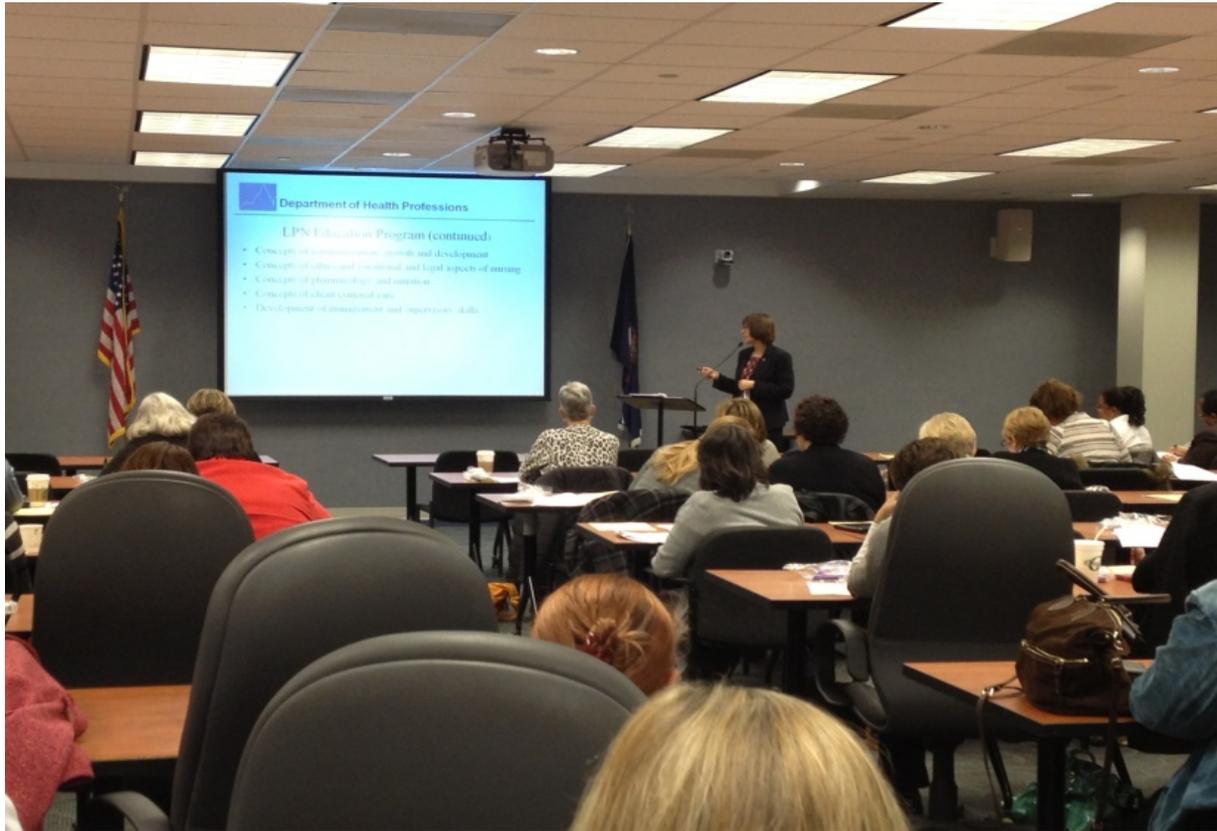


Virginia Board of Nursing Initiates Bi-Annual Orientation for Nursing Leaders
An Overview of the Commonwealth's 2013 Nursing Laws and Regulations Receives Top Marks



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Virginia Board of Nursing (BON) Executive Director, Jay Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., conducted the first of two workshops, Thursday, February 28, 2013, entitled “*Orientation to Board of Nursing Laws and Regulations for Nursing Leaders.*” The workshop was convened at the Department of Health Professions (DHP) and was attended by some 80 representatives from the nursing sector including hospital system administrators and employers of nurses. Data was collected to measure the post workshop knowledge of participants as well as the effectiveness of the program and will be analyzed to enhance program development.

The new BON orientation resulted from Ms. Douglas’ participation in the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Institute of Regulatory Excellence four year Fellowship Program. Attendees of the orientation received NCSBN educational brochures on a variety of topics.

During the orientation Ms. Douglas addressed 2013 updates to the laws and regulations governing nursing in the Commonwealth, responded to questions and addressed current related state and national regulatory affairs.

The following topics were also explored.

- Guiding principles of regulation
- Board composition, authority and license types
- Scope of practice
- Nursys
- Nurse Licensure Compact
- Licensure: NCLEX, examination, endorsement and reinstatement and renewal
- Mandatory reporting
- The BON disciplinary process
- The Health Practitioner Monitoring Program (HPMP)
- Advanced practice



Approximately 80 nursing leaders and employers of nurses attended the Virginia Board of Nursing's 2013 workshop, "Orientation to Board of Nursing Laws and Regulations."

Development of Virginia's *BON Orientation for Nursing Leaders* was informed by statewide surveys of nursing decision makers, a literature review and nursing leader focus groups.

The next BON orientation workshop will cover the same information and convenes April 30, 2013. RSVP's to nursebd@dhp.virginia.gov are now being accepted.

The Virginia Board of Nursing licenses, regulates and disciplines some 200,000 practitioners and is one of 13 health regulatory boards that together compose the Department of Health Professions (DHP).

DHP's mission is to ensure safe and competent patient care by licensing health professionals, enforcing standards of practice, and providing information to health care practitioners and the public.