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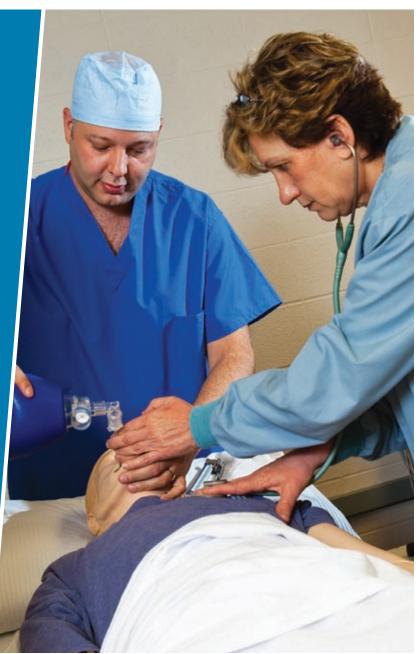
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Bertha Lovelace Board President

I am honored to greet you as the newly elected President of the Ohio Board of Nursing! By way of background, I am a registered nurse and CRNA currently practicing at the Cleveland Clinic. As a Board, we are proud of our work to further the mission of public protection.

In November, we were pleased to welcome Attorney General Richard Cordray to the Board meeting. Attorney General Cordray spoke to the Board about several initiatives of his office, such as combating domestic violence and elder abuse, and the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund. In addition, his office has implemented a more accessible, fixed-cost method for applicants to obtain criminal records checks at Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicle locations across the state. We appreciated Attorney General Cordray's visit to the Board.

Also at the November meeting, the Board elected Patricia Protopapa, LPN, as Vice President, and re-elected Anne Barnett, RN, as the Board Supervising Member for Disciplinary Matters. Congratulations to each of them!

The Board appointed members and chairs for the Advisory Groups. Chairs are Board Members Delphenia Gilbert, RN, Advisory Group on Continuing Education; Melissa Meyer, LPN, Advisory Group on Dialysis; and Judith Church, RN, CNP, Advisory Group on Nursing Education. Eric Yoon, RN, CNP, CNS, was appointed to serve on the Committee on Prescriptive Governance. The Advisory Groups role as Vice President. The Board also appreciates the dedicated work and contributions of Janet Boeckman, RN, CNP; Patricia Burns, LPN; and Kathleen Driscoll, RN, whose terms ended in 2009.

We invite you to keep informed about the Board. Updates and information throughout the year are posted on the Board web site at www.nursing.ohio.gov. Other ways to receive Board information are through eNews, an announcement service distributed via e-mail, and



Attorney General Cordray meets with Johnnie Maier, Jr., the Board Consumer Member and a former State Legislator. (Photo credit: Gregory Lewis)

meet throughout the year to provide recommendations to the Board on various programs and issues.

As we look back on 2009, we want to acknowledge the exceptional leadership of Lisa Klenke, RN, our past Board President, and recognize Jane McFee, LPN, in her leadership now through Twitter, where you can also receive update "tweets!" Please visit the web site to subscribe to eNews and Twitter.

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We recognize the Board members and the staff for their commitment and work throughout the year. Highlights of our 2009 Annual Report are as follows:

- Regulated over 166,400 registered nurse licenses and 51,700 practical nurse licenses.
- Issued licenses by examination to over 10,600 applicants and licenses by endorsement to over 2,800 applicants.
- Regulated over 8,500 certificates of authority for certified nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse midwives, and certified registered nurse anesthetists, and over 4,200 certificates to prescribe.
- Maintained certification of 1,587 dialysis technicians, 50 community health workers, and 66 medication aides.
- Audited the continuing education of nearly 3,000 registered nurses and provided oversight or re-approval to 11 approvers of continuing education.
- Processed approximately 6,000 complaints.
- Took action on an average of 280 disciplinary cases at each Board meeting

and provided licensing and discipline data to national databases.

- Provided two alternative programs to discipline: the Alternative Program for Chemical Dependency (AP) and the Practice Intervention and Improvement Program (PIIP).
- Regulated 145 pre-licensure nursing education programs, 16 dialysis training programs, two community health worker training programs,



Betsy J. Houchen, RN, MS, JD Executive Director

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- Provided nurse education grant funding totaling \$1,305,491 to nursing education programs for the purpose of increasing their nursing student enrollments.
- Assisted the Ohio Board of Regents in administering the Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program to provide financial assistance to Ohio students studying to become nurses or nursing faculty in Ohio nursing education programs. For the application period ending June 1, 2009, \$529,000

was awarded to applicants.

• Represented Ohio on the national level through four staff serving as members of four NCSBN committees and the Executive Director serving on the NCSBN Board of Directors.

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Richard Cordray Ohio's Attorney General

Survivors of crime need help as they try to rebuild their lives. That includes compassion and understanding from those who interact with them after the crime – a group that includes law enforcement and, in many instances, people in the health care industry, including nurses such as yourself.

In addition, survivors need to know what help might be available to them in the wake of the crimes committed against them. So I wanted you to know about a service that my office administers that helps victims of crime recover from their ordeals in the hopes that you might help us spread the word about it.

Ohio supports victims of violent crimes and their families through the Victims of Crime Reparations Fund. Since 1976, it has paid out more than \$300 million to victims. In the last fiscal year (July 2008 to June 2009), this fund helped more than 4,000 people.

Those who may be eligible to receive payment from this fund are those injured during a violent crime, the dependents

VICTIMS OF CRIME REPARATIONS FUND

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of people killed in crimes or anyone who is responsible for a crime victim's finances, such as a parent or guardian.

Payments may cover a number of different expenses, including:

- Medical and related expenses.
- Counseling for victims and immediate family members of victims of homicide, sexual assault or domestic violence.
- Wages lost because of the crime.
- Crime scene cleanup for personal security.
- The cost to replace items taken as

evidence.

- Lost wages and travel expenses for family members of a deceased victim to attend court proceedings.
- Financial support for dependents of a deceased victim.
- Funeral and burial expenses. Some people are not eligible for payment from the fund. They include:
- Anyone convicted of a felony offense within 10 years before the date of the crime, or while the compensation application is pending.
- Anyone convicted of child endanger-

ing or domestic violence within 10 years before the date of the crime, or while the compensation application is pending.

• Anyone who engaged in misconduct that caused or contributed to the injuries.

The fund is able to provide payments up to \$50,000 depending on the loss experienced by the victim. Limitations to reimbursement include payments for pain and suffering or for stolen, damaged or lost property. The Attorney General's office is a payer of last resort, so expenses that can be covered by other sources, such as insurance, must be used first.

The victim compensation fund also pays for Sexual Assault Forensic Exams (SAFE), which are medical exams conducted for the purpose of a possible prosecution, and the antibiotic prophylaxis to prevent sexually transmitted infections.

The SAFE program makes forensic medical exams available to every victim of sexual assault in the state, regardless of ability to pay or, for adults, to report the crime to law enforcement.

If you have questions about what is covered or if you would like to learn more about the SAFE program or the Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) in the state, please contact Sandy Huntzinger at (614) 466-4797 or Sandra.Huntzinger@ OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

We hope that you can help us spread the word about the fund and the help it can provide. If you or anyone else would like to know more about the fund, please call the Attorney General's office at (800) 582-2877. To apply for compensation, please visit www. OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Victim. •

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A CTP/CTP-E holder may only prescribe consistent with the nurse's standard care arrangement, the scope of practice in the nurse's specialty area, the Formulary and the requirements of Chapter 4723-9, OAC.

A nurse's prescriptive authority shall not exceed that of the collaborative physician including any restrictions imposed by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) or the State Medical Board.

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CTP/CTP-E holders are prohibited from prescribing any drug or device to perform or induce abortions.

All drugs and devices must be prescribed in accordance with the standard care arrangement, Chapter 4723. Ohio Revised Code and the rules of the Board.

CTP/CTP-E holders may prescribe drugs for purposes other than Food and Drug Administration (FDA) indications when the prescribing is consistent with the Formulary AND the standard care arrangement with the collaborating physician. (See the Formulary Legend for additional information on off label use of drugs.)

CTP/CTP-E holders must satisfy all the requirements set forth in Pharmacy Board Rule 4729-5-30, OAC, Manner of Issuance of a Prescription. (This rule may be accessed via the Pharmacy Board Web site at http://pharmacy.ohio. gov in the Law and Rule section.)

The CTP/CTP-E number MUST be included on each prescription written by a nurse.

ADVISORY GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

All meetings of the advisory groups begin at 10:00 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) and are held in the Board office. If you wish to attend one of these meetings, please contact the Board office at 614-466-6940 to determine any change in the location, date or times. **Advisory Group on Continuing Education**— February 19, June 18, October 15. Chair: Delphenia Gilbert

Advisory Group on Dialysis— February 23, June 15, October 19. Chair: Melissa Meyer

Advisory Group on Nursing Education— To be determined. Chair: Judith Church

Committee on Prescriptive Governance— January 14, May 10, October 18. Chair: Eric Yoon

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by a physician. 21 CFR 1306.05 (schedule II); 21 CFR 1306.21 (schedules III-IV). For this purpose, a nurse employed by a nursing home or other long-term care facility, who is not employed by the physician, is not viewed by the DEA as being the agent of the physician. Thus, the nurse cannot legally sign and transmit a chart order and/or a prescription to a pharmacy. See 21 USC 802(3).

The DEA has made clear that nurses working in long-term care facilities cannot legally fax or "call in" a chart order for scheduled drugs. This is viewed as "prescribing" without DEA authorization. A nurse who prescribes a controlled substance could be charged under Title 21, USC Section 841(a)(1), which states, "Except as authorized by this subchapter, it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally (1) to manufacture, distribute, dispense, or possess with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, a controlled substance."

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Verification of your nursing license is available on the Board Web site at www.nursing.ohio.gov. Your name, license number and expiration date is public information and may be viewed by anyone. Please note that when calling the Board office with questions about your license that Board staff generally will



not use social security numbers as a primary means to verify licensure information. In December, the online licensure designation for LPNs who are authorized to administer medications and to perform limited IV Therapy changed from "LPN IV" to LPN M-IV. License designations for LPNs are as follows:

An LPN who is authorized to administer medications, but not perform limited IV Therapy, will have a license designation of "LPN Meds."

An LPN who is authorized to administer medications and to perform limited IV Therapy procedures will have a license designation of "LPN M-IV."

If an LPN is NOT authorized to administer medications or to perform limited IV therapy procedures, they will have a license designation of "LPN." •

LPN RENEWAL

If you hold a current, valid license as a licensed practical nurse in Ohio, your license will expire after Aug. 31, 2010. All LPNs who are eligible to renew their license in 2010 will receive a renewal notice through the mail with a personal ID, password, and instructions on how to renew their license online. Renewal notices will be mailed during the month of March to the address that the Board has on file. It is extremely important to notify the Board of a name and/or address change immediately. An incorrect name and/or address may delay the renewal of your license. Please note that for a change in name, a court-certified copy of the document indicating the change in name is required. This certified document may be obtained from the court where the original record was filed. If you have not yet notified the Board of any changes, please do so immediately. A Name/Address Change Form may be obtained through the Board Web site at www.nursing.ohio.gov under Forms, NURSE LICENSE RENEWAL.

When renewing online, you can pay the required renewal fee using Master Card or VISA credit cards, or debit cards with a MC or VISA logo. By utilizing the online renewal process, you may be able to verify the renewal of your license through the Board's Web site at www. nursing.ohio.gov in as little as three business days after completing the online renewal application. LPNs who do not want to renew their license online must submit a written request for a paper renewal application by e-mail at renewal@ nursing.ohio.gov, fax at (614) 466-0388, or by mailing the request to the Board.

It is strongly recommended that you renew as soon as you receive your notice. Incomplete applications may result in late or lapsed fee charges, and delays in processing your renewal. The fee for receipt of a renewal application is as follows:

- Before July 1, 2010 \$65
- July 1, 2010 through Aug. 31, 2010 (includes late application fee) - \$115
- After Aug. 31, 2010 (reinstate a lapsed license) \$165

The Board audits thousands of nurses each year to determine compliance with continuing education requirements. If you were notified of an audit of your continuing education for the licensed practical nurse licensing period of Sept. 1, 2006, through Aug. 31, 2008, and have not completed that audit by submitting the information required by the Board, you will not receive your renewal notice for



2010 - 2012 until you complete the audit requirements. Board staff are available to assist you in taking the necessary steps to renew your license. If you have questions about the renewal process, please contact the Board at (614) 466-0388 or by e-mail at renewal@nursing.ohio.gov.



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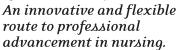
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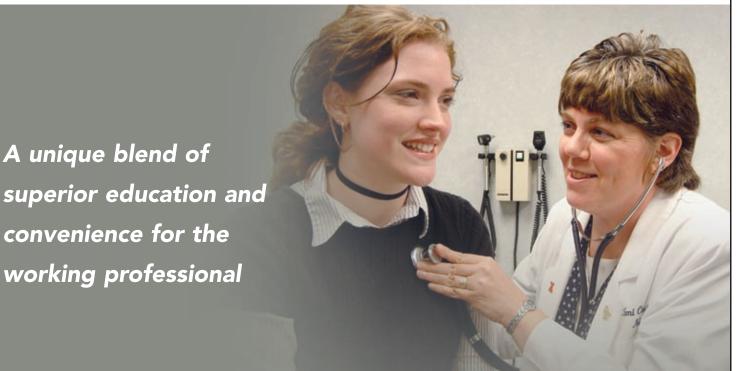
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