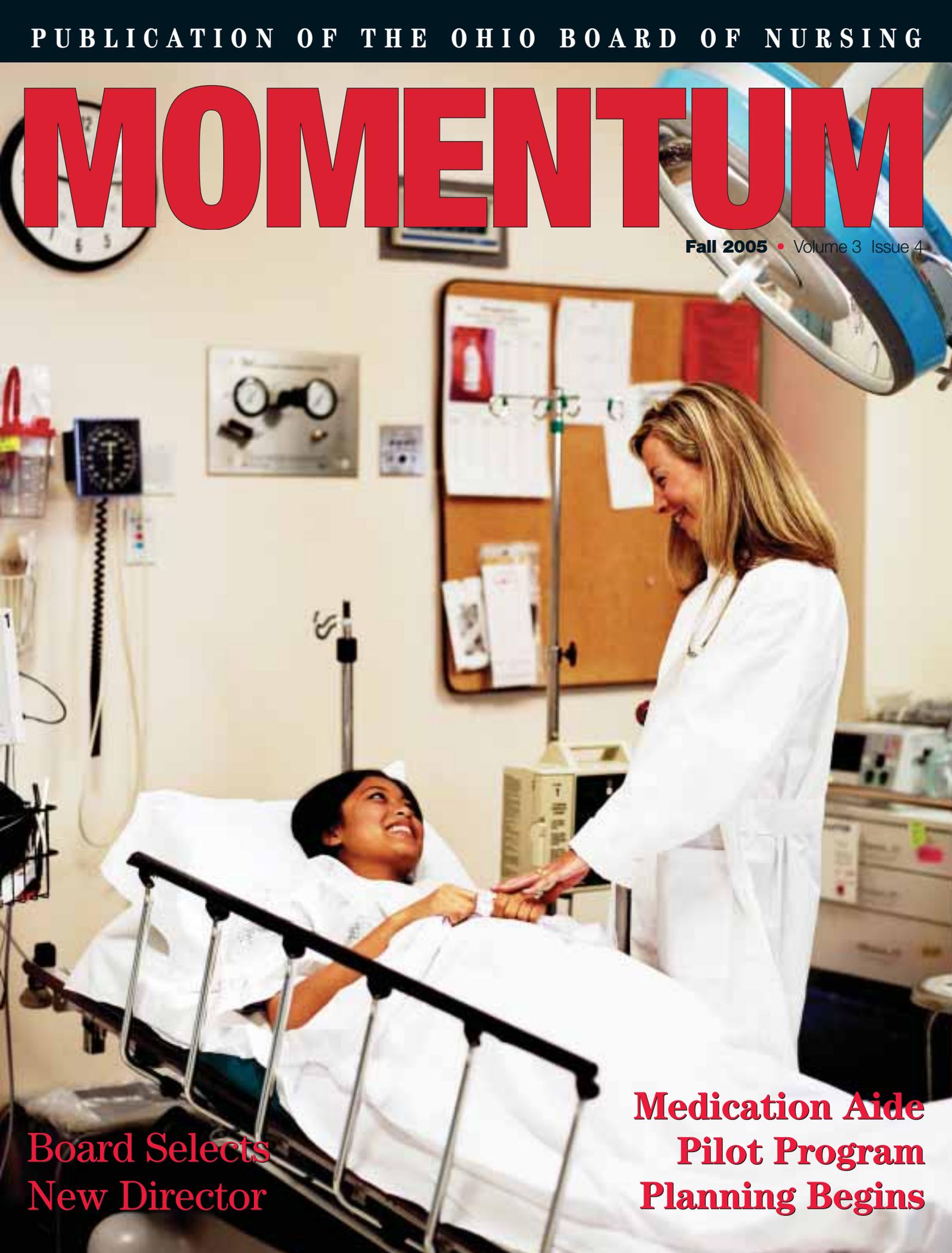


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from the president



Yvonne M. Smith
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One of the things we can count on, as residents of Ohio, is the changing of seasons. Every year, we are privy to the changes in the landscape color scheme as it transitions from beautiful greens of summer to vibrant oranges, browns and yellows of fall. As fall progresses to winter, the brilliance of white snow takes center stage. While some relish the beauty and wonder of the winter months, others anxiously anticipate the arrival of spring. Though each change of seasons has its own special signif-

icance, none is as welcome to me as the shift from summer to fall. No matter how much I have longed for warm sunny breezes in the dank chill of March, I am always ready to embrace the fall. I am happy to leave behind

the hot and sultry air of summer for the bright blue skies, confetti leaves, and crisp breezes that mark the fall season. As an educator, fall is associated in my mind with change and new beginnings. This seems especially apropos this year, for me personally and the Board as well.

Just as we are engulfed in the change of seasons, the Board of Nursing is also submersed in change. One such change is the appointment of Betsy Houchen, RN, MS, JD to the position of Executive Director. Betsy has been with the Board for three years, most recently in the role of Associate Executive Director. Speaking for myself and the rest of the Board, we are thrilled to have Betsy in the Executive Director position. She brings to the position a diverse professional background and a wealth of knowledge. Additional information about Betsy is included in her message on page 6.

Betsy has had little time to reflect on her transition to the Executive Director role as the Board is dealing with a variety of challenges. One of the most significant is implementation of the legislatively-mandated Medication Aide Pilot Program. Betsy is serving as the lead staff person on this undertaking, assisting board member Judy Brachman and the Medication Aide Advisory Council in developing program rules. [See article on page 13] Created in the budget bill passed early this summer, the Board was given only until February 1, 2006 to design the pilot with an implementation deadline of May 1, 2006. Assuming responsibility for certifying and regulating this new category of health care worker is no small task for the Board. Both staff and Board members are dedicating an enormous amount of time and effort to ensure that the pilot program runs smoothly. While this was not an initiative sought by the Board, we are committed to running the program in a manner that is safe and effective.

Other changes visible at the Board include the first time availability of on-line licensure renewal for registered nurses. We estimate that almost 30 percent of those renewing took advantage of this "high tech" option. The on-line renewal system will be honed and refined for continued use in subsequent RN renewal cycles, as well as for other types of licenses and certificates.

The Board has also capitalized on technological advances to institute "paperless" Board meetings. The voluminous bi-monthly Board meeting agenda is now placed on a CD for Board members to access using laptop computers. While there has certainly been a learning curve associated with this change, it has reduced the costs associated with document production, duplication, and shipping.

The November meeting of the Board is historically a time to select new Board officers for the coming year. This year, this process is somewhat complicated by the fact that the terms of several members are over at the end of the year. Among those whose terms conclude at the end of 2005 are: Kathleen Driscoll, Mary Jean Flossie, Lisa Klenke, and Jane McFee. It is fortunate for the Board that each of these dedicated public servants is eligible to seek a second term. All have indicated that they will request reappointment by Governor Taft.

My term on the Board also ends at the close of this year. Unlike my esteemed colleagues, I have decided not to seek reappointment to the Board at this time. This was not an easy decision to reach as I have greatly valued my time as a member of the Ohio Board of Nursing. Participating in the regulation of one's fellow professionals is a very humbling experience. Board members are exposed to all manner of licensee missteps; from those that are easily addressed within the licensure structure, to those that represent life-altering changes for the licensee involved. The responsibility associated with this aspect of Board membership is not one that I have taken lightly. I have carried out my various roles on the Board with dedication to the mission of public protection. In addition, I consider myself fortunate to have worked with the amazing staff and the highly committed members of the Board. The outcome has been tremendous personal and professional growth.

The fall winds of change find me settling into a new position as Coordinator of the RN/BSN Program at Kent State University College of Nursing. This transition is exciting and I look forward to the challenges this new opportunity presents.

My term on the Board will end December 31, 2005, or at such time as my successor is appointed by Governor Taft. With this as my final column for Momentum, let me say in closing, it has truly been my pleasure...

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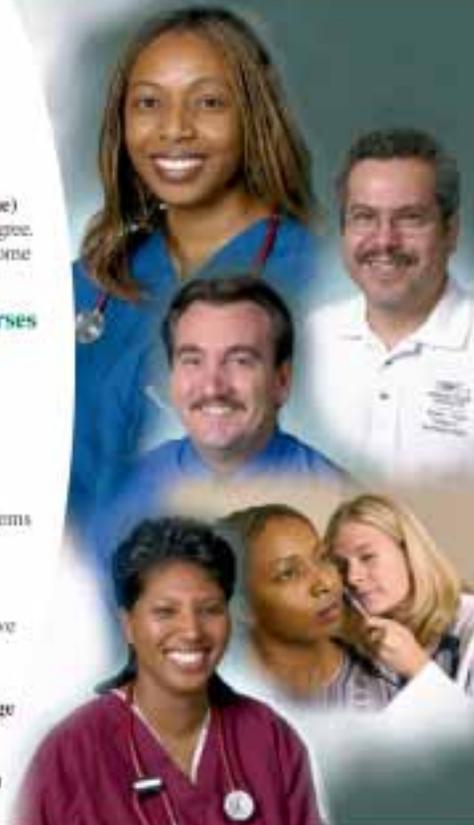
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from the executive director



Betsy J. Houchen
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Greetings!

I am pleased and honored for the Ohio Board of Nursing (Board) to have appointed me as Executive Director and I look forward to working in this new role! I have worked at the Board for three years, most recently as Associate Executive Director and prior to that, as an Adjudication Coordinator in the Disciplinary Unit. I have worked in nursing and health care for more than thirty years and will bring the experience of many and diverse roles to the Board.

I began my nursing career as a public health and home care nurse and later became the Assistant Health Commissioner for the Columbus Health Department. In that position, I was also the Executive Director of the City of Columbus Home Health Services, with oversight of the home care and hospice programs. I subsequently moved to the Ohio Department of Health as a Bureau Chief to implement statewide licensure programs, administer federal Medicare certification programs, and assist in the development of statewide legislation and regulations. More recently, I worked as the Director of Public Policy at the Ohio Council for Home Care, and as a consultant at the state and national level. During this time, I authored articles, books, and manuals for providers of nursing and health care. Before joining the Board, I worked in the health care section of two large law firms in Columbus.

My education includes a Bachelors of Science in Nursing degree from Capital University, a Masters of Science degree from The Ohio State University College of Nursing, and a Juris Doctor degree from Capital University Law School.

I am proud of my career, and equally as proud of my wonderful and supportive family. My father, Robert E. Mizer and late mother, "Boots;" my husband, Rick, our daughter, Lindsey, her husband Todd and their three adorable sons, Ty, and twins, Drew and Owen; and my sister, her husband and children.

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Board Selects New Director



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The Ohio Board of Nursing meets six times per year with the meetings beginning on Thursday and continuing until business is completed the following Friday. The Board may also meet on Wednesdays prior to the Board meeting as a whole or in small groups to discuss specific items or issues, to participate in

continuing education activities, or to conduct a public rules hearing (generally in November). Watch for formal notification of the date, time and location of rules hearings. Summaries of these meetings or hearings are presented to the full Board during a regularly scheduled Board meeting for information and

possible action by the Board. The Thursday meeting begins promptly at 9:00 AM. The public is invited to attend, however, potential attendees should contact the Board office at 614/466-6940 prior to the scheduled meeting to determine if there have been any changes in the location of the session.

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Medication Aide Pilot Program Planning Begins

In the 2006-2007 biennial budget bill, the Ohio Board of Nursing (Board) is directed to establish and implement a pilot program for the use of certified medication aides in nursing homes and residential care facilities. The general parameters of the Medication Aide Pilot Program are set forth in the statute, however many of the particulars are to be addressed in administrative rules. The Board is currently writing rules to implement the program, and a newly-formed Medication Aide Advisory Council is providing recommendations and assistance.



The Medication Aide Advisory Council is created in statute and includes sixteen members representing a variety of interest groups. [See page 19 for list of members] Board member Judith Brachman was appointed by the Board to chair the Advisory Council on its behalf.

The role of the Advisory Council is to work with the Board in developing rules necessary to implement the Medication Aide Pilot Program, evaluate the pilot upon its completion, and establish standards for medication training programs. The council is to provide input on topics such as:

- Design and operation of the pilot program;
- Minimum curriculum and other standards for medication aide training programs;

- Use of G- and J-tubes by medication aides to administer medications;
- Health and safety standards for medication administration by medication aides;
- Requirements for certification as a medication aide;
- Ethical and disciplinary standards for medication aides; and
- Pilot program data collection and reporting requirements.

The Advisory Council was convened in mid-August and is meeting on a regular basis to develop, draft, and refine administrative rules necessary to establish the program. As the rules progress, the Board and Advisory Council will make drafts available for public information and informal com-

ment. It is the intent of the Board to file emergency administrative rules in January 2006 in order to meet the February 1, 2006 legislative deadline. Following the emergency rule filing, permanent program rules will be filed, a public hearing will be scheduled, and the rulemaking process will proceed in typical fashion.

Under the provisions of the enabling statute [Ohio Revised Code sections 4723.63 to 4723.69], the pilot program will begin on May 1, 2006 and operate through June 30, 2007. It will consist of up to 80 nursing homes and 40 residential care facilities

chosen by the Board based on criteria set forth in statute and administrative rule. Participating facilities will be authorized to utilize Board-certified medication aides to administer prescription medications to facility residents upon delegation by a nurse. The process by which a nurse delegates medication administration to a certified medication aide is largely the same as provided for in Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4723-13. Aspects of the process that are specific to certified medication aides will be addressed in the program-specific rules being developed with assistance from the Advisory Council.

The statutory parameters for the certified medication aide program restrict the types of medications that

may be administered, as well as the manner in which they may be administered. Types of medications that may be administered are oral medications; topicals; drops and ointments for the ear, nose or eye; and rectal and vaginal medications. Medication aides are not permitted to administer medications by injection or intravenous therapy, nor are they permitted to split pills for the purpose of changing the dose being given. The statute directs the Board and the Advisory Council to review the issue of medication administration through G- or J-tubes. Provisions specific to medication aide administration of PRN medications are included and will be addressed in administrative rules.

The Board is also authorized to certify medication aide training programs. The statute requires the Board to adopt minimum standard curriculum that



includes both classroom instruction and supervised clinical practice. The Board anticipates that the procedures for approving training programs will be similar to other program approvals conducted by the Board.

While the program is to be conducted initially as a pilot, the legislative intent indicates that the program will

expand statewide and become permanent unless there is future legislative action taken by the General Assembly. The Board is directed to prepare a program evaluation for the legislature no later than March 1, 2007. This evaluation will assess whether certified medication aides are able to safely administer medications in nursing homes and residential care facilities, and the financial implications associated with allowing them to do so.

Information about medication aides, the Advisory Council meetings, legislation, and the pilot program can be obtained through the "Medication Aides" link on the Board website at: www.nursing.ohio.gov. Subscribers to the Board's e*news will also receive information and updates relating to certified medication aides. Those interested can subscribe to e*news through the Board website.

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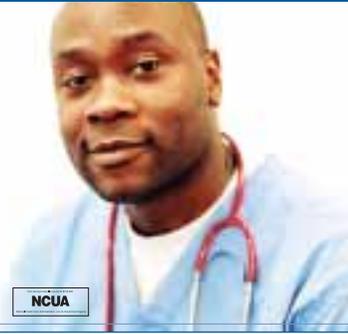
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board member profile

For the past two years, the Board of Nursing has been ably led by President **Yvonne M. Smith**, MSN, RN, CNS.

As president, Yvonne has guided the operations of the Board and provided the leadership necessary to address challenges both internal and external. Before assuming the role as president, Yvonne served for two years in the labor-intensive position of Supervisory Member for Disciplinary Matters. In this position she helped to further the Board's focus on effective investigation and discipline. During the four years in which Yvonne has served in a leadership capacity, the Board has honed its reputation as a model professional regulatory Board.

Appointed by Governor Taft in March 2001, Yvonne brought to the Board a diverse nursing background and a variety of professional nursing experiences. Beginning her registered nursing career with an associate degree from Kent State University, Yvonne provided direct nursing care services in several different clinical settings. She worked in acute care hospitals, providing nursing services to clients with medical, surgical, critical care, and psychiatric diagnoses. She also worked in long-term care settings treating adult and pediatric clients with both physical and emotional disabilities.

Yvonne moved into an educational role with a hospital-based diploma nursing program in 1992. There she provided clinical and theory instruction in areas including fundamentals of nursing, critical care, medical/surgical nursing, and professional issues. She also served in an administrative capacity with the nursing program. While working full-time as both educator and clinical nurse, Yvonne completed her bachelor of science in nursing and her masters in nursing at the University of Akron. In 1999, she accepted a position as coordinator of the RN/BSN program for a regional campus of a state university. This position also involved a combination of teaching and administrative responsibilities. Yvonne recently accepted a new position as Program Coordinator for the RN Completion program at Kent State University, in Kent, Ohio.

During her tenure on the Board of Nursing, the Board has undergone many changes. In 2002, John Brion, RN, MS, succeeded long-time Board director Dorothy Fiorino, RN. Several other key staff positions also transitioned at that time. Again this fall, a new Executive Director, Betsy Houchen, RN, MS, JD assumed responsibility for daily operations of the Board. As Board President, Yvonne has been very involved in the current

transition, insuring that the process is seamless as possible. With an agency the size of the Board, currently 56 employees, this is no small task.

In addition to staff issues, Yvonne has presided over several other internal changes. The Board transitioned to a new automated licensure data system in 2004, and is in the process of moving to a comprehensive data management system for other functions such as accounting and payroll. This spring also marked the introduction of the "paperless" Board meeting. This change is designed to be more cost effective (and environmentally friendly) as paper materials are kept to a minimum and associated mailing costs are minimized. The paperless Board meeting initiative is a product of Yvonne's vision and leadership.

As President, Yvonne has also been an active and effective liaison between the Board and external groups impacted by the work of the Board. She has led the Ohio delegation at meetings of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, and has represented the Board at meetings of the Ohio Nurses Association. She has spoken to gatherings around the state and has frequently been the voice of the Board with the Ohio General Assembly. Yvonne helped the Board modify legislative language creating Community Health Workers, as well as directing Board efforts relating to the Medication Aide Pilot Program. She also assisted in fashioning a response to the proposal for consolidation of state boards and commissions under the oversight of large executive agencies.

Throughout her tenure with the Board, Yvonne has acted with grace and aplomb. She is invariably open and welcoming to nursing students and other guests in attendance at Board meetings. She has demonstrated a willingness and ability to work toward consensus on many of the issues that have confronted the Board of Nursing. This has been accomplished in a manner that recognizes and preserves the core elements of nursing, while at the same time responding to the realities of a changing health care system.

During the past five years Yvonne has divided her time between the demands of the Board and her nurse educator responsibilities. She has given numerous presentations, written articles, and been active with various nursing and other professional groups. Yvonne and her husband Michael live in the Canton area. In her spare time, Yvonne enjoys quilting and riding her BMW K1200LT motorcycle (really).



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number of students the nursing program can enroll. It is the hope of the Board that NEGP funds will be used by nurse education programs to forge creative education partnerships that address both the shortage of clinical nurses and of nurse educators.

The program is structured so that grants will be awarded in three different categories: LPN pre-licensure programs; RN pre-licensure programs; and post-licensure programs designed to prepare nurse educators. Program partners are intended to expand or

supplement clinical placement opportunities for students of the applicant nursing program. The first round of grant proposals was solicited in early summer of this year, and awards were approved at the Board meeting in July. The combined total awarded during this grant cycle was \$1,443,000. Those programs that will receive funding are the following:

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There is often a lag-time between when a payment is processed by the bank and when the Board receives notification of error or insufficient funds. Even though a renewed license may have been received in the mail, failure of a payment to clear the bank will cause an application to become incomplete. It is not the Board's intention in publishing this list to embarrass licensees who fail to render proper payment for their license or certificate. The purpose is to notify current and potential employers and to reach the individual when other avenues have failed.

There are many reasons a personal check may not properly 'clear' during bank processing. It is for this reason that each person listed here has been notified by certified mail, using the last known address of record, and given 30 days (or more) to render proper payment to the Board. These applications, certificates, or licenses will not be considered complete until proper payment has been rendered. If payment is not received within 30 days after notice is provided, licensee information is turned over to the Disciplinary Unit and recommended for investigation on charges of working without a license. Individuals found to be working on a lapsed license will be subject to the penalties

defined in ORC Section 4723.99 (B).

Below is a list of those nurses and dialysis technicians whose renewal applications, certificates, or duplicate licenses are incomplete due to payment failure related to insufficient funds. The licensee and certificate holders listed below failed to render payment by the date this publication went to press.

Registered Nurses

RN 284031 CONNER, DEBORAH
 RN 229036 SWEETLAND, DUNDEE
 RN 081572 HARTMANN, MARY
 RN 179628 BALOGH, CHERYL
 RN 254146 JAVEN, ANN
 RN 213908 DRISCOLL, PAMELA
 RN 256289 MCDANIEL, LINDA
 RN 099852 MCCUTCHEON, JANE
 RN 160634 ROBB, CHRISTOPHER
 RN 300574 YOUNG, JAQUE
 RN 231846 FARRISH, CORDELIA
 RN 307928 ERIN WHITEKER
 RN 156340 HOLLY MCCALLA
 RN 288354 SHELIA SMITH
 RN 225351 NANCY SMITH
 RN 268903 JILL BURRESS
 RN 206448 FANNON DEBRA
 RN 286153 JOLINDA MARKEL
 RN 275595 KIMBERLY RILEY-BROWN
 RN 303961 JANICE KNOUFF
 RN 152613 VEMITA YETSKO
 RN 226845 KATHLEEN BRAGG

Licensed Practical Nurses

PN 026851 LAUNGER, EUGENIA
 PN 109961 CARTER, SANDRA
 PN 109807 TOWNSEND, STACEY
 PN 016998 MAJORS, MARY
 PN 105124 GROVES, LISA
 PN 027403 ALLGOWER, BARBARA
 PN 030448 CURTIS, PATRICA
 PN 091221 FINKE, TONIA
 PN 081341 WEAVER, CARLOTTA
 PN 007905 TATUM, CAROL
 PN 089852 JOHNSON, KIMBERLY
 PN 111709 HEADINGS, AMY
 PN 077423 FREEMAN, BARBARA
 PN 102088 HIGHLANDER, MILDRED
 PN 068305 ZIMMERMAN, JEANEASE
 PN 081286 JESSICA SHEARER

Dialysis Technicians

DT 01459 MILJOUR, LISA
 DT 01525 HEISER, LISA

If your name is listed here, please contact the Board at 614-466-9976 to arrange for proper payment of your fees. Because the name of a licensee may be the same as another, **please do not assume from the name alone** that a particular individual has a payment failure. You may verify the license number on the Board's web site at www.nursing.ohio.gov by clicking on Verification.

Thank You.

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