Kansas State Board of Nursing Bi-Weekly Update

December 16, 2020

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The mission of the Board of Nursing is to assure the citizens of Kansas safe and competent practice by nurses and mental health technicians

Due to social distancing requirements, we must limit the number in our lobby to no more than 2 at a time. It is highly recommended that you conduct your business with the Board of Nursing via online services, mail, phone call, email or by making an appointment (785-296-2967). There is a secure drop box located outside of the agency that is available for anyone to drop off documents for the Board of Nursing. There is a button to push by the agency door to gain access to the agency. KSBN NO longer performs fingerprinting services in the agency. There is a list of the sites with contact information on our website. The majority of staff continue to telework to decrease possible exposure. The best way to contact them is via their email. You may find our direct agency contact information listed under <u>Staff Directory</u> on our website. Please continue to follow our website and social media [Twitter and Facebook] and our <u>COVID-19 Information Center</u> for agency updates and frequently asked questions.

- Agency processing times: There are licensing requirements that must be met before a license can be issued. This includes information that must be reviewed and processed once received in our agency. It slows processing times when staff must respond to numerous emails and phone calls as to whether a piece of information has been received and processed. Please continue to check your application checklist as we will update it as information is processed. Another important reminder, licenses are issued on an individual basis and times may differ for each applicant. If an applicant has a legal background, legal information must be reviewed prior to the applicant being approved for licensure.
- Mandy Karstetter, LPN 1975-2020: Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family, friends and colleagues of Mandy Karstetter who passed away December 14, 2020. Mandy was a dedicated Board member since 2017. She brought to the Board her expertise as a practicing LPN, her knowledge of long -term care along with her passion of public protection and nursing. She will be greatly missed by the Board members and agency staff.
- Extension of License Expiration Dates: State of Disaster Emergency, as extended by the State Finance Council on December 11, 2020, will expire on January 10, 2021. Pursuant to Executive Order 20-64, all complete renewal applications for licenses expired or set to expire between March 12, 2020 and January 10, 2021, as well as any required continuing education, will be considered timely if received by the Board on or before January 10, 2021. However, the Board will consider the renewal application late and the license expired or lapsed if received after January 10, 2021, and a late fee, if applicable will be assessed.

Normal License Expiration Date	New License Expiration Date	Date of which the license will be <u>lapsed, if nc</u> <u>renewed</u>
March 31, 2020	January 10, 2021	January 11, 2021
April 30, 2020	January 10, 2021	January 11, 2021
May 31, 2020	January 10, 2021	January 11, 2021
June 30, 2020	January 10, 2021	January 11, 2021
July 31, 2020	January 10, 2021	January 11, 2021
August 31, 2020	January 10, 2021	January 11, 2021
September 30, 2020	January 10, 2021	January 11, 2021
October 31, 2020	January 10, 2021	January 11, 2021
November 30, 2020	January 10, 2021	January 11, 2021
December 31, 2020	January 10, 2021	January 11, 2021
January 31, 2021	January 31, 2021 (not affected)	February 2, 2021

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. Stay safe and healthy!

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