Agency Mission: **To assure the citizens of Kansas safe and competent practice by nurses and mental health technicians.**

Kansas State Board of Nursing
Investigative Committee Agenda
December 13, 2021

NOTE: The meeting will be held via Zoom. Link to access meeting to follow agenda.

Time: **9:00 a.m. – Until Finished**

Committee Members: Rebecca Sander, MSN, RN – Chair
                                        Adri Gouldsmith, LPN, V. Chair
                                        Jade Ramsdell, MBA, COTA/L, Public Member

Staff: Linda Davies, BSN, RN, Practice Specialist
                                        Megan Hughes, Senior Administrative Assistant

I.   Call to Order

II.   Review of On-Site packets

III.   Additions/Revisions to the agenda

IV.   Announcements

V.   Approval of minutes – September 13, 2021

VI.   Unfinished Business

        a. K.A.R. 60-7-106 – Unprofessional Conduct (LMHT)

VII.   New Business
        a. KNAP Quarterly Report 07/01/2021-09/30/2021
        b. KNAP Quarterly Newsletter, Fall 2021
        c. NCSBN Policy Statement: Dissemination of Non-scientific and Misleading COVID-19 Information by Nurses

VIII.   Quasi-Judicial

IX.   Agenda for March 2022 Committee meeting

X.   Adjourn

Please Note: Additional items, which have come to the attention of the Board or Committee, will be handled as time permits. Agenda is subject to change based upon items to come before the Board. Handouts or copies of materials brought to the board or committees for discussion by committee members or visitors must be submitted to staff 30 calendar days prior to start of the meeting. Any items received after the 30th calendar day may be addressed at the meeting at the discretion of the President of the Board or chairperson of the committee.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
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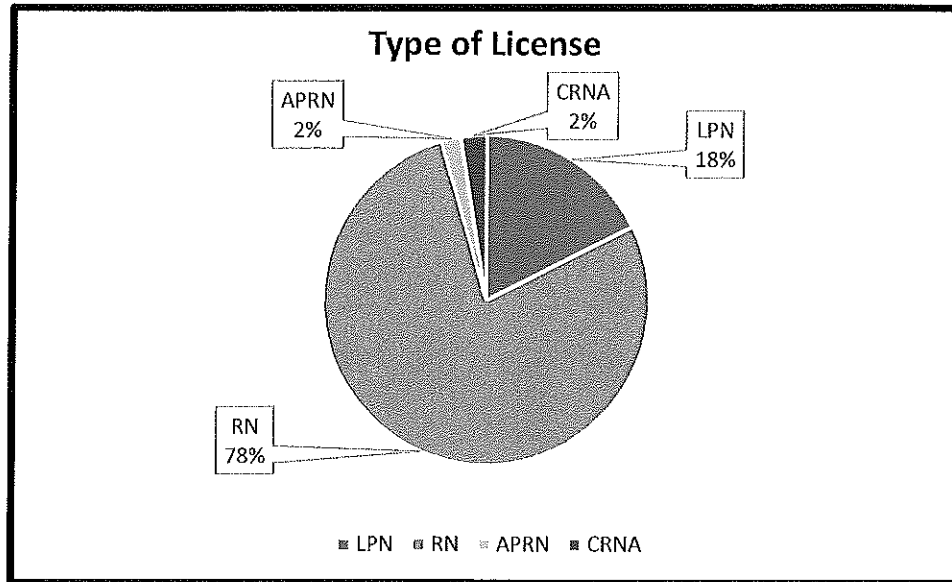
Kansas Nurse Assistance Program Statistical Summary

Reporting Period: 07/01/2021-09/30/2021

Active Cases
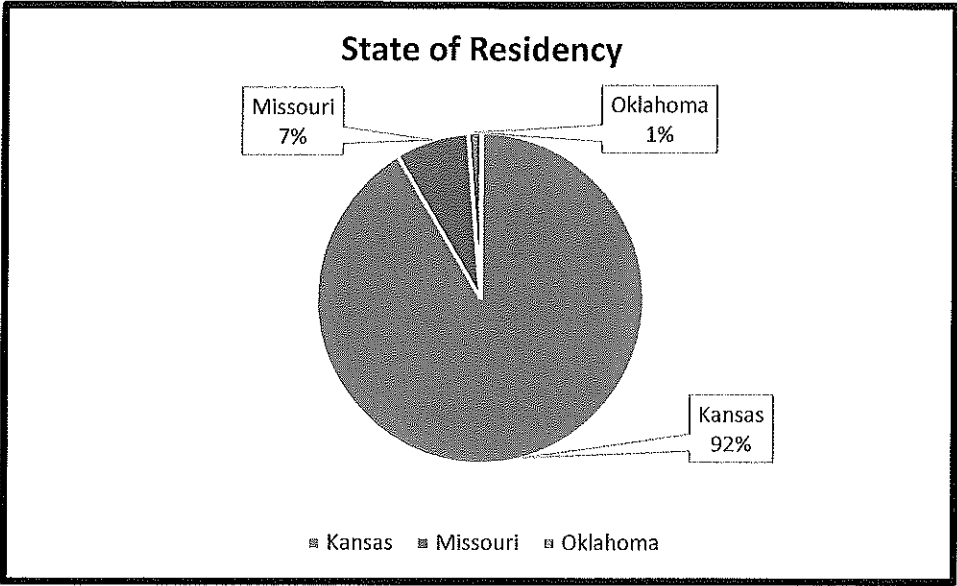
Total Number in Program: 153 as of 09/30/21

Type of License:

LPN	27 licensees
RN	119 licensees
APRN	3 licensees
CRNA	4 licensees

State of Residency:

Kansas	140 licensees
Missouri	11 licensees
Oklahoma	2 licensees

State of Residency

Missouri 7%	Oklahoma 1%

Kansas 92%

Kansas   Missouri   Oklahoma

Board Status:

Known	106 licensees
Unknown	47 licensees

Board Status

Unknown 31%

Known 69%

Known   Unknown
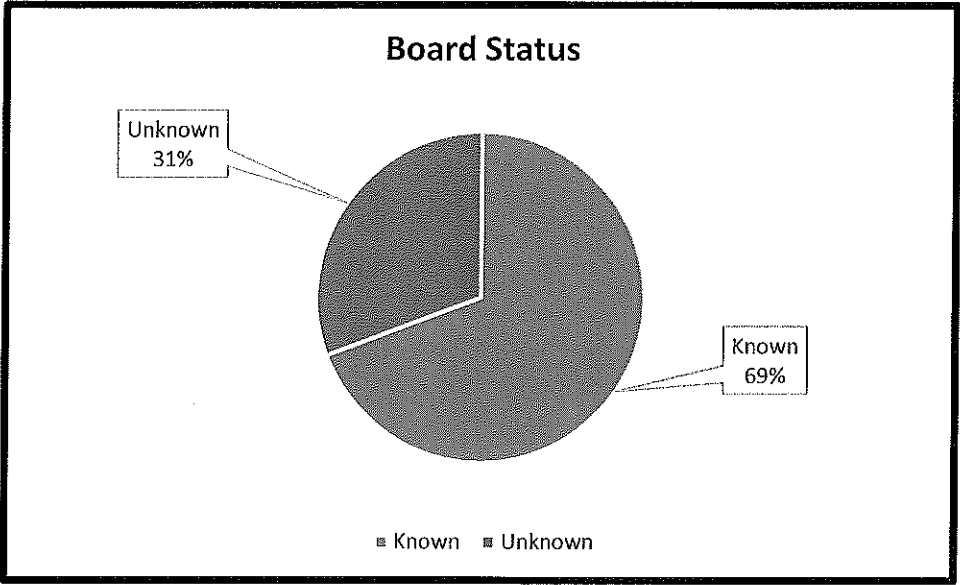
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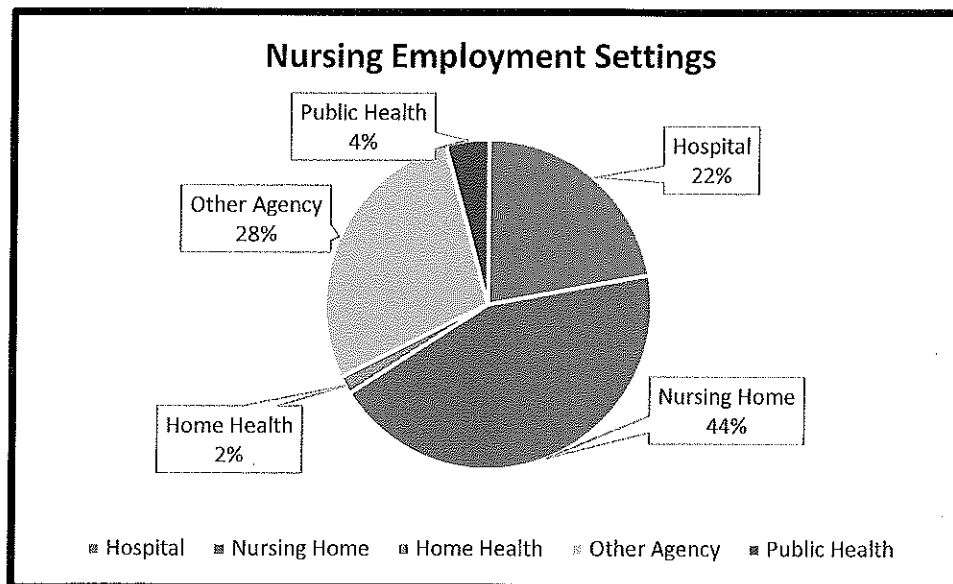| 20-29 | 16 licensees |
30-39	52 licensees
40-49	51 licensees
50-59	25 licensees
60+	9 licensees
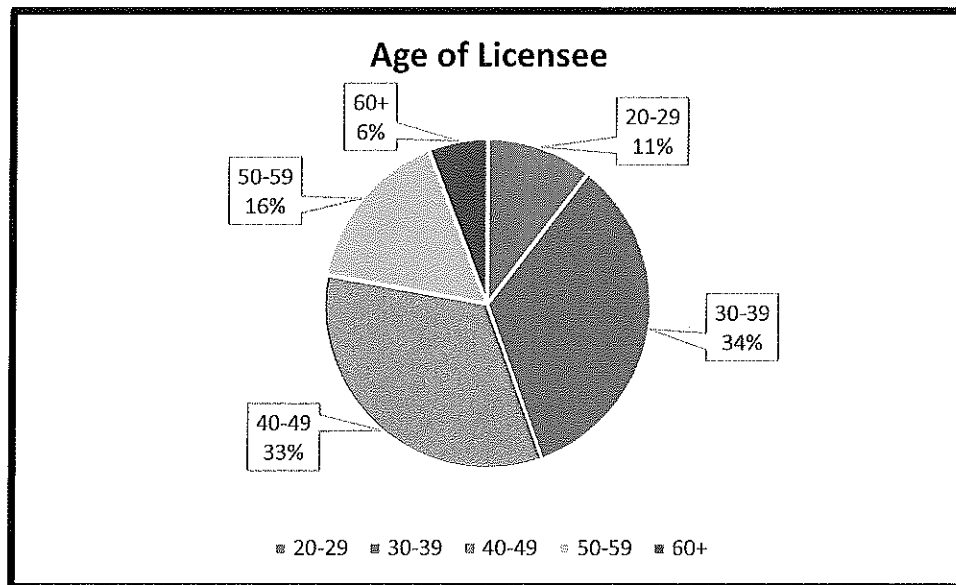
Nursing Employment Status:

| Employed | 140 licensees |
| Unemployed | 12 licensees |
| Outside Profession | 1 licensees |

Nursing Employment Status

- Employed 91%
- Unemployed 8%
- Outside Profession 1%

Legend: Employed | Unemployed | Outside Profession
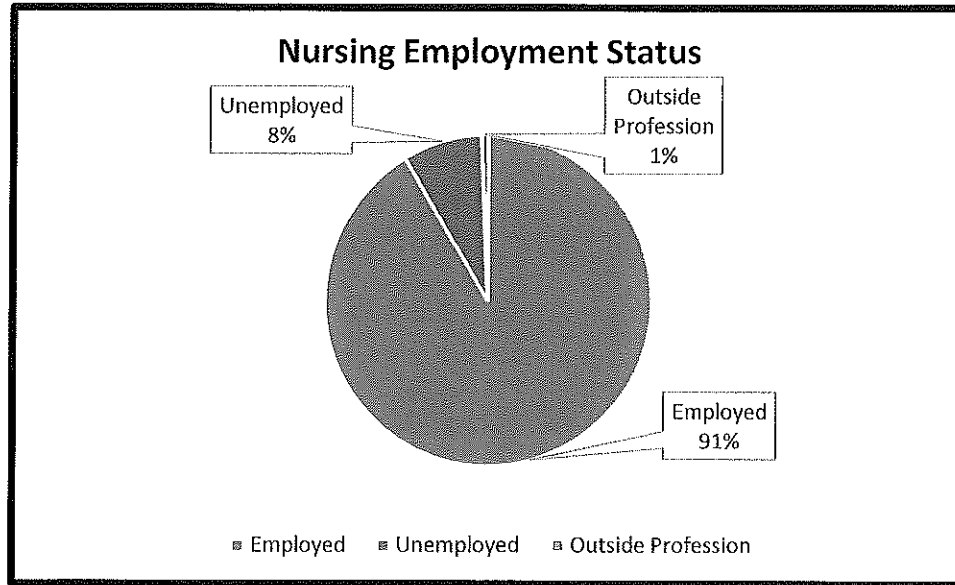
Nursing Employment Settings:

Hospital	52 licensees
Nursing Home	103 licensees
Home Health	4 licensees
Other Agency	66 licensees
Public Health	10 licensees

Nursing Employment Settings

- Public Health 4%
- Other Agency 28%
- Hospital 22%
- Home Health 2%
- Nursing Home 44%

Legend: Hospital | Nursing Home | Home Health | Other Agency | Public Health

Relapses in Program: 5

Relapse Substance:

Alcohol	3 licensees
THC/Marijuana	2 licensees
Opioids	0 licensees
Stimulants	0 licensees
Other	0 licensees

Relapse Substance

Opioids 0%
Stimulants 0%
Other 0%
THC/Marijuana 40%
Alcohol 60%

Alcohol   THC/Marijuana   Opioids   Stimulants   Other
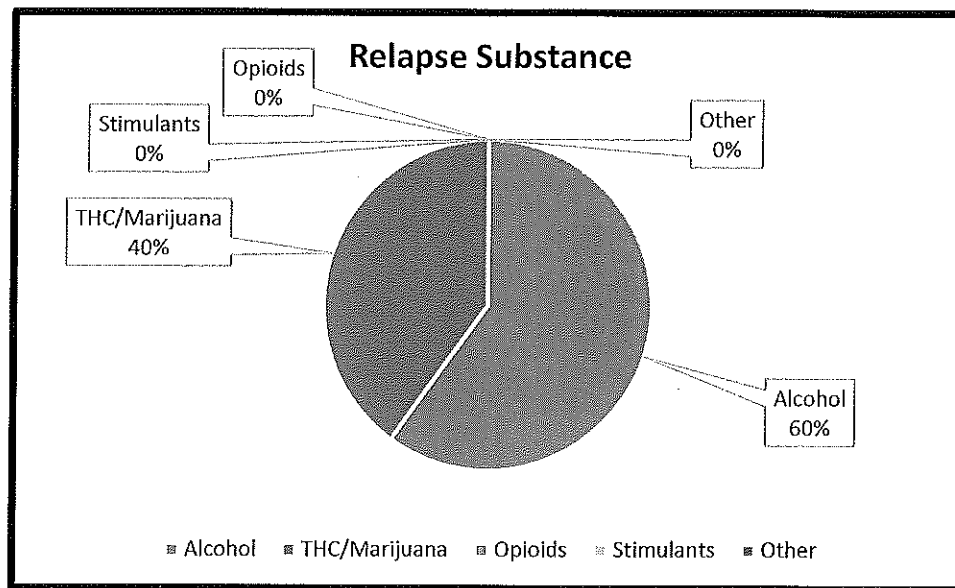
Relapse & Licensee Type:

LPN	1 licensee
RN	4 licensees
APRN	0 licensees
CRNA	0 licensees

Relapse & Licensee Type

APRN
0%

CRNA
0%

LPN
20%

RN
80%

◼ LPN   ◼ RN   ◼ APRN   ◼ CRNA
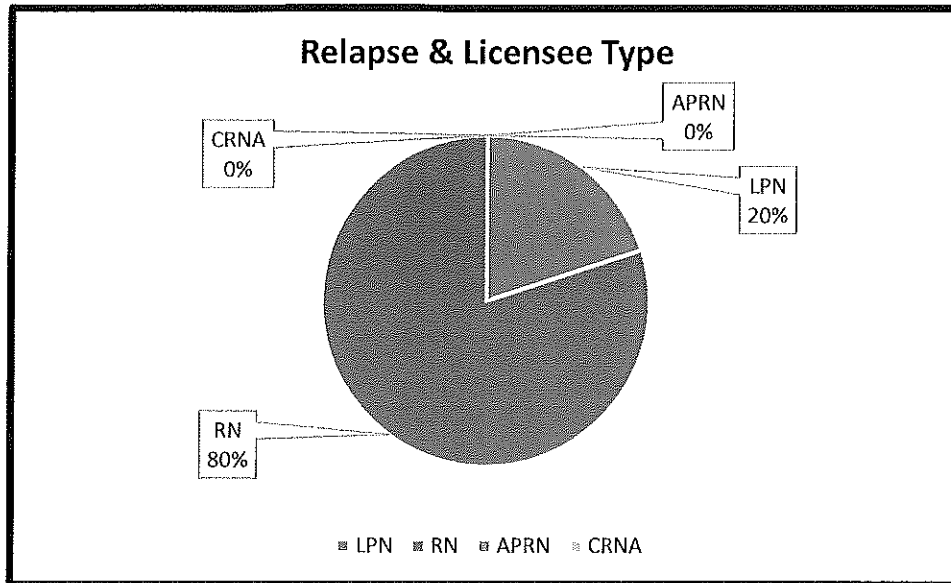
Length of Time in Program and Relapse:

Less than 1 year	2 licensees
1-2 years	2 licensees
2-3 years	0 licensees
3+ years	1 licensee

Length of Time in Program and Relapse

3+ years
20%

2-3 years
0%

Less than 1 year
40%

1-2 years
40%

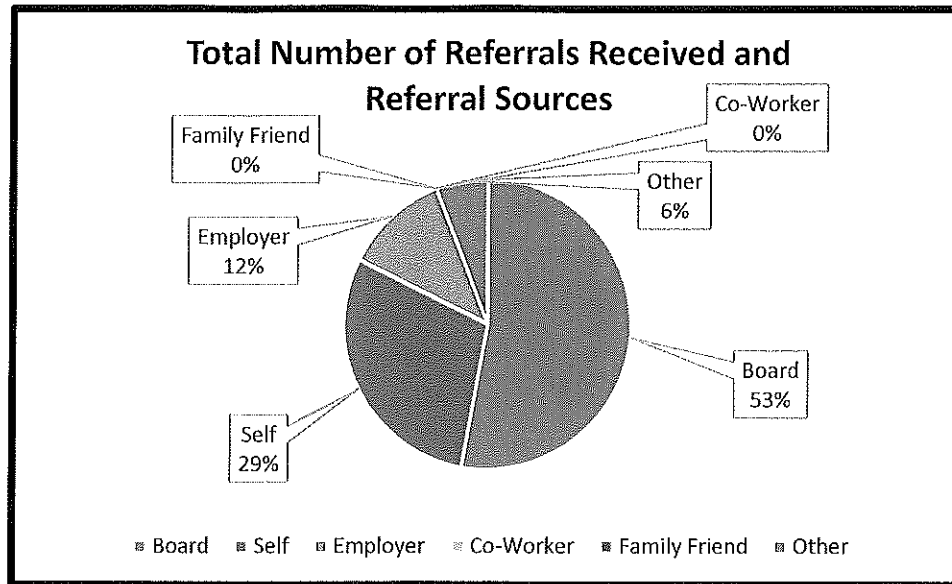◼ Less than 1 year   ◼ 1-2 years   ◼ 2-3 years   ◼ 3+ years
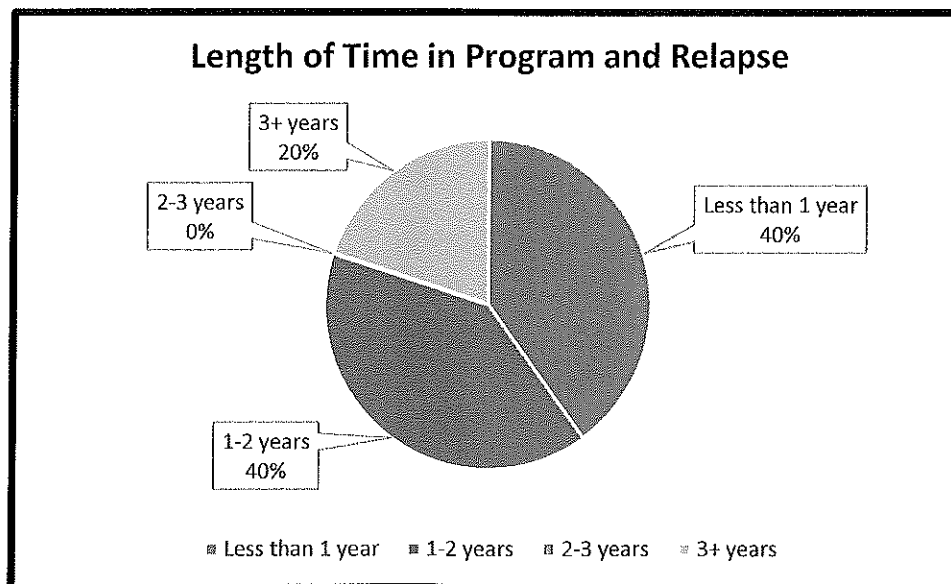
Participants Entered into KNAP Program: 9

Total Number of Referrals Received and Referral Sources:

| Board	9 licensees

Self	5 licensees
Employer	2 licensees
Co-worker	0 licensees
Family Friend	0 licensees
Other	1 licensee

Total Number of Referrals Received and Referral Sources

Family Friend 0%
Co-Worker 0%
Other 6%
Employer 12%
Board 53%
Self 29%

Board, Self, Employer, Co-Worker, Family Friend, Other

Participants Entered and Reasons for Referral:

Alcohol	3 licensees
Drugs	2 licensees
Alcohol & Drugs	4 licensees
Mental Health	1 licensee
Gambling	0 licensees

Participants Entered and Reasons for Referral

- Alcohol 30%
- Drugs 20%
- Alcohol & Drugs 40%
- Mental Health 10%
- Gambling 0%

Legend: Alcohol, Drugs, Alcohol & Drugs, Mental Health, Gambling
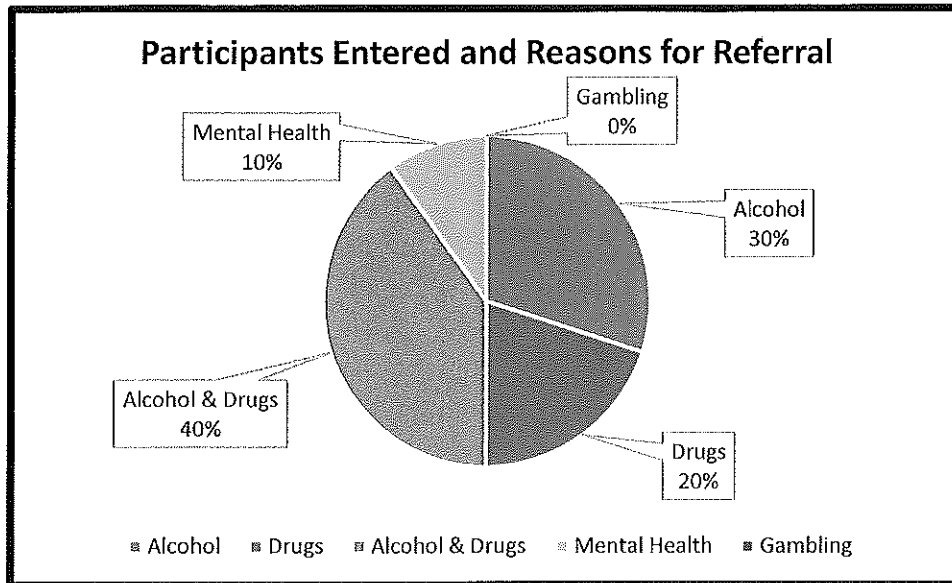
Participants Released from Program: 17

Successfully	9 licensees
Non-Compliant	8 licensees
Other	0 licensees
Death	0 licensees
No Diagnosis	0 licensees

Released from Program

- Successfully 53%
- Non-Compliant 47%
- Other 0%
- Death 0%
- No Diagnosis 0%

Legend: Successfully, Non-Compliant, Other, Death, No Diagnosis
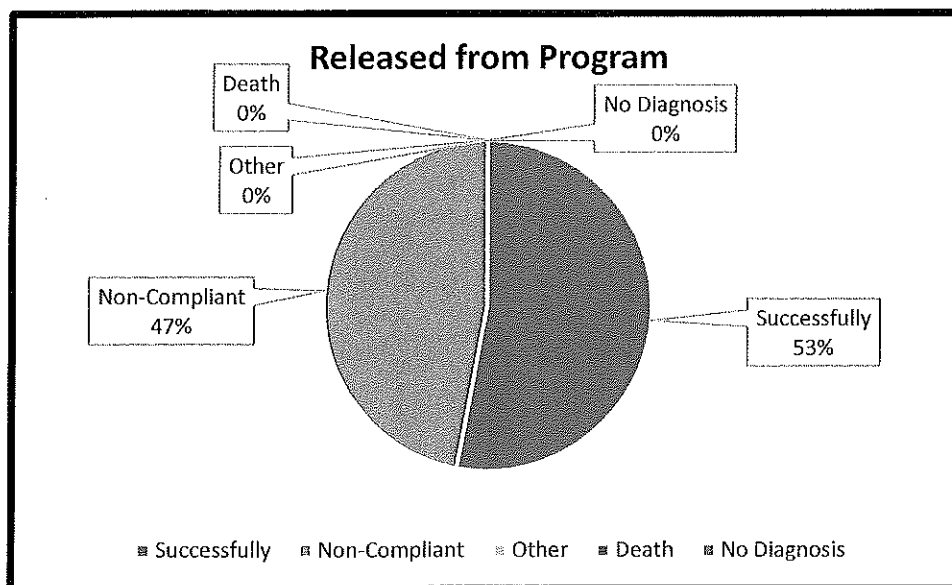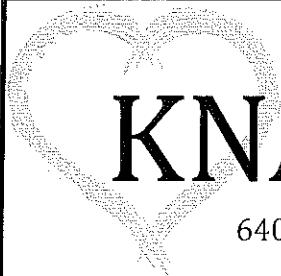
KNAP Newsletter

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Remote Program Requirements

For the fall quarter, the KNAP board has approved a continuation of the "remote" program requirements through November 30th, 2021:

- Teleconference monthly monitoring meetings
- Virtual-based 12-step meetings (with verification)
- One-on-one meetings with sponsor (with signature/verification) for 12-step meetings
- Telephone 12-step meetings (with verification)

Notification to KNAP

Did you know that you are required to notify KNAP within 24 hours of any changes in the following:

- *Home address*
- *Email*
- *Telephone number*
- *Change in employment status (must also fill out a release of information form for new employer)*

The Importance of 12-Step Meetings in Recovery

Many participants have inquired as to the rationale behind requiring 12-step meetings while in KNAP. Below are a few reasons KNAP believes strongly in the 12-step program:

- Increased encouragement and support
- Sense of belonging and reassurance during difficult periods to maintain your sobriety
- Helps in rebuilding relationships
- Research also indicates that 12-step meetings are beneficial for mental health diagnoses as well such as anxiety, depression, schizophrenia, or posttraumatic stress disorder

Introducing the New KNAP Website!

As many of you have inquired, I would like to direct you to our new working website. Please feel free to peruse and also look through the resources tab which also has PDF versions for different forms you may need in KNAP. The website link is as follows:

Www.KSnurseassistance.org

Don't Forget!

While you are required to update your personal information to KNAP within 24 hours, do not forget that you are also required to update all personal information with the Kansas State Board of Nursing. This is for ALL nurses in the state of Kansas.

Next KNAP Board Meeting: Friday, November 19th, 2021 *All letters must be submitted by November 5th, 2021*	*It's not going to be easy, but it's going to be worth it.*

Nov. 16, 2021

Policy Statement: Dissemination of Non-scientific and Misleading COVID-19 Information by Nurses

Purpose

To address the misinformation being disseminated about COVID-19 by nurses.

For the purposes of this statement, misinformation is defined as distorted facts, inaccurate or misleading information not grounded in the peer-reviewed scientific literature and counter to information being disseminated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Statement

Nurses are expected to be "prepared to practice from an evidence base; promote safe, quality patient care; use clinical/critical reasoning to address simple to complex situations; assume accountability for one's own and delegated nursing care" (AACN, 2021).

SARS-CoV-2 is a potentially deadly virus. Providing misinformation to the public regarding masking, vaccines, medications and/or COVID-19 threatens public health. Misinformation, which is not grounded in science and is not supported by the CDC and FDA, can lead to illness, possibly death, and may prolong the pandemic. It is an expectation of the U.S. boards of nursing, the profession, and the public that nurses uphold the truth, the principles of the *Code of Ethics for Nurses* (ANA, 2015) and highest scientific standards when disseminating information about COVID-19 or any other health-related condition or situation.

When identifying themselves by their profession, nurses are professionally accountable for the information they provide to the public. Any nurse who violates their state nurse practice act or threatens the health and safety of the public through the dissemination of misleading or incorrect information pertaining to COVID-19, vaccines and associated treatment through verbal or written methods including social media may be disciplined by their board of nursing. Nurses are urged to recognize that dissemination of misinformation not only jeopardizes the health and well-being of the public, but may place their license and career in jeopardy as well.

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American Nurses Association. (2015). *Code of Ethics for Nurses.* Retrieved November 10, 2021, from https://www.nursingworld.org/practice-policy/nursing-excellence/ethics/code-of-ethics-for-nurses/

Endorsements

National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

National League for Nursing (NLN)

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

NLN Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA)

American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)

National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA)

American Nurses Association (ANA)

Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN)

American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL)