



RN NEWSLETTER

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES

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Boards revise Scope of Practice and Delegation Models

The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (RN Board) and the West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN Board) jointly developed the Scope of Practice Model and the Delegation Model in the early 90's. The Models have been reviewed and revised over the years. This year, the Boards appointed a Task Force to review the Models and propose revisions. The Models were reviewed and stakeholder groups were invited to meet with the Task Force to discuss the Models. Draft revisions were made based upon the comments from that meeting **THE BOARD WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!!** Please take time to review and comment on the Models as they appear in this newsletter on pages 2 and 3. The Scope of Practice Model is essentially the same in content, however, the look of the Model is much different. The Delegation Model, however, has revolutionary changes. Not only has the appearance of the Model changed, the concept of the Model makes clearer the responsibility of the person making the delegation decision. In reviewing the Models, the Task Force discussed the questions often asked by nurses when they call the Board office with delegation questions. The goal of the Task Force was then to revise the Model to make those "stopping places" clearer and easier to move through the Model. Go now to pages 2 and 3 to review the Models and send your comments to the Board office by U.S. mail or e-mail, rnboard@state.wv.us, by May 1, 2005. Your comments will help the Task Force develop a Model that will be the most useful to you in providing the safest care possible to the citizens of West Virginia.

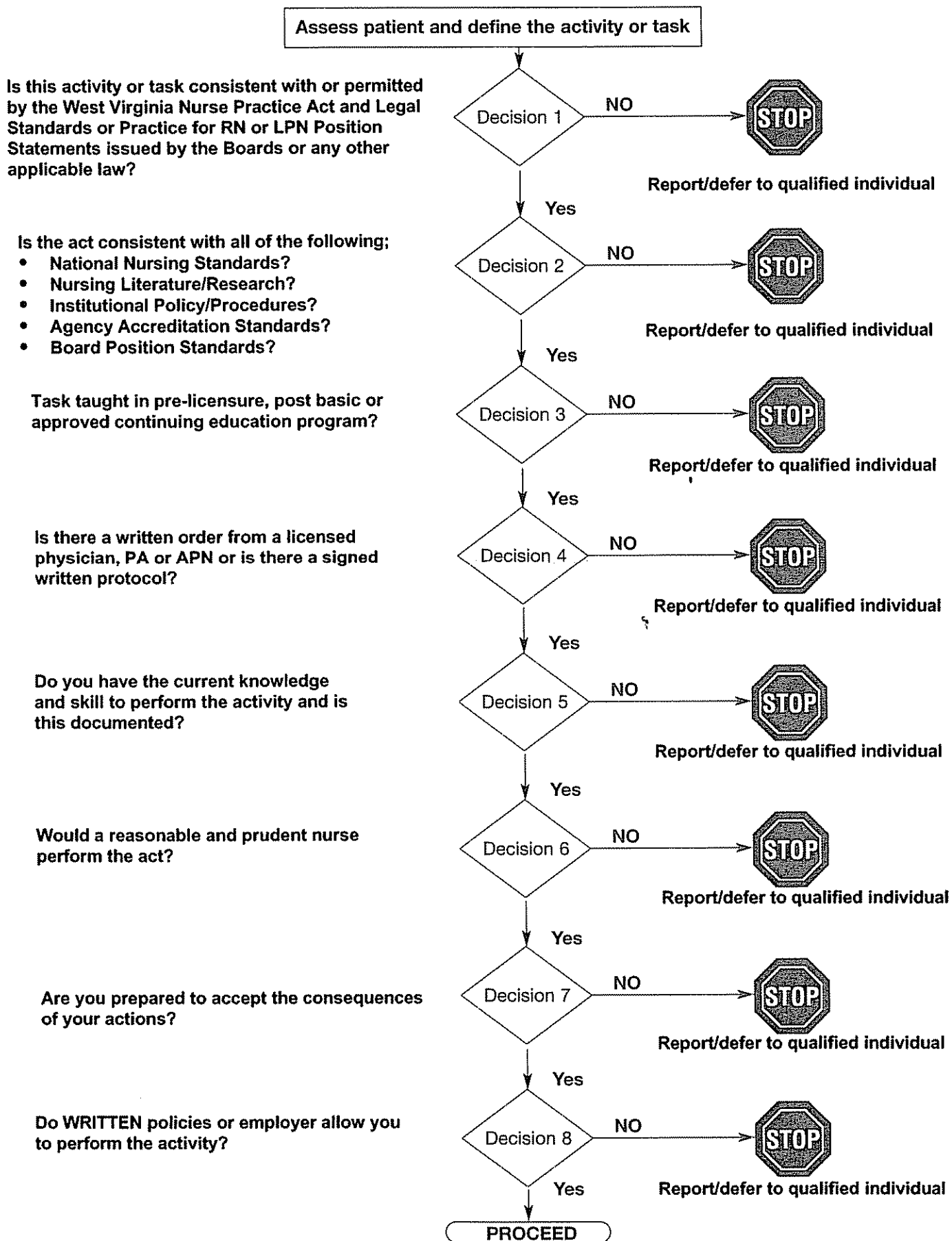
RN BOARD PREPARES TO REVIEW NURSE PRACTICE ACT

The RN Board is preparing to review the Nurse Practice Act to determine if the language needs to be updated or revised. Part of this process includes gathering information from RN's. The Board is having a FOCUS GROUP DAY at the Board office on MAY 23, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The day's schedule is planned so nurses with similar interests can meet and talk with representatives of the Board and staff about their ideas, concerns or suggestions related to the law. The schedule is as follows:

9 -10 AM	Nurse Administrators	12 - 1	Nurse Practitioners/Clinical Nurse Specialists
10 -11	Nurse Educators	1 - 2	Nurse Midwives
11 -12	School Nurses	2 - 3	Certified Nurse Anesthetists
		3 - 4	Staff Nurses

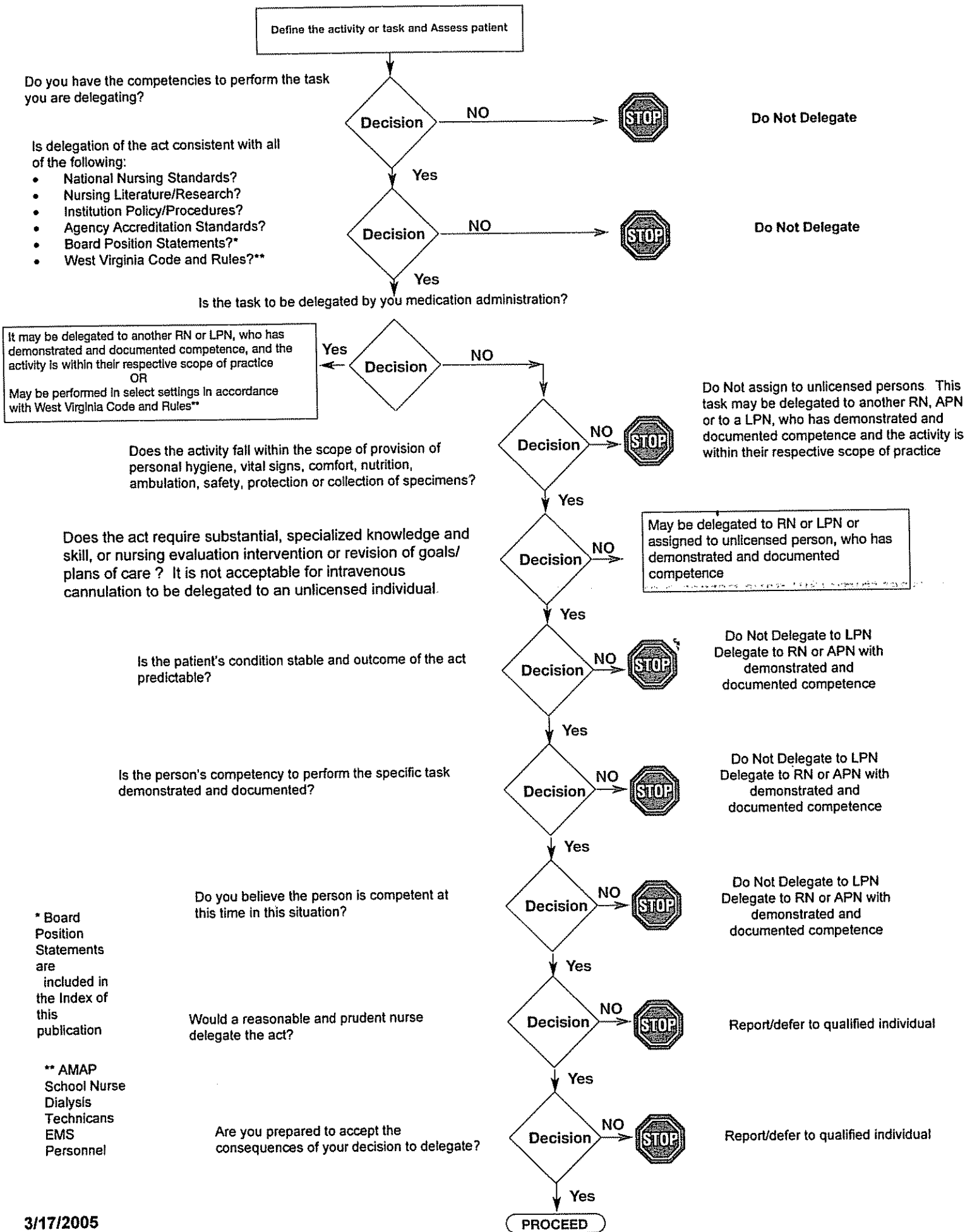
If you are unable to attend, please send your comments by US mail or e-mail.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE DECISION MODEL FOR RN'S AND LPN'S



Delegation/Assignment Decision Model

Before this model can be appropriately used the Scope of Practice Model must be applied to available staff



* Board Position Statements are included in the Index of this publication

** AMAP School Nurse
Dialysis Technicians
EMS Personnel

THE BOARD IS WORKING ON ONLINE RENEWALS . . . WATCH!!**Board Agenda Items**

The Board's agenda is set based upon general business and requests. General business topics on the agenda include the Open Forum, Education, Practice, Discipline, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, meeting reports, plans for future meeting attendance, and office related matters. The items may be generated by the Board or by request of non-Board members. There are times when questions posed to Board staff can be answered without the issue going to a Board Meeting. Some examples of these situations include when the Board has previously responded to the question, when the law is clear on the answer, or when the Decision Models provide an answer.

Sometimes people want to know why it takes a long time to get an answer to an issue from the Board. The Board meets at least three (3) times each year. The longest time between meetings is five (5) months. When an item is placed on an agenda every effort is made to assure all information related to the topic is available to the Board so a timely decision can be made. If the Board needs or requests more information, the information is gathered and the item is placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

What are the guidelines for having a topic placed on the agenda?

The Board has developed these guidelines and they are presented below.

Parameters for Board Agenda Items

The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses is committed to fulfilling their charge to protect the citizens of West Virginia through the regulation of the practice of the registered professional nurse. To provide the best opportunity for members to review and consider agenda items from outside entities, members must have adequate information in advance of the meeting during which the item is discussed. In order to provide ample time for a review and processing of information related to agenda items, the information must be received by the Board **at least thirty (30) days before a meeting date**. Once the request is received, the following process will occur:

1. The request will be reviewed by Board executive staff to determine:
 - a. Clarity of the request
 - b. Presence of required or necessary supporting documents
 - c. Need to gather more information
2. After executive staff review, the Executive Director and the Board President will meet to discuss the request. The President will make the determination regarding placement on a meeting agenda, or referral to a Board Committee.

Factors that may effect placement on a meeting agenda are:

 - a. Whether or not the issue is under the Board's jurisdiction;
 - b. Significance of the issue on public health and safety;
 - c. Completeness of information provided and whether or not additional information is needed; and,
 - d. Timeliness of the request.
3. Once the decision is made about placement on an agenda, the person making the request will be notified. If the item is not placed on the agenda, a reason will be provided, such as a request for more information or an answer to the question which has been previously provided by the Board. If the item is placed on the agenda, the person making the request will be invited to attend the Board meeting in person or by phone to be available for discussion or questions from the Board.
4. During the meeting the Board will discuss the item and may ask questions of the person making the request. The Board may 1) make a decision on the agenda item; 2) hold the item over to the next meeting for purposes of obtaining more information or allowing more time for review and consideration of information obtained during the meeting. The Board meets at least three (3) times a year, therefore, a decision from the Board may take five (5) months or more.

THE BOARD IS WORKING ON ONLINE RENEWALS . . . WATCH!!**Parameters for Board Agenda Items Continued**

To assist the Board in making a decision in the most timely fashion, the person making the request can provide the information in ample time before the meeting, provide ample support information and be present or available to the Board during discussion of the agenda item.

Requests made less than thirty (30) days before a meeting will move through the same review process. The President will determine if an emergency exists requiring an agenda change for the upcoming meeting or if the item can be placed on a subsequent agenda.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Several bills of interest to nursing have been introduced during the 2005 legislative session. Bills that directly include additional regulatory involvement by the RN Board include; the Fees Rule; EMS personnel working in the hospital setting; and a bill that is anticipated to be introduced about the regulation of Dialysis Technicians. The EMS bill permits EMS personnel to work in the hospital setting based upon rules written jointly by the commissioner for the Bureau of Public Health (which is the agency housing the Office of Emergency Medical Services) and the RN Board. There is the intent for the introduction of a bill relating to giving the RN Board jurisdiction over dialysis technicians. A bill passed last year that gave the authority for RN's to delegate to Dialysis Technicians and gave the Board the authority to regulate education programs. Another bill of interest is the bill relating to the nurse to student ratio in the school setting. This bill sets the student/nurse ratio to include all grades.

To learn more about bills introduced this legislative session visit www.legis.state.wv.us

BOARD MEETINGS

Open Forum time for the public and licensees begins at 9:00 a.m. on the first day of a Board meeting when more than one day is scheduled. The meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. and are held in a conference room at the Board office at 101 Dee Drive, Charleston, West Virginia, unless otherwise noted. If no one attends the Open Forum the meeting will proceed according to the agenda. Potential attendees should contact the Board office at (304) 558-3596 prior to the scheduled meeting to determine if there have been any changes in the location or time of the session so adequate space may be provided. Board meetings are:

June 15 -17, 2005

Joint LPN/RN meeting

June 16, 2005

October 19-21, 2005

BOARD OFFICE SCHEDULE

Open Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. with the exception of holidays.

Upcoming holidays are:

May 30, 2005 Memorial Day
June 20, 2005 West Virginia Day
July 4, 2005 Independence Day
September 5, 2005 - Labor Day

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**ONLINE RENEWALS
PLANNED FOR FALL 2005!!**
The Board is working with the State Treasurer's Office to provide an online renewal option for RN's this Fall when renewing the 2006 license.

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> NEW SCOPE AND
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> FOCUS GROUPS TO TALK
ABOUT THE NURSE
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> BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

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