Where would you like our money to go? I am hoping that we can send nurses to health-related conferences and meetings across the state. If you are willing to do this and report back to us what you have learned, we hope to 'get' you there.

In the past year, we have joined the Kentuckiana Health Collaborative, the Friedell Committee, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, and Kentucky Voices for Health. We want to be everywhere that health is discussed and every place nurses work. Below I have listed the missions of each of these organizations, as listed on their websites. I think you will find that they are very consistent with KNA’s mission:

**Kentuckiana Health Collaborative**

"To coordinate action-oriented efforts to mobilize the community to improve health and well-being. The KHC works collaboratively to improve access to high quality care and drive cost-efficient solutions, enhancing the economic competitiveness of the region."

**Friedell Committee for Health System Transformation**

"Is a grassroots, citizen-based organization whose mission is to influence the health care system to improve health outcomes for all Kentuckians."

We will soon be voting on a budget for 2017-2018.
improve the health of Kentuckians by promoting an effective, values-based health system, advocating for community action, and measuring the system’s performance.

The FOUNDATION FOR A HEALTHY KENTUCKY’s MISSION: “to address the unmet health needs of Kentuckians by developing and influencing policy: improving access to care; reducing health risks and disparities; and promoting health equity.”

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Very much like the American Nurses Association 2017 theme, ‘Healthy Nurse, Healthy Nation,’ by contributing to the well being of those we serve, we will also contribute to our well being. Conversely, we must first take care of ourselves, so that we are more energized and capable of caring for others.

RNA is on a mission to help all nurses grow and thrive: please tell us how we can better serve you! More important than our mission is our vision – it’s all about ‘us’ – “to be the voice for nurses and work for a healthier Kentucky.” Come work with us, please!
Kentucky Nurses REACH Chapter

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Fall meetings will be August 10 & October 12 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center at 6:30 pm.

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Northeastern Chapter

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School Nurses in Every Kentucky School Chapter:

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Chapter News

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### July 2017
- **18** KNA Bluegrass Chapter Meeting, 5:30 PM (Social time)/6:00 PM (Meeting time) Chop House on Richmond Road, Lexington, KY
- **20** KYANNA Black Nurses Association Meeting, 5:30 PM, Conference Room, Norton Healthcare Medical Towers South, Louisville, Kentucky
- **21** KNA River City Chapter Event: Nursing Advocacy – Your Voice Counts! Hillary’s Reception Hall, Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY, 5:30-7:30 PM EST
- **27** KNA River City Chapter Meeting, 5:30 PM EST, KNA Office

### August 2017
- **2** Materials due to KNA office for October issue of KY Nurse newsletter
- **10** 10:30 AM-3:30 PM Kentucky Board of Nursing Meeting
- **11** KNA Nightingale Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, Ephraim McDowell Hospital, McDowell room, Danville, Kentucky
- **17** KYANNA Black Nurses Association Meeting, 5:30 PM, Conference Room, Norton Healthcare Medical Towers South, Louisville, Kentucky
- **17** KNA Heartland Chapter meeting, 6:00 PM EST; Hardin Memorial Hospital
- **22** KNA Education & Research Cabinet Meeting, 4:00 PM–5:00 PM, Conference Call
- **25** KNA Ethics & Human Rights Committee Meeting, 2:00–4:00 PM, Location TBD.
- **30** Kentucky Center for Nursing Meeting

### September 2017
- **15** 9:00 AM Kentucky Board of Nursing Committee Meeting
- **19** KNA Bluegrass Chapter Meeting, 5:30 PM (Social time)/6:00 PM (Meeting time) Chop House on Richmond Road, Lexington, KY
- **21** KYANNA Black Nurses Association Meeting, 5:30 PM, Conference Room, Norton Healthcare Medical Towers South, Louisville, Kentucky
- **21-22** Kentucky Organization of Nurse Leaders Leadership Conference; Holiday Inn Louisville East
- **28** KNA River City Chapter Meeting, 5:30 PM EST, KNA Office

### October 2017
- **12** KNA Nightingale Chapter Meeting, 6:30 PM, Ephraim McDowell Hospital, McDowell room, Danville, Kentucky
- **19** KYANNA Black Nurses Association Meeting, 5:30 PM, Conference Room, Norton Healthcare Medical Towers South, Louisville, Kentucky
- **19-20** KBN Meeting
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### November 2017
- **2** KNA Summit Annual Meeting – Louisville**
- **3** KNA Summit Annual Meeting – Lexington
- **16** KYANNA Black Nurses Association Meeting, 5:30 PM, Conference Room, Norton Healthcare Medical Towers South, Louisville, Kentucky
- **16** KNA Heartland Chapter Meeting, 6:00 PM EST; Hardin Memorial Hospital, 3rd floor classroom
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**You are not required to attend both KNA Summit dates, just one that fits your location and time best.**
According to the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO, 2015), in 2014, approximately 1.6-1.7 million patients received hospice care. These patients varied in diagnosis, age, race, gender, socioeconomic status, and religious beliefs. The average length of stay in a hospice program is approximately 171 days, however in 2014, 35% of patients died or were discharged within seven days (NHPCO, 2015). According to the American Cancer Society (2015), 1,658,370 people were diagnosed with cancer in 2015 however, cancer patients only made up 36% of those in hospice care (NHPCO, 2015). Hospice provides support, pain management, and a patient centered model for those with a terminal illness and less than six months to live (NHPCO, 2015). Data suggest a majority of those in hospice care, compared to patients with similar illness in standard care, tend to live longer (NHPCO, 2015). An interdisciplinary approach emphasizes care and not cure. Palliative care, unlike hospice care, can be implemented during any stage of illness, not just end of life, and coincides with curative treatments. During the patient’s hospice and palliative care experience, the nurse must not only develop a therapeutic relationship but also recognize the patient’s need for autonomy, holistic care, and to discover the meaning of his or her life (Dobrina, Tenze, & Palese, 2014). If nurses value patient preference and are informed decision makers during end of life hospice and palliative care, a majority of data suggests an improvement in quality of life (Hill, 2002). Not only does nursing knowledge and preferences guide care, but many other patient specific factors including beliefs and values impact quality of life.

The PICO question is: In dying patients, what is the effect of hospice care and palliative care, in comparison to standard care, on quality of life and end of life suffering? The purpose of this paper is to evaluate how both hospice care and palliative care impact patient suffering and quality of life.

**Search Strategy**

A variety of searched terms within Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL) included suffer*, hospice, palliative, dying, quality of life, experience*, and suffering. Inclusion data included hospice patients; palliative care patients; terminal cancer; and adults with three weeks and six months to live. Exclusion criteria included non-English speakers; confusion or disorientation; those very near to death; psychological issues; and those that could not give informed consent.

**Findings**

For a majority of patients in hospice, support and religiosity impact care, relationships, and quality of life. Days before a hospice patient passed away she stated, “I can’t believe I have so many friends. I’d no idea [...] I feel good about myself!” (Hill, 2002, p. 544). According to Tang et al. (2004), quality of life correlates with pain (r=0.30), support (r=0.34, p=0.04), and religiosity (r=0.42, p<0.01). As a result, when there is increased religiosity and support, the patient experiences an increased quality of life. With greater support and religiosity, patients feel as if they can manage the end of their life with greater confidence. Neimeyer et al. (2011) concluded Caucasian religious patients felt the most comfortable preparing for death compared to the African American participants. One elderly religious patient confirmed his beliefs as he stated, “I lost part of my manhood. But my daughter and son and my wife take me to the bathroom. And then my church members come by and pray for me [...] it makes me feel good. I haven’t lost my faith” (Neimeyer et al., 2011, p. 793). After acknowledging God’s plan, it is easier for patients and their families to accept end of life and to look back on better times. Overall, having social support, increased self-esteem (p=0.02), and being religious (p=0.01) leads to a greater acceptance and decreased fear of death (Neimeyer et al., 2011).

Through this difficult end of life stage, many times people feel alone and unable to express their feelings and emotions with others. Nurses, using empathy and therapeutic communication, impact patients during difficult times. One patient expressed, “They approached you and talk about cancer [...] You have the confidence in speaking to them, speaking about what’s going to happen to you” (Jack et al., 2016, p. 2167). Nurses who exhibit proper communication and engagement allow patients to feel more involved in care and ultimately prepared for their end-of-life outcome (Li et al., 2011). Both patient and family are increasingly satisfied when nurses share facts and knowledge about plan of care, end of life, and the current condition (Jack et al., 2016). As one patient stated, “Nurses are very understanding [...] It’s not easy to get people to understand your needs and ways of life…. Nurses always put your needs first” (Jack et al., 2016, p. 2167). Nurses increase quality of life during end-of-life care through the use of communication, empathy, and positivity. One patient stated, “You don’t know which way to go sometimes. They are very good [...] I didn’t realize it was so complicated to die, I didn’t, honestly. I thought it’d be a fairly simple job, but it’s not, it’s not” (Jack et al., 2016, p. 2167).

Whether or not patients, family, and providers accept end of life, attitude impacts how one chooses to live their final days. As one professional stated, “It’s like a knight or samurai standing there with dignity. They calmly confront their suffering. This image makes me feel that they are dignified, because they are able to face it [death]” (Li et al., 2014, p. 2925). Patients feel as if they grow and develop a more positive attitude regarding death while in hospice care compared to those in standard care. Through in-depth interviews, Li et al. (2014) expressed that patients need to feel valued, have peace of mind, decreased fear of death, reason to live, and that God has a will, in order to have a greater sense of dignity and quality of life as they

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approach death. Neimeyer et al. (2011) found patients over 80 years old tend to have a better attitude toward death than patients between the ages of 39 and 79 years old and compared to women, men fear death more and avoid discussing death. One elderly man stated, “I don’t have no regrets [...] I don’t have no regrets” (Neimeyer et al., 2011, p. 794).

Discussion

As expressed in the literature, patients benefit from spirituality, social support, and health care provider communication. For those dying, providing a charism and the ability to perform specific religious customs, such as confession, increase patients’ quality of life by allowing them to better accept end-of-life. When a family is placed on an impatient unit or provided hospice care at home, it is important that the nurse understands all beliefs and perceptions of care. Barriers to religiosity in terminal illnesses including anger with God, living far from the hospital or hospice service, and differing religions within the family. To overcome these barriers, the nurse should listen to the patient regarding their belief system and support the decision, find a religious service closer to the patient’s home, and provide services for the patient as they are approaching death and need comfort during this time.

Social support provides the patient a sense of belonging and increases quality of life. Allowing the patient to discuss concerns and feelings enhances their quality of life and leads to a more beneficial and open relationship. Barriers to social support can include feelings of sickness, depression, absent or unwilling support system, and lack of empathy. These barriers can be overcome by allowing the patient time to rest and implementing social groups on good days, discussing their feelings and emotions; finding an appropriate support system; and providing compassion. Utilization of communication and knowledge impacts patient care while in hospice or a palliative program. In-service days or continuing education will enhance knowledge and allow health care providers, especially nurses, to properly communicate with their patients and families regarding death, plan of care, practices, and quality of life. The hospital or hospice service should reach out to its employees and anticipate the best times to have continuing education, allow guest panels, and provide refreshments for those who attend.

Evaluation

To assess how specific religious customs, social support groups, in-service, and continuing education days influence patients and their families, tools need to be implemented to evaluate the success and impact on quality of life. Some of these tools include, but are not limited to, Missoula-VITAS Quality of Life Index (MVQOLI), Death Attitude Profile Revised (DAP-R), and the Spiritual Well-Being Scale (SWBS). Along with scales, it is important to interview patients and their families regarding death, plan of care, practices, and quality of life. The hospital or hospice service should reach out to its employees and anticipate the best times to have continuing education, allow guest panels, and provide refreshments for those who attend.

Conclusion

Care impacts how patient and family will live out the rest of their lives and determines comfort during difficult times. Those in both hospice and palliative care experience an increased quality of life compared to patients in traditional, standard care. Influencing quality of life while in a palliative approach includes health care provider communication and knowledge and patient religiosity and social support. Hospice and palliative care does not only impact patient suffering and quality of life, but also it affects families, caregivers, and entire communities.

References


How Long Can a Peripheral IV Safely Remain Inserted?

Jacklyn Mattingly and Davis Halbig
Students, Bellarmine University

Many hospital policies mandate that peripheral IV sites be changed every 72 to 96 hours. However, peripheral IV insertions cause patients pain and discomfort. Additionally, nurses usually need to replace them after 48 hours. This study examined whether peripheral IV sites may remain inserted longer.

Researchers recently conducted a study to answer that question and to determine if IV sites should be rotated based on a set length of time or rotated based on symptoms of phlebitis and infiltration. Based on the results of a power analysis, a minimum sample size of 67 patients was needed. To be included in the study, patients had to be hospitalized on a medical-surgical unit and have peripheral IVs in place for at least 72 hours.

Nurses assessed the study patients’ IV sites for signs of phlebitis and infiltration at 72 hours, 96 hours, and every 24 hours thereafter if the IV was left in place, using standardized phlebitis rating and infiltration grading scales. The patients received standard care and the IV sites were monitored closely for signs and symptoms of infection. Out of the 89 IV sites, 30 of them maintained patency for 96 to 200 hours. Five sites were patent when assessed at 201 to 300 hours, and 4 sites were patent when assessed over 300 hours after insertion. The longest time from insertion to assessment with no sign or symptoms of phlebitis and infiltration was 350 hours, approximately fifteen days.

The majority of the peripheral IV sites in this study remained healthy long past 96 hours, suggesting that more frequent IV site changes may not be necessary. This would result in fewer painful IV sticks for patients, as well as help to prevent the loss of venous access options due to multiple insertion attempts. However, because the study was limited by its lack of control group randomization, more research is needed.

Additionally, the results supported the accuracy and effectiveness of nursing assessment and clinical decision making. Nurses should serve as patient advocates and should be encouraged to question existing policies for the benefit of their patients. They should also be proactive in updating practice standards as new evidence becomes available.

Source:

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Education: Northern Kentucky University – MSN-FNP; California Coast University – PhD
Management; Webster University – MA Health Services Admin; Bellarmine University – BSN; Norton Memorial Infirmary School of Nursing – Diploma of Nursing

Statement: My career in nursing has been filled with outstanding mentors and colleagues working together to provide patients with exceptional care. That is the promise, the covenant, we share with our patients. We will do our best to provide them with safe and effective care based in science and delivered with the caring art of our profession. My focus is on provision of safe care through competent practice, emphasizing infection prevention. Nurses, as leaders in patient care, are in unique positions to influence infection prevention across all disciplines. I look forward to highlighting the role of the nurse in improving infection prevention practice in all settings where care is delivered.

Joe Middleton, DNP, APRN, NP-C, CEN, CC/INPR

Present Position: Executive Director – Hart County EMS/ APRN-Team Health & EMCare
KNA Treasurer
Type of Position: Administrator; Nurse Practitioner
Area of Expertise: AANP board-certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner and board-certified Emergency Nurse working in the ED/Urgent Care setting. Expertise areas include: emergency, administration, education, quality management. 19 years as Certified Law Enforcement Officer
Education: Spalding University – DNP, FNP, MS;
Western Kentucky University – BS, Associate of Applied Science – Paramedicine, Associate of Science – Nursing

Professional Organizational Activities: Currently serving second term as KNA Treasurer. Previously served (2) terms on the KNA Governmental Affairs Cabinet
Statement: I have greatly enjoyed serving the KNA as Treasurer, Director, and member of the Executive Committee. In these roles, I have had the honor of working closely with KNA staff, KNA members, and elected KNA leadership, from across the state, to develop our mission and a solid strategic plan for the future direction of this organization. I can assure you that I will boldly represent you with integrity, discretion, and confidence.

Teena Byers Darnell, DNP, RN

Present Position: Nursing Faculty
Type of Position: Educator
Area of Expertise: Education
Education: Bellarmine University – DNP; MSN; University of Louisville – BSN; Jefferson Community College – AA
Professional Organizational Activities: Former KNA District 1 Secretary and President; Current member of the KNA School Nurse Chapter; KNA Vice President
KNA at Large. KNA Governmental Affairs Cabinet, KNA Event Planning Committee, KNA Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee, KYN PAC. ANA Delegate
Statement: It is with great passion and enthusiasm that I respectfully submit my name for President elect of the Kentucky Nurses Association. I am immensely grateful and humbled to have the opportunity to run for this position. Over the last 30 years, I have had a fulfilling career of leadership and service experiences in the organization as I have served on numerous committees, cabinets, and in executive board positions including vice president. I have seen, first hand, the downward trend and now the upward trend of KNA. We are a growing organization and with growth comes great responsibility. We need to explore ways in which we can best meet the needs of our members, recognize the contribution of Kentucky’s nurses, and provide the support nurses need most. Nurses make a positive difference in the lives of others every day. across the Commonwealth and KNA must make a difference in the lives of nurses as well. The purpose of KNA is to be the voice of our nurses and to work for a healthier Kentucky, which means we have much work to do. Having a strong commitment to collaborative relationships, and growing networks of nurses around the state is the life blood of KNA. As part of an ever-changing profession, we must find solutions that are relevant, and grounded in data in order to be the drivers of change. As part of my consent to serve, I humbly request your support to entrust me with your voice to advocate and navigate the future direction of this organization. I can assure you that I will boldly represent you with integrity, discretion, and confidence.

Biographical Information for 2017 Election

Dr. Michael Wayne Rager, Ph.D., DNP, MSN, FNP-BC, APRN

Present Position: Dean of Nursing
Type of Position: Administrator; Educator; Nurse Practitioner
Area of Expertise: Curriculum Development; Learning Styles; At-Risk Student and Patient Populations
Education: Northern Kentucky University – Ph.D.; University of Colorado at Colorado Springs – DNP; Spalding University – FNP; University of Southern Indiana – MSN; University of Louisville – BSN; Madisonville Community College – AAS/AA; Madisonville Health Technology Center – Diploma of Practical Nursing

Professional Organizational Activities: Currently a KNA Director-At-Large member; KNA Chair of the Executive Director Search Committee; Past KNA Vice-President
Statement: It would be a great honor to continue serving KNA and as President-Elect. I feel my current appointment as Director-At-Large, and prior appointments as Vice-President and Alternate ANA delegate have prepared experiences to lend to this position. Additionally, experience as a clinician, educator, and diversified educational preparation have prepared me for this position. I aspire to continue moving KNA forward with you in meeting the needs of nurses, addressing issues affecting the nursing profession and influence patient care/nursing practice, and reaching nursing students regarding the value of professional organization membership. I appreciate your utmost consideration and the honor to serve KNA.

Vice-President (Vote for 1):

Beverly Rowland, PhD, RN

Present Position: Dean, School of Nursing
Type of Position: Educational Administrator; Educator
Area of Expertise: New Nurse Transition
Education: Indiana University – PhD in Nursing Science, Minor Nursing Education, Western Kentucky University – MSN; McKenzie University – BSN; Henderson Community College – ADN

Professional Organizational Activities: Current Chapter member of STTI Kappa Theta Chapter –

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Tying together the efforts of nurses in Kentucky and the healthcare system in America. New nurses need a voice for the future of our profession and shape health policy at local, state, and national levels. I have led the way in creating new models of delivery change has been the hallmark of our profession and we face with fresh eyes. I believe nurses have the power and ability to lead the way. My goal is to be part of the effort to move nursing further into a leadership position in all aspects of health care. I believe prompt and accurate communication is essential to maintain a strong and accountable professional organization. I would like to help the rest of the KNA board, directors, and cabinet leaders be the voice for Kentucky nurses to advance our professional practice.

Johann Olmsted, FNP-BC, FNAAP
Present Position: Associate Professor
Type of Position: Consultant, Practitioner, Educator
Area of Expertise: Graduate Education: Health Advocacy and Policy
Practice: Family, Allergy and Asthma.
Education: University of South Florida - PhD, MS (FNP); College of Mt. St. Joseph – BSN; Bethesda Hospital School of Nursing – Diploma.
Professional Organizational Activities: Current member of QSEN DNP National Task Force: Academic group, meningitis group. Member of the NONPF: Competency Whipsaw paper participant. Statement: I realize it is a big jump to start my engagement with KNA by putting my hat in the ring for Secretary, but I think this will be a great way for me to learn more about the organization. My goal is to be part of the effort to move nursing further into a leadership position in all aspects of health care. I believe prompt and accurate communication is essential to maintain a strong and accountable professional organization. I would like to help the rest of the KNA board, directors, and cabinet leaders be the voice for Kentucky nurses to advance our professional practice.

Director at Large (Vote for 2):

Pat Azad (Stephens), RN, MBA, PhD
Present Position: Consultant, Practitioner
Type of Position: Consultant, Practitioner
Area of Expertise: Policy Development and Nursing Leadership; Education/ Administration; Epidemiology
Education: University of British Columbia – PhD
University of Colorado – MBA; Purdue University – BSN
Professional Organizational Activities: Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care; Pediatric – Acute Care; Critical Area of Expertise:
Misty Ellis, MSN, APRN-PC/AC
Present Position: Nurse Practitioner
Type of Position: Educational Administrator, Educator
Area of Expertise: Advocacy for Nurses, shortage of nurses and workplace issues
Education: Western Kentucky University – Doctoral Student Educational Leadership; University of Kentucky – MSN; East Carolina University – BSN; Sandhills Community College – ADN
Professional Organizational Activities: President KNA Nightingale Chapter (2014-2016); KNA Director at-Large (2012-2016)
Statement: When I first became a Registered Nurse, I had a clear vision of serving for patients. It did not take long for me to realize that in addition to advocating for patients, I needed to advocate for Nurses whether they were students or had been in practice for years. Regardless of the situation, I have never hesitated to stand up for and voice my opinion about what I think is right or the right thing to do. I believe that the Kentucky Nurses Association represents and advocates for all nurses in the Commonwealth. This is why for years I have been a member of the Association. I ask for your vote for Vice President so that I may continue to advocate for all nurses.

Ann W. Christie, RN, MSN
Present Position: KNA Ethics and Human Rights Director at Large (Vote for 2):

Vice President
Type of Position: Administrator
Area of Expertise: Health Policy; Nursing Administration
Education: Bellarmine University – MSN; University of Oklahoma – BSN
Professional Organizational Activities: Sigma Theta Tau member; KNA member; ANA member; STTI member; ACHE member
Statement: Every day, I strive to promote the profession in all actions. I ask for your vote for Vice President so that I may continue to advocate for all nurses.
Nurse Faculty (Vote for 1)

Nikole Hicks, PhD, RNC, CNL

Present Position: Dean of Nursing
Type of Position: Educational Administrator
Area of Expertise: Nursing research, evaluation and evidence-based practice
Education: University of Northern Colorado – PhD
Professional Organizational Activities: KNA, Northern Colorado – MSN

Alicia Margesson, MSN, RN

Present Position: Nursing Faculty
Type of Position: Educator
Area of Expertise: Emergency – Clinical Practice
Education: Kaplan University – MSN; Murray State University – BSN; Madisonville Community & Technical College – AAS, RN, LPN

Present Position: School of Professional Nursing
Type of Position: Administrator
Area of Expertise: Nursing education
Education: Eastern Kentucky University – DNP; University of Southern Indiana – BSN; Eastern State University – MSN
Professional Organizational Activities: KNA, Northern Kentucky University – BSN

Present Position: Professional Nursing Practice and Advocacy Cabinet
Type of Position: President
Education: University of Kentucky – MSN & MHA; University of Phoenix – MSN; Western Kentucky University – DNP (Dec 2017)

Present Position: Director of Accreditation and Regulatory Compliance
Type of Position: Professional Organizational Activities – Chair
Education: Morehead State University – ADN; University of Phoenix – MSN
Professional Organizational Activities: KNA, North Carolina – PhD

Present Position: Staff Nurse
Type of Position: Professional Nursing Practice and Advocacy Cabinet
Education: Western Kentucky University – MSN
Professional Organizational Activities: American Association of Critical Care Nurses fundraising committees

Statement: Nurses have the knowledge and skills to seek self-enhancement through continual learning. I value my career as a nurse and as a lifelong learner. I would be delighted to serve on the Education and Research Committee and work alongside my colleagues to promote the professional development of nurses and advance the profession of nursing. I have been a nurse for over seventeen years. My current role is Director of Accreditation and Regulatory Compliance at UK HealthCare. My hope is to inspire others to serve proudly and work collectively to improve the quality of healthcare in our state and nation.

Nurse Faculty (Vote for 1)

Loretta Elder, DNP, RN, CNE

Present Position: Professor of Nursing/Staff Nurse
Type of Position: Educator; Staff Nurse
Area of Expertise: Leadership and Management; Ambulatory Surgery; Medical-Surgical Nursing
Education: Eastern Kentucky University – DNP; University of Southern Indiana – BSN; Eastern State University – BSN; Madisonville Community College – ADN
Professional Organizational Activities: Past President of former DNP (11/11) of KNA; KNA, Professional Nursing Practice and Advocacy Cabinet; OADN Nominating Committee (2 terms)
Statement: I would appreciate your vote as I seek election to the Education and Research Cabinet. I have served on the Nursing Practice and Advocacy Cabinet for over six years. I am an advocate for our profession and believe that groups can make a difference. I have been a nurse since 1978 and love advocating for our profession and for our patients. I currently work as a nurse educator in an associate degree nursing program and continue to work as a staff nurse in a hospital based ambulatory surgery center. I humbly ask for your vote and want to thank you in advance for considering me for this position.

April Riney, RN, MSN, CMSN

Present Position: Staff Nurse & Clinical Educator
Type of Position: Educator; Staff Nurse
Education: Western Kentucky University – MSN, BSN
Professional Organizational Activities: American Association of Critical Care Nurses fundraising committees

Statement: Education and research are important in my life right now. I teach at a local university and am implementing a evidenced based project at the hospital I work at. I have seen the benefit of nurses performing research at work and how it is not only beneficial to the organization, but truly rewarding and fulfilling. I hope, if I am elected to this position, we can continue to empower nurses through education and research.

Teresa Villaran, MSN, CCRN, CNE

Present Position: Kaplan NCLEX Faculty
Type of Position: Educator; Nurse Practitioner; Staff Nurse
Area of Expertise: Dialysis, Critical Care, Education, Foot Care
Education: University of Kentucky – MSN Acute Care Nurse Practitioner; California College of Health Sciences – MS Community Health Administration and Wellness Promotion; University of Illinois Springfield – BSN, St. John’s School of Nursing – Diploma

Statement: I am interested in serving KNA as a professional nurse. I made a New Years resolution to become more active in my professional nursing organizations as well as become more politically active for nursing, regarding healthcare. I am interested in ethics in nursing, particularly development of resiliency and what that means for Nursing practice. I am currently the President of my daughter’s Parent Association and have increased the amount of money the organization has from $300 to over $8,000, which will be returned to the school for 25% of the money.

Professional Nursing Practice and Advocacy Cabinet

Staff Nurse (Vote for 1)

Michael D. Gordon, MSN, RN, CNS Adult Health, ANCC Certified, ARNP

Present Position: Kentucky Nurse Consulting LLC
Type of Position: Consultant; C.O.O
Area of Expertise: Affordable Healthcare, reduction in readmissions to ACH, full utilization of payer sources, proper legislation to give nursing a voice in the legislative process to prevent/reduce those unintended consequences that nurses intuitively know as it affects our world but not the lawmakers on a personal level i.e. HB 333 from the 2017 session.
Education: Liberty University – DNP Studies, MSN; Paducah Community College – Associate Degree Nursing; Kentucky University – 7-12 Teacher Certification, BA
Professional Organizational Activities: KNA West KY Chapter, KNA member 2011-Present; ANA member 2011-Present
Statement: My first degree was History and Political Science. In the 1960's I wrote two wire stories that became laws on a personal level i.e. HB 333 from the 2017 session. I love nurses and nursing, I am passionate about educating, advocating, and empowering our nurses for the best they can be at the field and area of practice they have chosen. That is why I authored for Woters Klierter! It allows me to teach, motivate and to write the bi-monthly "Ask the Expert Column" for Nurses Leadership and various article of care issues, this includes strike, CLABSI, MEWS (as examples). I would be honored to be a part of the Board of Nursing in any capacity to promote Nursing.

Present Position: Registered Nurse; Adjunct Faculty
Type of Position: Nurse; Adjunct Faculty
Area of Expertise: OB – Education, research, and practice
Education: Indiana Wesleyan University – MSN; Spalding University – BSN; Indiana University Southeast – BA
Professional Organizational Activities: AWHONN member. ANA/KNA member. NLN member
Statement: As I finish my DNP, I am prepared and excited to expand my role as a staff nurse and as a nurse educator. I have focused my DNP project on the nursing scope of practice, and during my research I have sought to empower nurses to own their practice. As a KNA cabinet member, I will be able to have an active role in enhancing nursing practice in Kentucky. I look forward to serving with the KNA to strengthen the nursing community, promote and advocate for lifelong education and advancement, and work to enhance the future of nursing practice.

Clinical Practice (Vote for 3)
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Diane J. Fosson, BSN, RN-BC
University School of Nursing in Indianapolis – MSN, BSN
Professional Organizational Activities: Member of Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN), local chapter, attended regional events; Member Central Indiana Organization of Clinical Nurse Specialists; Member Sigma Theta tau - Alpha chapter; Member of KY AWHONN, Kentucky Nurses Association; Member of AWHONN, National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists, American Nurses Association; Sigma Theta Tau International
Statement: I would like to be a member of the Professional Nursing Practice & Advocacy Cabinet for Clinical Practice in order to become more involved with nurses in the state of Kentucky. I believe I can add value to the association through the experiences of my 28 year nursing career. Nurses make a significant contribution to the health of our communities and the state of Kentucky has many health challenges to overcome. Nursing is a profession full of amazing people and we need to make the citizens of our state aware of this fact.

Clinical Practice – Staff Nurse (Vote for 1)
Diane J. Fosson, BSN, RN-BC

Michelle Speicher, MBA, BSN, RN, FACHE, NE-BC
Present Position: Cardiovascular Program Director
Type of Position: Administrator
Area of Expertise: Cardiovascular Care and Healthcare Finance
Education: Southern California University – DBA anticipated in 2017, Michigan State University – MBA, BSN
Statement: I am excited to be a part of the KNA as I moved to Kentucky 18 months ago. In the last 4.5 years, I have focused my attention on advancing my degree. As I complete my doctorate and become fully integrated into my organization and community, I feel it is time to continue my legacy in giving back.

Julie Atwood, PhD, RN

Present Position: Assistant Professor, RN-BSN Option Coordinator, NP at Kentucky Neuroscience Institute
Type of Position: Educator
Area of Expertise: Educator, Neuroscience Institute
Education: University of Kentucky Health Science Center – PhD
Professional Organizational Activities: KNA Heartland Chapter, Member of AWHONN, KNA, KLN; Bellarmine University – BSN
Professional Organizational Activities: AMSN Greater Louisville Chapter – Vice President
Statement: It is a great time to be a nurse and to share our knowledge with our community to improve outcomes and advance the nursing profession. As an educator, I spread my passion for nursing to others through my current acute care education role, professional membership and engagement, and by precepting nursing students. My goal is to advance the nursing profession through strong interprofessional relationships, empowerment of healthcare professionals, implementation of evidence based practice, and ensure collaboration among nursing professionals. I would be honored to serve the KNA on the Professional Nursing Practice & Advocacy Cabinet in the Education role.

I am submitting my name as a candidate for the Professional Nursing Practice and Advocacy Cabinet. This would be my first position in a state organization. I have a deep desire to promote our profession in Kentucky, and have the time to devote to this committee. I have been an ADN for over 30 years and have recently obtained my BSN. My education has inspired me to become more involved in our profession. I hope to encourage and support nurses in furthering their nursing education, to help Kentucky meet the Institute of Medicine’s (IOM) goal of having 80% of the nursing workforce BSN prepared by 2020.*


Stephanie J. Fugate, MSN, ARNP-ACNP-BC
Present Position: University of Kentucky College of Nursing Clinical Title Series Faculty Member
Type of Position: C.E. Planner; Educator; Nurse Practitioner; Elected Chair and long-term member of BSN
Education: University of Kentucky – DNP (expected graduate May 2019), MSN, BSN, BS
Professional Organizational Activities: Sigma Theta Tau Delta PSI Chapter; KNA; Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives; Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN), local chapter, attended regional events; Member Central Indiana Organization of Clinical Nurse Specialists; Member Sigma Theta Tau - Alpha chapter; Member of KY AWHONN, Kentucky Nurses Association; Member of AWHONN, National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists, American Nurses Association; Sigma Theta Tau International
Statement: I have had the wonderful privilege of being a bedside nurse, provider, and nurse educator over the past 13 years and truly love the profession of nursing. Last year, I have worked with excellent nursing mentors and leaders. I feel that it is time in my career to become more engaged at a state and even a national level. I would be honored to serve in a cabinet for the Kentucky Nurses Association if given the opportunity.

Whitney Van Vactor, RN, BSN
Administration (Vote for 1)

Jessica Wilson, PhD, RN, APRN

Present Position: Assistant Professor, RN-BSN Option Coordinator, NP at Kentucky Neuroscience Institute
Type of Position: Educator
Area of Expertise: Educator, Neuroscience Institute
Education: University of Kentucky Health Science Center – PhD
Professional Organizational Activities: STTI Delta Psi Co-Faculty Advisor, KNA Recruitment Retention Committee
Statement: I am interested in serving KNA on the Professional Practice and Advocacy Cabinet because it allows me to furthering education and research in nursing to the fullest extent permissible based on their education and scope of practice. During my 23 year nursing career I have spent over 20 years in cardiovascular nursing, I have a strong desire to help my community and nurses improve their cardiovascular health through educational interventions and leadership development, evidenced-based practice, education and research.

Education (Vote for 1)

Angie Atwood, PhD, RN

Present Position: Assistant Professor, RN-BSN Option Coordinator, NP at Kentucky Neuroscience Institute
Type of Position: Educator
Area of Expertise: Medical-Surgical Nursing, Neuroscience, Emergency, Research in Nursing Research
Education: Capella University – PhD; Western Kentucky University – MSN, ADN

Professional Organizational Activities: KNA Heartland Chapter, Member of AWHONN, Kentucky Nurses Association; Member Central Indiana Organization of Clinical Nurse Specialists; Member Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing
Statement: It would be an honor to join an elite panel of my colleagues with a focus to simulate and promote the professional development of nurses. With enthusiasm, I will also act as a resource to the public regarding nursing research. I recently completed and published research. My outgoing and persistent personality promotes friendly sharing of knowledge. Your consideration is deeply appreciated.

Audrey Fries, BSN, RN, PCCN

Present Position: Norton Healthcare
Type of Position: Medical-Surgical ICU Head Nurse
Area of Expertise: Acute Care – Cardiology, TCU, Med-Surg, and Team (Unit of Service) Nursing
Education: University of Kentucky – DNP; Bellarmine University – BSN
Professional Organizational Activities: AMSN Greater Louisville Chapter – Vice President
Statement: It is a great time to be a nurse and to share our knowledge with our community to improve outcomes and advance the nursing profession. As an educator, I spread my passion for nursing to others through my current acute care education role, professional membership and engagement, and by precepting nursing students. My goal is to advance the nursing profession through strong interprofessional relationships, empowerment of healthcare professionals, implementation of evidence based practice, and ensure collaboration among nursing professionals. I would be honored to serve the KNA on the Professional Nursing Practice & Advocacy Cabinet in the Education role.

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I have had opportunities to practice in acute care, rehabilitation, long term care, college and home health settings. I have been a staff nurse, nurse practitioner, nurse researcher, and nurse educator. Throughout my experiences in these various settings and roles, I have seen the increasing importance of nurses having a stronger voice and being at the table to improve the healthcare system. I am a strong advocate for nurses to have a seat at the table. I want to work with nursing colleagues to be part of creating innovative ideas and implementing solutions.

Ethics and Human Rights Committee
Secretary (Vote for 1)
Angelica Combs, RN, BSN, MSN
Present Position: Charge Nurse
Tele-ICU
Education: Morehead State University – Bachelor of Science in Nursing 2010
Professional Organizational Activities: Member of KNA, American Nurse Association, Sigma Theta Tau International, and Kentucky Department for Public Health
Statement: "I believe in the value of ethical and human rights principles in the practice of nursing and strive to apply these principles in my daily work as a nurse. I have been a member of the Ethics Committee at my hospital and have participated in the development of policies related to patient care and ethical issues.

Nominating Committee
(Vote for 4)
Deb Chilcote, DNP, RN, RNC
Present Position: Educator
Type of Position: Educator
Area of Expertise: Maternal/Neonatal Nursing
Statement: "I have been an educator for over 10 years and have experience in both traditional and non-traditional settings. I believe in the importance of continuing education and have facilitated numerous workshops and conferences on various topics related to maternal and neonatal nursing.

The Human Touch
The painting

The Human Touch is an original oil painting 12” x 16” on canvas which was the titled painting of Marge’s first art exhibit. Her paintings include works on canvas which were titled “The Human Touch.”

The story

She needs support and strength. She is a young woman at the end of her life. She needs support and strength. She is a young woman at the end of her life. She needs support and strength from another. She needs support and strength. Her step is heavy. Her expression is slow. Her heart is small. Her heart is small. Her heart is small.

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KNA Ballot 2017

1. KNA PRESIDENT-ELECT (Vote for 1)
   - Ruth Catraco, RN, MSN, FNP-C
   - Teena Byers Darnell, DNP, RN
   - Joe Middleton, DNP, APRN, NP-C, CEN, CC/NP
   - Dr. Michael Wayne Rager, Ph.D., DNP; MSN, FNP-BC, APRN
   - Write In: Indicate position and person’s name in final question on ballot

2. KNA Vice-President (Vote for 1)
   - Beverly Rowland, PhD, RN
   - JoAnn Maurer Weaver, RN, MSN
   - Write In: Indicate position and person’s name in final question on ballot

3. KNA Secretary (Vote for 1)
   - Misty Ellis, MSN, APRN-F/AC
   - Julianne Osseege, PhD, FNP-BC, FNAP
   - Write In: Indicate position and person’s name in final question on ballot

4. KNA Director-At-Large (Vote for 2)
   - Pam Azad (Stephens), RN, MBA, PhD
   - Ann W. Christie, RN, MSN
   - Jody V. Rogers, MSN, RN, NEA-BC
   - Jennifer Waterbury, MHA, RN, MSN
   - Write In: Indicate position and person’s name in final question on ballot

5. KNA Education & Research Cabinet – Nurse Administrator (Vote for 1)
   - Karen Newman, EdD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC
   - Tammy Swartz, RN, MSN/Ed
   - Write In: Indicate position and person’s name in final question on ballot

6. KNA Education & Research Cabinet – Nurse Faculty (Vote for 1)
   - Nileke Hicks, PhD, RN, CNE
   - Alicia Marquess, MSN, RN
   - Write In: Indicate position and person’s name in final question on ballot

7. KNA Education & Research Cabinet – Staff Nurse (Vote for 1)
   - Loretta Elder, DNP, RN, CNE
   - Aprile Riney, RN, MSN, CMSRN
   - Teresa Villarain, MSN, CCRN, CNE
   - Write In: Indicate position and person’s name in final question on ballot

8. KNA Governmental Affairs – Staff Nurse (Vote for 1)
   - Michael D. Gordon, MSN, RN, CNS Adult Health ANCC Certified, ARNP
   - Kimberly Jane Pruit, MSN, RNC-OB
   - Write In: Indicate position and person’s name in final question on ballot

9. KNA Professional Nursing Practice & Advocacy Cabinet – Clinical Practice (Vote for 3)
   - Sheila Ferrell, RN
   - Danielle Angeli House, RN, HN-BC
   - Lisa Lockhart, RN, MSN, MHA, NE-BC
   - Traci L. Lorch, MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC, RNC-OB
   - Write In: Indicate position and person’s name in final question on ballot

10. KNA Professional Nursing Practice & Advocacy Cabinet – Clinical Practice; Staff Nurse (Vote for 1)
    - Diane J. Posson, BSN, RN-BC
    - Stephanie J. Fugate, MSN, ARNP-ACNP-BC
    - Whitney Van Vactor, RN, BSN
    - Write In: Indicate position and person’s name in final question on ballot

11. KNA Professional Nursing Practice & Advocacy Cabinet – Administration (Vote for 1)
    - Michelle Speicher, MBA, BSN, RN, FACHE, NE-BC
    - Write In: Indicate position and person’s name in final question on ballot

12. KNA Professional Nursing Practice & Advocacy Cabinet – Education (Vote for 1)
    - Angie Atwood, PhD, RN
    - Audrey Frias, BSN, RN, PCCN
    - Jessica Wilson, PhD, RN, APRN
    - Write In: Indicate position and person’s name in final question on ballot

13. KNA Ethics and Human Rights Committee – Secretary (Vote for 1)
    - Angela Combs, RN, BSN, MSNEd
    - Becky Gesler, MSN, RN
    - Write In: Indicate position and person’s name in final question on ballot

14. KNA Ethics and Human Rights Committee – Member-At-Large (Vote for 2)
    - Marilyn Musacchio, PhD, MSN, APRN, FAAN
    - Rhonda Vale, MSN, RN
    - Write In: Indicate position and person’s name in final question on ballot

15. KNA Nominating Committee (Vote for 4)
    - Deb Chilcote, DNP, RN, RNC-MN
    - Leslie Jeffries, MSN, BSN, RN
    - Lawana Leonard, MSN, RN, CCRN-K, NE-BC
    - Lynn Roser, PhD, RN, CIC
    - Maribeth Wilson, PhD (c), MSN, MSFH
    - Write In: Indicate position and person’s name in final question on ballot

16. Please indicate any candidate you wish to “write in” with the position for which you wish to nominate that person or persons. You may write in as many candidates as you wish. If none, please leave blank.

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