

Upon recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Governor appoints the Board's eleven members for four-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, 2003 (Code Health Occupations Article, secs. 8-101 through 8-802).

*ANESTHETIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

Victor Rivera-Diaz, C.R.N.A., *Chairperson*

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

*NURSE ANESTHETIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

Formed in 1991, the Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee advises the State Board of Nursing on certified registered nurse anesthetist practice. The Committee's three members are appointed to three-year terms by the State Board of Nursing.

*CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES ADVISORY COUNCIL*

Eileen Ehudin-Pagano, *Chairperson*

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*

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, appointed by the State Board of Nursing, and three physicians, appointed by the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance. Committee members serve three-year terms (Code Health Occupations Article, sec. 7-504).

*NURSE PRACTITIONER JOINT COMMITTEE*

Vacancy, *Chairperson*

The Nurse Practitioner Joint Committee was created in 1981. The Committee reviews written agreements between nurse practitioners and physicians. The Committee then makes recommendations to the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance and the State Board of Nursing.

The Committee has six members. Three are appointed by the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance and three by the State Board of Nursing.

*NURSE PRACTITIONER PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE*

Janice Wilson, C.R.N.P., *Chairperson*

Organized in 1981, the Nurse Practitioner Peer Review Committee oversees the use of health insurance and medical assistance benefits by certified nurse practitioners. The Committee, appointed by the State Board of Nursing, has ten nurse practitioner members representing all nurse practitioner specialties (Code Health Occupations Article, sec. 7-504).

*NURSE PSYCHOTHERAPIST PEER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

Mickie Crimone, C.S.-P. *Chairperson*

The Nurse Psychotherapist Peer Review Advisory Committee was formed in 1991. The Committee advises the State Board of Nursing on the practice of psychotherapy by clinical specialists in psychiatric and mental health nursing. The Committee also oversees the use of health insurance and medical assistance benefits by clinical specialists-psychiatry.

*PRACTICE ISSUES COMMITTEE*

Ann K. Sober, R.N., B.S., *Chairperson*

Established in 1985, the Practice Issues Committee meets monthly to study specific practice issues referred to it by the State Board of Nursing. The Committee's twelve members are assisted by consultant members as needed.

*REHABILITATION COMMITTEE no. 1*

Patricia Miedusiewski, R.N., *Chairperson*

*REHABILITATION COMMITTEE no. 2*

Patricia Lund, R.N., Ph.D., *Chairperson*

The Rehabilitation Committee was authorized in 1988 as a nonpunitive alternative to the State Board of Nursing's disciplinary process (Chapter 508, Acts of 1988). Nurses whose job performance is impaired by drugs, alcohol, or mental illness may participate in the Rehabilitation Program upon recommendation of the Committee. In 1992, a second committee was established to handle the volume of nurses referred to the Program.