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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Larry Hogan, Governor - Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor - Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary

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Sent via email to:

Lorraine Diana, Maryland Academy of Advanced Practice Clinicians
Colleen Kennedy, ACNM
Bev Lang, NPAM
Shawn Seifert, Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Inc.

Dear Association contacts:

Per Maryland Chapter 515, Acts of 2017, the composition of the Maryland Board of Nursing (Board) will be altered effective October 1, 2017. One Board seat has been revised to be a seat designated for an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN). Additionally, an "at-large" Board seat has also been added and may be filled by a licensed nurse who is either a licensed practical nurse (LPN), a registered nurse (RN), or an APRN.

For your reference, I have attached a copy of Maryland Chapter 515 that addresses all the membership requirements. Information on the Board's meeting schedule and other member responsibilities is also attached.

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse is to be appointed from a list of qualified individuals jointly developed in accordance with the requirements of subsection (a)(3)(i) of the Act and submitted to the Governor and Secretary by the professional associations to whom this letter is addressed. The Department requests that the Associations review this information closely to ensure compliance with the nomination process and requirements for nominees.

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) is requesting the Associations submit the joint list of nominees for consideration by August 1, 2017. In accordance with the Board statute, a list of five nominees is required in the statute for each pending vacancy. Please keep in mind when nominating individuals to serve that we need individuals who are energetic and enthusiastic. A nominee may not be a registered lobbyist.

The State Ethics Commission has rendered an advisory opinion (#87-1), which addresses the issue of whether members of health regulatory boards may serve as elected officials or directors of professional associations whose members are under the Board's authority. This opinion would be presumed to be a restriction against appointment unless it was clear that their activities would not, in anyway, be a conflict of interest. You should be aware that this opinion could be a restriction on the nature of an individual's activities with the association after they are appointed to a regulatory board. Any officer or Board member of a professional association who accepts nomination for appointment to a regulatory board shall give consideration to resigning from the position with the association prior to accepting the appointment. If the nominee does not wish to resign, his position with the association

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must be clearly stated with the submission of the nominee's name, to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, and subsequently on the Appointee Exemption Disclosure Forms. A determination of eligibility will then be made by the appointment authority.

The Department is committed to creating geographic, gender and ethnic diverse representation on each Board. This helps to ensure that decisions reached more adequately reflect the viewpoints of all populations being served and profoundly continue to advising the groups' mission. We require your assistance in this effort and ask that you address this concern when identifying the most talented individuals to submit as nominees.

The Governor's Appointments Office (GAO) requires all nominees to submit an online application via their website, <https://govapps.md.gov/appointments/apply/>. The applications must be submitted no later than August 1, 2017. Applicants will be required to upload a resume during the online application process.

During the application process, the applicant will be asked to complete the Appointee Exemption Disclosure (AED) form. If a person is appointed, the AED form is filed with the State Ethics Commission and becomes a public document. The State Ethics Commission highly recommends that applicants request exemptions for employment on the AED form and request a financial disclosure exemption if they or co-own a business. The Commission may be reached at 410-260-7770 should any applicant wish to seek additional guidance on completion of the AED form.

Thank you for assisting the Department in the appointment process. We look forward to receiving the joint nominations from your Associations on or before August 1, 2017. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 410-767-4049 or Kim.Bennardi@Maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



Kim Bennardi, Administrator
Office of Appointments and Executive Nominations

Attachments: 2

Cc: Richard Proctor