



Practice Specialist Staff Report

Date: December 11, 2024

TO: KSBN Executive Administrator &
Board Members

FR: Linda Davies, Practice Specialist

Purpose of the Agenda Item and/or the Board Action Requested:

This report is an update on the activities of the Investigative Division.

Situation / Data:

KSBN Strategic Plan Priority #3, Objective 1: Applicants will be licensed timely after receipt of all required and approved information.

KSBN Strategic Plan Priority #3, Objective 2: Potential Nurse Practice Act violations submitted to the Board are reviewed and assessed

Applications requiring legal history review

Year	Total Applications Reviewed	Cases Currently Opened
2020	1,776	0
2021	1,970	0
2022	1,567	0
2023	1,544	4
2024	1,324 (11/20/2024)	80

Complaints

Year	Received	Sworn	Not Opened	Significant Investigation
2020	576	104 <i>18%</i>	120	226 <i>39%</i>
2021	485	110 <i>22%</i>	99	204 <i>42%</i>
2022	576	124 <i>21%</i>	18	160 <i>28%</i>
2023	745	141 <i>19%</i>	123	180 <i>24%</i>
2024	688 (11/18/2024)	142 <i>20%</i>	153	137 <i>20%</i>

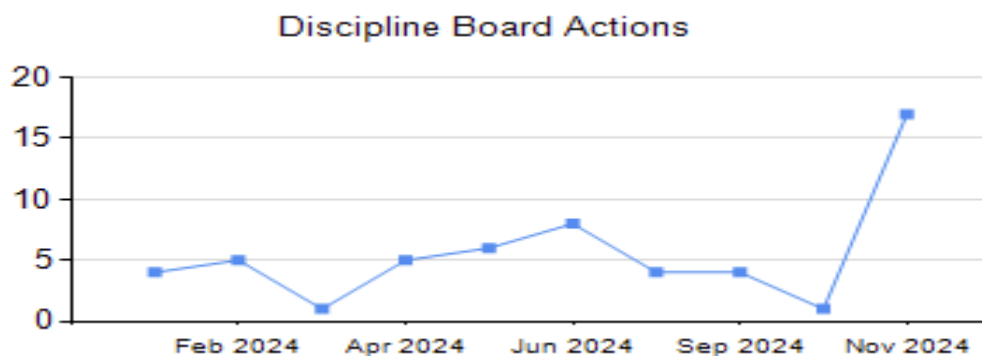
- Significant Investigation includes allegations of abuse, neglect, exploitation, drug diversion, workplace impairment

Cases relating to an alleged violation of the KNPA

Year	Total Cases Assigned by Year	Cases Currently Opened	Cases Processed Inactivated	Cases Pending Disciplinary Decision
2020	725	87	501	137 (21%)
2021	759	112	425	224 (50%)
2022	716	227	281	208 (42%)
2023	880	205	356	319 (47%)
2024	785 (11/14/2024)	443	230	112 (33%)
Total		1,074		

Discipline Cases – NCSBN Report for KSBN 01/01/2024-11/22/2024

- *KSBN Strategic Plan Priority #3, Objective #3 Discipline licensees who violate the NPA*



Open Records Request – timeframe: 9/1/2024 – 11/22/2024

- Received 33 (11/21/2024)
 - Processed 31
 - Pending 2
 - YTD = 116 (2024 calendar year)
 - o Historical: 155 (2023 calendar year)
- *Using KITEWORKS to send document production

Mailing List Requests 23 (11/21/2024)

- YTD = 110 (2024 calendar year)
 - o Historical: 133 (2023 calendar year)

Background:

Since the last Board meeting in September, 2024:

Supervisory tasks

- Outlined algorithms for Cases involving applications requiring legal review
- Updating policies and procedures relating to processing of Application Cases
- Continuing to implement ArkCase software for open records
- Discussions with System Automation re implementation of EVOKE
- Addressed nursing practice related inquiries via phone and email
 - o *KSBN Strategic Plan Priority #3, Objective #5: Communication provided is high quality, clear, accurate, current and includes effective methods available to give feedback to the Board. Expand digital forms of communication.*

Meetings attended:

- CLEAR Annual Educational Conference, Sept 16-19, 2024
 - o A.I.
 - o Workforce migration, International healthcare workers
 - o Tele-health
 - o Implicit bias in case investigation
 - o Met with CGFNS
 - o Networked with other boards throughout US, Canada
- System Automation Annual Conference, Sept 19-29, 2024
 - o Met with SA team to layout process to implement EVOKE Case Management software for Investigative Division
- Washburn Tech School of Nursing – Presented to PN Leadership class, Nov 15, 2024
 - o *KSBN Strategic Plan Priority #1 Objective 4: Promote education about multistate licensure*

Attachments:

None