Dear members,

The Department of Public Health has mandated that the Board of Registration in Nursing promulgate regulations establishing standards that require training on the issue of domestic and sexual violence as a condition of licensure and license renewal. Although this mandate is created as an act of 2014, the DPH has yet to develop and complete the training standards and enforcement is expected to begin as of January 2018. The MNA has pursued answers on this issue to address member needs and answer questions regarding relicensure for 2018. Here is what we do know as of September 8, 2017.

• The program must cover both domestic violence and sexual violence
• The program must be a minimum of three hours long (180 minutes teaching time)
• Specific learning objectives and learning outcomes must be addressed to meet the mandate
• The trainer must be a DPH certified trainer

In the best interest to meet the statute requirements the MNA Nursing Division created a three hour CE program for the members. Although we have NOT yet received an official approval from the DPH on our program, we were very cautious as we developed this to ensure that it meets the requirements of the statute and the trainer we utilize for this program is an expert on domestic and sexual violence training. Therefore, we are cautiously optimistic that this trainer will be certified through DPH and that the program we have created and are implementing to the members should meet the statute. Here are the dates of future trainings:

**Region 1**
- **Date:** December 6, 2017
- **Time:** 8 - 8:30 a.m., Registration 8:30 - 11:45 a.m.,
- **Program Location:** Log Cabin, 500 Easthampton Road, Holyoke; 413-535-5077; www.logcabin-delaney.com

**Region 2**
- **Date:** November 14, 2017
- **Time:** 5:30 - 6 p.m., Registration/Dinner 6 - 9 p.m.
- **Program Location:** Doubletree Hilton, 5400 Computer Drive, Westborough (at 495); 508-366-5511, www.bostonwestborough.doubletree3.hilton.com

**Region 3**
- **Date:** November 15, 2017
- **Time:** 5 - 5:30 p.m., Registration/Dinner 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- **Program Location:** Trowbridge Tavern and Canal Club (located behind the hotel), 100 Trowbridge Road, Bourne; 508.743.9000, www.trowbridge-tavern.com

**Region 4**
- **Date:** November 29, 2017
- **Time:** 4:45-5:30 p.m., Registration/Dinner 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Program Location:** Danversport Yacht Club, 161 Elliot Street, Danvers, MA 01923, 978-774-8620 http://www.danversport.com/contact.htm

**Region 4**
- **Date:** June 12, 2018
- **Time:** 4:45-5:30 p.m., Registration/Dinner 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Program Location:** Danversport Yacht Club, 161 Elliot Street, Danvers, MA 01923, 978-774-8620 http://www.danversport.com/contact.htm

**Region 5**
- **Date:** December 13, 2017
- **Time:** 4:45 - 5:30 p.m., Registration/ Dinner 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- **Program Location:** Lombardo’s 6 Billings St, Randolph, MA, 781-986-5000
October 30, 2015

To: Massachusetts Nurses

From: Laurie Talarico, MS, RN, CNP Nursing Practice Coordinator

Re: Domestic and Sexual Violence Training – updated memo

MGL c 260, §9 of the Acts of 2014 requires the boards of registration in medicine, nursing, nursing home administrators, physician assistants, social workers, psychologists and allied mental health and human services to promulgate regulations establishing standards that require training on the issue of domestic and sexual violence as a condition of licensure and license renewal.

Nurses are not expected to comply with this new requirement until the training standards are developed and new regulations are promulgated. Once the training standards are developed and new regulations are promulgated the Board will convey the information on its web site. Nurses whose license expiration dates fall prior to the completion of these regulatory revisions will be required to comply with the new requirement prior to their renewal in 2018.

Information about the Board’s promulgation of revised regulations, how nurses can comply with this new requirement, and effective dates will be posted on the Board’s website when it is available. All nurses are directed to consult the website regularly to stay abreast of further developments.

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