Care), GRNA, Cardiology, Adult Critical Care, Geriatrics (Long Term Care), Home Health, and Hospice
4. Nursing Practice & Standards Committee: Home Health/Hospice

For the Advisory Committee on Nursing Education or Nursing Practice & Standards Committee, complete the Committee Nomination Form. For the Expert Reviewer openings, complete the Hearing Panel/Investigative Reviewer Nomination Form or the Expert Review Nomination Form. Both forms are available on the Board’s website (www.llr.sc.gov/nurse) under LICENSES, Applications/ Forms/ Fees. These forms are to be submitted by mail or fax. The page. Submitted nomination forms will be forwarded to the Board’s Nominations work group for review. Official notice will be mailed to the individual at their local address at the following full Board meeting, and qualified applicants are requested to appear in person at the Board meeting.

LICENSE RENEWAL IN 2020

The Board of Nursing staff is busy preparing for 2020 licensure renewals. Before the start of the renewal season, SC Nurses, E-News, E-Groups and SNPs are a form of communication with a licensee and do not require a follow-up email or call. The SC Department of Revenue, Licensing Division, will send an e-blast to all licensees in December 2019 to verify that the Board of Nursing has a correct email address on file. For those licensees who fail to respond, a second e-blast will be sent in early January 2020, and then a letter will be mailed to those who fail to respond to the second eblast in January 2020. Renewal notices will be emailed to all licensees with a valid email address in late January 2020. 

NOTE: The “Continuing Nursing Education & Competency” document on the Board of Nursing webpage under EDUCATION/ COMPETENCY. Please DO NOT submit proof of education/competency as part of your renewal application. Board staff will assist licensees in choosing the correct online renewal application code based on whether the licensee obtained a license via examination in South Carolina vs. endorsement/ reciprocity (relocated from another state). In addition, “how to” videos have been created and will be referenced in the renewal website section on renewals. Please refer to www.llr.sc.gov/nurse and look under QUICK LINKS for “Online Portal Help: Retrieve Username” and “Online Portal Help: Retrieve Password” to assist you in accessing your online renewal application. 

For additional information on the Nurse Licensure Compact go to www.ncsbn.org/compacts.htm

NEXT GENERATION NCLEX

In 2013-2014, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) began a research project to identify and highlight the increasingly complex decisions newly licensed nurses make during the course of patient care. NCSBN initiated a research study to determine whether a clinical judgment and decision making in nursing practice can be reliably assessed through the use of newly developed simulations. This research study has led to the creation of the Next Generation NCLEX project, or NGN.

The Next Generation NCLEX® News is a quarterly publication that provides the latest information about the program, including potential changes to the NCLEX examinations. The clinical judgment model (CJM) was designed to explore new ways of testing clinical judgment and decision making. The CJM is used as part of the licensure examinations. At present, the plan is to embed the CJM model questions into both the NCLEX-PN and NCLEX-RN examinations by 2023.

For more information, go to the NCSBN webpage, www.ncsbn.org/next-generation-nclex.htm for Frequently Asked Questions to help future candidates, educators, and other nursing stakeholders better understand the NGN program.

“PRACTICE PEARLS”

These “pearls” are offered as points of clarification from the South Carolina Board of Nursing Practice Consultant, Mindy Carithers, RN, MSN, RN-BC.

APRN

National certification is a requirement for renewal/renewal of licensure as an APRN in South Carolina. If a license is renewed without national certification renewed up to one (1) year prior to the expiration date, APRN licenses must retain an active national certification in order to be in good standing.

APRNs are not allowed to delegate medication administration to APRNs/LPNs or LVNs. As a courtesy, APRNs now receive an e-blast 90 days prior to the expiration date of their current nurse license. This email will allow the licensee to renew their license and be able to work as an APRN (or RN) once their national certification expires, and they will need to apply for reinstatement (including a Criminal Background Check).

Practice agreements should not be submitted to the Board of Nursing by third-party entities. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action, as the licensee is responsible for licensure compliance (Rx authority, collaborative practice agreement, etc.).

APRNs are not allowed to delegate medication administration to UAPs (Medical Practice Act, Section 40-47-30).

HOW CAN I CHECK A LICENSE?

To verify the status of a nurse license, you may utilize one or all of the following options:

(A) SC Licensee Lookup – Go to LICENSEE LOOKUP on the Board of Nursing’s webpage (www.llr.sc.gov/nurse). It is recommended that only a portion of the nurse’s name be entered. This site will provide the nurse’s name, city/state, license number/type, date issued/expiration, license status, and whether the license is multi-state or single-state.

(B) Nursys QuickConfirm – Go to www.nursys.com and click on QuickConfirm. Instructions for the instructions as outlined. This site will provide the nurse’s name, state of licensure, license type/number, expiration date, and discontinuance status if noted. The following states participate in the QuickConfirm: AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, ID, IN, IA, KY, LA, -RN, ME, MD, MN, MS, NE, NH, NJ, NM,
changing your name on your nursing license

1. if you have had a legal name change, submit your written request, along with a copy of the legal document(s), to the board of nursing, Post Office Box 12367, Columbia, SC 29211 or you can send the request and documents as a fax to Fax Line: (803) 896-4515

we may indicate in your request whether you will use your middle name or maiden name for your middle initial or if you wish to hyphenate your name. your request will be processed within 14 business days of receipt of your documents in the board’s office and will be reflected on your license lookup within three to five days after the name change is made.

2. you may verify that your name change request has been processed on the board’s website (www.llr.sc.gov/nurse). refer to section 40-33-36(b) of the nurse practice act regarding statutory requirements for your name on your license. you may view the nurse practice act – chapter 33 under “laws/rules/policies” on the board’s website.

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You can upload the service you receive. With the Professional account, you can access a personal CE transcript, which outlines exactly what requirements you have left to complete. The CE Broker account manager who can guide you through the CE process, step by step.

To activate your free account:

1. Go to www.llr.sc.gov/nurse and log in with your account information.
2. Click on “CE Broker” in the left navigation menu.
3. Click on “Register” to start.
4. Follow the prompts to complete your registration.

It is important to notify the Board of changes to your e-mail address as well. The Board communicates information to its licensees through e-mail and the postal service. A current e-mail also facilitates access to the Board of Nursing website services.

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Vacancies: (see section 40-33-10(a) of the Nurse Practice Act for prerequisites and requirements)

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Website: www.llr.sc.gov/nurse

The Board of Nursing is located at Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Suite 202, Columbia, SC 29210. Directions to the office can be found on the board’s website at least 24 hours prior to meeting. The bottom of the page. The Board’s mailing address is LLR - Office of Board Services - SC State Board of Nursing, Post Office Box 12367, Columbia, SC 29211-3289.

Regular Board business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Offices are closed for holidays designated by the state.

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VISIT THE NEW BOARD OF NURSING WEBSITE:

the State Board of Nursing recently updated its nursing website and introduced a new logo for the agency (SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation). We recommend all nurses licensed by or working in South Carolina visit the website (www. llr.sc.gov/nurse) often as information important to the practice of nursing is updated regularly. The State Board of Nursing website contains the Nurse Practice Act (Chapter 33 – Laws Governing Nursing in South Carolina), Regulations (Chapter 91), Contract Information, Advisory Opinions, Position Statements, Licensure Applications, Competency Requirements/Criteria, Application Status, Licensee Lookup, Disciplinary Actions, and other helpful information. The Nurse Practice Act, Regulations, Advisory Opinions and Position Statements are located under “Laws/Rules/Policies” and can also be found in the “Position Statements, Joint Action Minutes, under Practice & Standards,” Competency Requirements/Criteria, which includes continuing education contact hours, are located under “Education.” You will also find the Board meeting calendar, agendas, minutes, Board member names and the areas they represent under BOARD.

Board of Nursing Meeting Calendar for 2020

The Board and Committee meeting agendas are posted on the board’s website at least 24 hours prior to meeting.

Board of Nursing Meeting
January 23-24, 2020
March 26-27, 2020
May 21-22, 2020
July 23-24, 2020
September 24-25, 2020
November 19-20, 2020

Advanced Practice Committee
February 7, 2020
May 7, 2020
August 7, 2020
November 6, 2020

Advisory Committee
February 18, 2020
April 21, 2020
June 16, 2020
August 25, 2020
October 20, 2020
December 1, 2020

Nursing Practice & Standards Committee
January 9, 2020
April 9, 2020
July 9, 2020
October 8, 2020

Designated 2020 State Holidays

New Year’s Day January 1, 2020
Martin Luther King January 20, 2020
President’s Day February 17, 2020
Confederate Memorial Day May 11, 2020
Memorial Day May 25, 2020
Independence Day (Observed) July 3, 2020
Labor Day September 7, 2020
Veteran’s Day November 11, 2020
Thanksgiving November 26-27, 2020
Christmas December 24-25, 2020

Have you moved?

Section 40-33-38(C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws (Nurse Practice Act) requires that all licensees notify the board in writing within 15 days of any address change. So you do not miss important time-sensitive information, such as an audit notice, legislative updates or other important information. Be sure to notify the Board immediately whenever you change addresses.

You can change your address on the Board of Nursing’s website (www.llr.sc.gov/nurse). choose “change of address via Online Portal” under the “quick links.”

Note: Changing your address with the South Carolina Nurses Association (SCNA) does not change your address on your licensing records with the South Carolina Board of Nursing.

How to change your primary state of residence

In accordance with §40-33-1350 of the S.C. Code of Laws, Compact rules and regulations will require each nurse to declare in writing his/her primary state of residence upon initial application and renewal of the nursing license.

If at the time of licensure, the primary state of residence was listed as a non-compact state (SC, GA, SC or RI Driver’s License), a non-compact state (WA, OR, NV, CA, OH, NY, etc), an active single-state license in South Carolina was required. As of January 1, 2014, if the primary state of residence changes to South Carolina, a multi-state license may be obtained by submitting a Declaration of Multi-State Compact (PFSR) form available on the Board of Nursing’s website (www.llr.sc.gov/nurse) under “LICENSURE, Applications and Forms,” toward the bottom of the page.

The completed PFSR form should be sent to NurseBoard@llr.sc.gov with one of the following items as evidence of SC residency: 1) SC Driver’s license with a home address; 2) SC Voter Registration card displaying a home address; 3) Federal income tax return declaring the primary state of residence as SC; 4) Military Form 2058 – state of legal residence certificate; or 5) W2 from US Government or any bureau, division or agency thereof indicating the declared state of residence. The Compact primary residence rule does not apply to military nurses or nurses in the federal government, unless they are working outside of their military or government position.

Have you changed your email address?

It is important to ensure that you receive information sent out via e-mail and for renewal of license. To change your email address, please email NurseBoard@llr.sc.gov with the full name on your license, your license number, your current email and your new email address. You may also change your e-mail address via Online Portal under the “quick links.”

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