

STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Margaret M. DeStefanis, R.N., M.S., *President*,
1992

Appointed by Governor with advice of Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene (consumer members also appointed with Senate advice & consent): Ruth Wilder Bell, R.N., D.N.Sc., 1991; Rosemarie E. Liberatore, R.N., M.S., 1991; Elaine S. Simms, L.P.N., 1991; Perry D. Watson, L.P.N., 1991; Carol S. Wright, 1991; Linda A. Coffman, R.N., M.S., 1992; Caroline B. Strellman, 1992; Emily G. Canty, 1993; Etta Johnson-Foster, 1993; Madeline K. Turkeltaub, R.N., Ph.D., 1993.

Donna M. Dorsey, *Executive Director*

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The State Board of Nursing originated as the State Board of Examiners of Nurses in 1904 (Chapter 172, Acts of 1904). It received its present name in 1987 (Chapter 109, Acts of 1987).

To assure safe, competent nursing care for the public, the Board regulates the practice of registered nursing, licensed practical nursing, nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists, and nurse psychotherapists. The Board administers licensure examinations; issues licenses to those who successfully have completed requirements and examinations; evaluates, monitors and approves nursing education programs to assure that minimal standards are maintained; enforces standards of practice, interpreting the provisions of the Nurse Practice Act, defining the scope of nursing practice, and approving refresher programs; and assesses and evaluates trends in nursing. The Board also investigates any complaint alleging violation of the Nurse Practice Act by a nurse, conducts hearings, and takes disciplinary action as required. Such action may include emergency suspension, revocation of license, denial of licensure, or probation.

The Board cooperates with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing in the preparation of the examination used for licensure. The Board also works together with health care facilities, educational institutions, professional organizations, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the State Board of Education, the Office of Aging, county health departments, local school systems, and Department agencies.

Upon recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Governor appoints the Board's eleven members for three-year terms. Three members must be licensed practical nurses and six must be registered nurses. As vacancies occur, the Maryland Nurses Association or the Maryland Licensed Practical

Nurses Association submit to the Governor and to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene the names of five of its members from which the Governor selects appointees. Two members are consumers appointed with Senate advice and consent. Authorization for the Board continues until July 1, 1993 (Code Health Occupations Article, secs. 7-101 through 7-802).

ANESTHETIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

E. David Bucher, C.R.N.A., *Chairperson*

Appointed by State Board of Nursing: Marjorie Bergmann; Sheldon Foland; Barbara Stevenson.

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The Anesthetist Advisory Committee was created in 1981. Appointed by the State Board of Nursing, the Committee advises the Board concerning the practice of anesthesia by nurses. The Committee also oversees the use of health insurance and medical assistance benefits by certified nurse anesthetists (Code Health Occupations Article, sec. 7-504).

CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Eileen Ehudin-Pagano, *Chairperson*

Appointed by State Board of Nursing: Jeanne Brinkley, C.N.M.; Cynthia Monshower, C.N.M.; Kathleen Slone, C.N.M.

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Appointed by the State Board of Nursing, the Certified Nurse-Midwives Advisory Council was formed in 1983. The Council advises the Board on matters relating to the practice of nurse-midwifery. The Council consists of at least three certified nurse-midwives who serve three-year terms (Code Health Occupations Article, sec. 7-504).

JOINT COMMITTEE ON NURSE-MIDWIFERY

Jeanne Brinkley, C.N.M., *Chairperson*

Appointed by State Board of Nursing: Timothy Johnson, M.D.; Arnold Michael, M.D.; Lisa Paine, C.N.M.; J. Cortland Robinson, M.D.; Kathleen Slone, C.N.M.

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Established in 1983, the Joint Committee on Nurse-Midwifery reviews and makes recommendations on all written agreements between nurse-midwives and physicians. The Committee is composed of three nurse-midwives and three physicians. The State Board of Nursing appoints Committee members to three-year terms (Code Health Occupations Article, sec. 7-504).