End of Year Report, 2015
NHNA Commission on Nursing Practice

June: “Spotlight on Nursing Today”
Throughout the spring, the commission was busy planning “Spotlight on Nursing Today”. The event was held June 11th, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Granite State College in Concord. Postcards were sent out in advance to NHNA members, and the event was posted on the NHNA website. The event was attended by at least 16 nurses and two recent graduates. They came from locations throughout the state, from Nashua to Manchester to Lebanon and beyond.

“Spotlight on Nursing Today” was developed as an educational activity to expand knowledge and enhance nursing practice. Guest speakers included Lynn LeGasse RN, MSN, and Millie Sattler RN, MSN, CCRN. LeGasse presented “Managing the Disruptive Patient,” which covered a range of topics, including underreporting, mindfulness, characteristics of stages and management techniques. Sattler, who is pursuing her Doctorate of Nursing Practice, presented “A Spin on Staffing”, covering strategies for staffing and supporting “healthy work environments.” CEUs were provided for this portion by the Northeast Multi-State Division. Completing the evening session, MassMutual Financial Group representatives gave a talk on the “Financially Fit Nurse.” The Commission expresses appreciation to MassMutual Financial Group for their support, including providing refreshments. Networking took place during breaks and around the event.

The success of the program was evident in participant feedback and evaluations. One attendee commented, “This was a good idea... a really great program” as she was leaving. Another wrote, “The speakers were excellent.”

October: Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet
The commission was charged with planning the 2015 Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet. Plans are in progress for the event, to be held on October 20, 2015 at the Holiday Inn, Concord. The Membership Meeting starts at 5:00 PM, followed by the Awards Banquet at 6:00 PM. The commission is planning a professional posters display, and a poster contest.

The New Hampshire Nurses' Association Annual Awards Program awards program recognizes outstanding performance by Registered and student nurses, as well as exceptional support on the part of others, with regard to the profession of nursing. The commission has put out a call for award nominations, and will determine award winners at the September monthly meeting.

The commission is honored to have Susan Fetzer RN PhD CNL, Professor, Department of Nursing, College of Health and Human Services, University of New Hampshire agree to be our keynote speaker. She will be presenting on the topic of “Caring”, as selected by the group. Faith Wilson is providing administrative support with registration and sponsorship.

December: Community Outreach at Christmas Party
The commission is planning to celebrate the holiday season at their December meeting with a Christmas Party. As well, they will collect items for the needy, such as a food bank, to distribute after the event. his community outreach is in the planning stages, and highlights spirit of volunteering as a group, to help those in need.

CURRENT MEMBERS INCLUDE: Co-Chairs Amanda Carmichael, RN, BSN, MBA & Bonnie Kershaw, MSN Chelle Bergeron, RN, MBA, Kim Bermard, BSN, CPAN, Holly Clayton, MSN, Jennifer Johnson, DNP, CNM, RNC-OB and Jamie Payson, BS, ASN