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News Release: Executive Director Elected Chair

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The Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators (ICNLCA) announces newly elected members of its Executive Committee

Chicago – The Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators (ICNLCA) announces newly elected members of its Executive Committee:

Chair

Kim Glazier, MEd, RN, executive director, Oklahoma Board of Nursing

Term expires: Sept. 30, 2021

Member-at-Large

Joe Baker, Jr., executive director, Florida Board of Nursing

Term expires: Sept. 30, 2021

Member-at-Large

Joey Ridenour, RN, MN, FAAN, executive director, Arizona Board of Nursing

Term expires: Sept. 30, 2020

Member-at-Large

Pamela C. Zickafoose, EdD, MSN, RN, NE-BC, CNE, FRE, executive director, Delaware Board of Nursing

Term expires: Sept. 30, 2021

The ICNLCA enhances nurse mobility and public protection through maintaining uniform licensure standards among party state boards of nursing; promoting cooperation and collaboration between party states, facilitating the exchange of data and information between party states; and educating stakeholders. The ICNLCA is a quasi-governmental and joint public agency of the party states created and established on July 20, 2017. The Executive Committee is the seven member elected leadership of the ICNLCA.

The NLC allows for registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPN/VNs) to have one multistate license, with the ability to practice in person or via telehealth in both their home state and other NLC states. Licensing standards are aligned in NLC states, so all nurses applying for a multistate license are required to meet the same standards, which include a federal and state criminal background check that will be conducted for all applicants for multistate licensure.

The NLC also enables nurses to provide telehealth nursing services to patients located across the country without having to obtain additional licenses. In the event of a disaster, nurses from multiple states can easily respond to supply vital services. Additionally, almost every nurse, including primary care nurses, case managers, transport nurses, school and hospice nurses, among many others, needs to routinely cross state boundaries to provide the public with access to nursing services, and a multistate license facilitates this process.

Oklahoma Certified Nurse Practitioners

A Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP) is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse who has completed an advance practice registered nursing education program (masters level or higher) which prepares the CNP for a national certification examination in an area of specialty with a population focus.

The role of a CNP is defined in the *Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act*. “Certified Nurse Practitioner” is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse who performs in an expanded role in the delivery of health care:

1. Consistent with advanced educational preparation as a CNP in an **area of documented specialty**¹;
2. Functions within the CNP scope of practice for the **recognized area of specialization**, and
3. Is in accord with the standards for CNPs as identified by the certifying body and approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing.

The CNP accepts responsibility, accountability, and the obligation to practice in accordance with identified customary advanced practice registered nursing standards and functions as defined by the scope of practice/role definition statements for the CNP [59 O.S. § 567.3a(6)].

The CNP provides services based upon education, experience, and national certification. Oklahoma Board of Nursing has a list of approved certifications that can be viewed at <https://www.ok.gov/nursing/prac-natlcert.pdf>. The scope of practice is incorporated into specialty categories and further delineates the population served.

It is the responsibility of the licensee to document competency of any act, based upon education, experience, and certification. The Decision-Making Model can be used to help provide clarity for CNPs. It can be viewed at <https://ok.gov/nursing/prac-decmak.pdf>.

¹National Certification required for licensure reference OAC 485:10-15-6(b)(4)

New Statute on Perinatal Mental Health

A new Oklahoma statute related to perinatal mental health goes into effect November 1, 2019. This statute, from enrolled Senate Bill 419, requires Oklahoma Hospitals and licensed health care providers to educate and screen patients for perinatal mental health disorders.

For more information regarding Senate Bill 419
<https://opqic.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/SB419-Flyer.pdf>

Nursys e Notify Resources

Nursys: National database for verification of nurse licensure, publicly available discipline and practice privileges for RNs, LPNs and APRNs. Serves as primary license verification. Enrollment can be completed as an individual nurse or as an organization.

Nursys e-Notify: Hospitals and other institutions that employ nurses can enroll for this service. With enrollment, your organization will have the ability to receive automatic licensure information, securely and **free of charge**.

Provides Information regarding:

- Licensure expiration dates
- Upcoming renewals
- Public disciplinary action

For more information: A video is available and creating an account is free.
www.nursys.com/e-notify

For help contact:

- Dennis Roy, National Council of State Nursing Boards, (312) 391-8251, droy@ncsbn.org
- Gina Stafford, Oklahoma Board of Nursing, (405) 962-1840

Nursys Frequently Asked Questions

www.nursys.com/Help/FAQ.aspx?KEY=EN

Official Oklahoma Health Alert

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) Sexual Health and Harm Reduction Service's (SHHR) Surveillance and Analysis Division are informing healthcare providers in the State of Oklahoma of the rise in Congenital Syphilis across the state and reminding them of the need for testing all pregnant females for STDs, and specifically syphilis, **during the first and third trimesters**.

At this point in 2019, Oklahoma is already seeing a 92% increase in the number of congenital syphilis cases from the previous year. Licensed nurses can request access to Oklahoma Health Alert Network (OK-HAN) to receive health alerts. Access will allow you to review the official Oklahoma Health Alert regarding the Congenital Syphilis Crisis in Oklahoma. If you would like access, you may email the OK-HAN Coordinator at okhan@health.ok.gov

For more information on Congenital Syphilis you may contact SHHR at 405 271-4636.

Recent Policy Revisions**Approved Policies/Guidelines during the July 2019 Board Meeting:**

The following policies have been reviewed/approved and are available for review by the hyperlink provided.

Monitoring the Moderate (Conscious) Sedation Patient by the Licensed Nurse Guidelines, #P-07 available at <http://nursing.ok.gov/prac-lpnguid.pdf>

Reports Submitted from Nursing Education Programs on NCLEX Pass Rate and Program Completion Rate Report Guidelines, #E-07 available at <http://nursing.ok.gov/passrate.pdf>

Routine Reminders and Links**Reminder for Change of Name**

Licensees must provide certified evidence (a copy of marriage license or court action) regarding any change of name within 30 days of the change. To change your name, you must complete the Name Change Request form. The form is available on the Board of Nursing website at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/namechange.pdf>

Reminder for Change of Address

Have you had a change of address? If so, you **must** notify the Board office in writing within 30 days of the change. You may submit a signed and dated statement with your license number or Social Security number, your full name, and your new address. The change of address form can be accessed at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/addresschgPSOR.pdf>

Notice to Licensees Submitting Online Renewals

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing online renewal system provides a convenient way for you to submit your renewal. However, it is essential that you protect the security of your online information. **Your PIN number, which is required for the renewal, should not be shared with anyone, not even with your spouse or support staff at your place of employment.** Your responsibility to renew your license **cannot** be delegated to another person. **You are the only person who can complete and submit the online renewal application!**

To access the online renewal: <https://pay.apps.ok.gov/nursing/renewal/index.php>

In preparing to submit your online renewal application, please visit the following link specific to Continuing Qualifications for License Renewal Guidelines: <http://nursing.ok.gov/cqlicenserenewal.pdf>

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