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News & Updates

A Reminder From The Board About Scope Of Practice

The Iowa Board of Nursing (IBON) has received reports and imposed disciplinary sanctions on licensees who have requested co-workers administer intravenous (IV) fluid therapy to them; or have done so for co-workers when requested. Per Iowa Administrative Code (IAC), Chapter 4 and 6, administering IV fluids to another person who is not a patient under the care of the licensee, or requesting such from another licensee when the licensee is not a patient may be grounds for disciplinary action.

Placing an intravenous line and administering fluids or other substances without an authorized prescriber's order may be construed as a violation of the scope of practice for the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and Registered Nurse (RN) pursuant to Iowa Code 147.55(3) and 655 Iowa Administrative Code 4.6(4)"a" for performing nursing services beyond the authorized scope of practice for which the individual is licensed or prepared. Likewise, utilizing supplies and equipment belonging to the facility to receive or administer IV therapy for the licensee or others, when not a patient, may be construed as misappropriating medications, property, supplies, or equipment of the patient, client, or agency, in violation of Iowa Code 147.55(3) and 655 IAC 4.6(4)"k".

As indicated in Chapter 6, the LPN and RN shall demonstrate professionalism and accountability by demonstrating honesty and integrity in nursing practice, reporting instances of unsafe nursing practices by self or others to the appropriate supervisor, and being accountable for judgments, individual nursing actions, competence, decisions, and behavior in the practice of nursing. The IBON encourages licensees to contact Board staff with inquiries on scope of practice.

New Board Members Appointed

The Iowa Board of Nursing has three new Board members that were recently appointed to serve. The Iowa Board of Nursing consists of a seven member board of individuals appointed by the governor. The composition of the Board consists of four registered nurses, two who are actively engaged in practice, two

who are nurse educators from nursing education programs; one licensed practical nurse who is actively engaged in practice; and two members of the general public. The following individuals were appointed by the governor to serve as Board Members:

Jackie Barber, EdD, MSN, RN, CNS, CNL. Representing Nursing Education. Her term will run, 2022-2025.

Casey Kenneavy, LNHA. Representing the Consumer. Her term will run, 2022-2023.

Brian Feist, BSN, RN. Representing Nursing Practice. His term will run 2022-2025.

Staff Member Elected to National Board of Director Position

The Iowa Nurse Program Assistance (INAP) Coordinator, Rhonda Ruby, MS, RN was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Alternative to Discipline Programs (NOAP). The term will be in effect, 2022-2024. Rhonda will serve as a member-at-large. The mission of NOAP is to promote public safety through participation of healthcare professionals in monitored rehabilitation and recovery as an alternative to license discipline; emphasizing fitness to practice and retention of competent professionals. Rhonda is the INAP program coordinator and will continue in this role while serving on the NOAP Board.

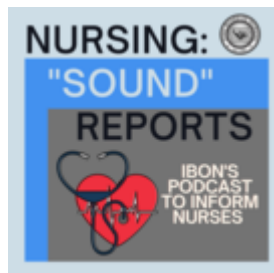
Additional Information

IBON Associate Director of Workforce Named



The Iowa Board of Nursing is pleased to announce that Kendra Lindloff, MSN, RN has accepted the position of Associate Director of Workforce. Kendra's first day in her new position is June 27, 2022. Prior to the IBON, Kendra was a Nurse Educator at Ascend Learning and she also served previously as the Director of Nursing Education at Iowa Lakes Community College. Kendra has her Master's degree in nursing administration with an emphasis in education. Her clinical experience includes peri-operative care, surgery, staff education, pediatrics, and medical-surgical nursing. The Board welcomes Kendra!

Nursing: "Sound" Reports - Podcast



The most recent episode of the Board's podcast is posted. The podcast is titled "Nursing Education: Regulation Considerations." In this episode Dr Jimmy Reyes, Associate Director of Nursing Practice and Nursing Education and Anne Ryan, Host discuss the history and development of nursing education regulation and how the Board currently regulates nursing education. Dr. Reyes draws on his experience and expertise to provide insights and share challenges in this field. For access to all IBON podcasts, please visit the [Board of Nursing](#) website.

[Listen to the episode here](#)

NLC Tip of the Month



QUESTION: What do nurse leaders need to know in terms of the NLC? Where do nurses need to be licensed to practice and how can compliance be ensured?

ANSWER: To learn more, check out [this article](#) written for CMSA Today in which NLC Director, Jim Puente, MS, MJ, CAE provides key information for management and HR leadership.

Note: *Since this article has been published the map has been updated. The NLC has now grown to include 39 jurisdictions.*

Contact information for all BONs is available [here](#).

[Click here to visit the NLC Home Page](#)

Important Events, Information & Dates

[IBON Holiday Hours](#)

The IBON office will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022, in observance of the Independence Day state holiday. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday.

[Upcoming Board Meetings Scheduled](#)

July 13, 14, 15, 2022. All day. Regularly scheduled quarterly Board Meeting. This will be an in-person meeting. Please see the IBON website for details on the public accessing the meeting.

[Board Meeting Records](#)

Agendas (posted no later than 24 hours before a meeting) and approved minutes are posted as they are approved by the Board.

[Iowa Nurses Foundation-Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted](#)

The application process for 2022 is now open. The Iowa Nurses Foundation Scholarships promote professional nursing in Iowa by supporting the continued education of future nurse leaders. Scholarship recipients will articulate a commitment to educational accomplishment and professional goals to enhance the delivery of quality health care in Iowa through practice, research or teaching. Applicants can be full or part time students attending an approved program leading to an RN- BSN or MSN in Nursing, DNP, or a PhD in Nursing or a related field, such as education. Find more information [here](#).

[Resources Available](#)

For those who find themselves struggling with substance use or mental health we encourage you to reach out. The Iowa Board of Nursing has a [list of mental health and substance use resources available](#) on their website that can be utilized.

- To find help in Iowa, visit the [YourLifelowa.org Find Help Near You](#) or call (855) 581-8111.
- To find help in other states, visit the [Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator](#).
- For more information about alcohol, drugs, problem gambling, or suicide prevention, visit [YourLifelowa.org](#).

If you would like further assistance with substance use and or mental health concerns, please contact the Iowa Nurse Assistance Program.

[Upcoming Iowa Nurse Assistance Program Advisory Committee Meetings](#)

The Iowa Nurse Assistance Program Committee Conference Call will be held on August 9, 2022, 1PM. The Iowa Nurse Assistance Program Committee in-person meeting will be September, 13, 2022. All day. This is the regularly scheduled quarterly INAP Advisory Committee meeting. Please see the IBON website for details on the public accessing the meeting. If you or someone you know is impaired as a result of substance use or by any mental or physical condition, there is help. Please see the [INAP webpage](#) for more information.