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July 27, 2023

His Excellency Governor, Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to reappoint Bonni Schumann, RN, to serve on the New Hampshire Victims' Assistance Commission. Ms. Schumann's term will be for three years effective upon the date of the Governor and Executive Council approval through August 26, 2026.

EXPLANATION

NH RSA 21-M:8-g authorizes the Attorney General to nominate or reappoint, for approval by the Governor and Executive Council, members to serve on the New Hampshire Victims' Assistance Commission. It is the responsibility of the Commission to review claims for financial reimbursement of expenses submitted by innocent victims of violent crimes. This program has been in effect since 1990.

Ms. Schumann joined the Commission in 2015 and currently serves as Chair. She is a registered nurse with over 30 years of experience. Ms. Schumann's experience as a nurse and, more specifically, a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner has brought the skills and knowledge essential to the operation of the victims' compensation program.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this request. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of John M. Formella in blue ink.

John M. Formella
Attorney General

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BONNI SCHUMANN, RN, BSN, CEN, SANE-A, SANE-P

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)

Nov. 2009 to present
Southern NH Medical Center

Provides individualized comprehensive coordinated care to victims of sexual violence
Performs sexual assault exams for all age groups & genders
Provides emotional support for victims of interpersonal violence
Coordinates care, amongst several disciplines, for victims of interpersonal violence
Performs suspect exams, as requested, by local police departments
Takes forensic photos of domestic violence, sexual abuse, child & elder abuse victims
Meets monthly, with other SANE's; for case review & quality review
Testifies in court
Attends quarterly SANE review days, organized by NHCADSV
Attends biannual NH Attorney General Conference on domestic violence & child, sexual, & elder abuse, 2009-present
Attends annual IAFN (International Assoc. Forensic Nurses) Conference, both nationally & internationally, 2009-present
Assists local domestic violence advocacy group with training new advocates
National specialty certification exam, October 2010 (SANE-A)
National specialty certification exam, February 2014 (SANE-P)
Assists SANE program manager with trainings at local police departments
Presents on Human Trafficking, to various health care groups
Presented on recognition of sexual assault victims, in an office setting, to family practice nurses
Works with NHCADSV to train new SANE's
Member of Hillsborough County Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART) since 2018, co-chair since 2020
Certified as an expert witness in several trials in NH and in in Vermont
Attended Human Trafficking Academy @ Mass General Hospital in 09/2020
Met with NH Congressional Representatives to discuss sexual assault dynamics

Commissioner Victims Compensation Board

12/2012 to present
NH Attorney General's Office

Chairperson since 2020
Commissioner on a multi-disciplinary team, meeting monthly
Review, discuss, & approve or disapprove claims from victims of violent crime

Clinical Staff Nurse Emergency Department

1997 to present
Southern NH Medical Center

Performs all aspects of Emergency Department care

Competent to care for all patient populations; including pediatric, neonatal, psychiatric, trauma, domestic violence, child and elder abuse victims, & all other ill adults

Frequently works as triage RN, assessing acuity of all incoming patients

Frequently placed in role of charge RN

Chairperson of ER Unit Based Practice Committee, 2008-2018

Precepts RN's new to the emergency room

Mentors RN's pursuing their Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree

Works cohesively with all team members that populate the emergency room

National specialty certification exam in June 2011 (CEN)

Clinical Manager of West 3

1993 to 1997
Southern NH Medical Center

Performed performance evaluations, created monthly schedules, & entered payroll on computer
Interviewed and hired new staff.

Clinical Staff Nurse on West 3

1991-1997
Southern NH Medical Center

Performed all aspects of inpatient cardiac and adult medical surgical care

Acquired specialized knowledge of cardiac, respiratory, dialysis, & diabetic patients

Performed patient & family education on cardiac diseases and diabetes

Served on committee to create 24-hour inpatient chest pain/rule out MI pathway

Member of Ethics Committee

Health Unit Coordinator (HUC), Emergency Room and Admitting

1990-1991
Southern NH Medical Center

Registered patients, answered phones, coordinated patient flow, data entry, filing

EDUCATION:

Masters in Public Health, Southern NH University Ongoing Enrolled 09/2020

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner training program, New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence 11/2009

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of New Hampshire 05/2008

Associate of Science in Nursing, Rivier College 05/1991

AWARDS:

Jennifer Pierce-Weeks Award, for Excellence In Sexual Assault Nursing June 2014

Daisy Award, for Excellent Compassionate Nursing Care May 2016

Emergency Dept. Nurse Of The Year

April 2023

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Guest speaker at high school health occupations class re: Nursing	2010-2019
Round table speaker at junior high school for Career Day	2009-2012
Guest lecturer at high school re: child abuse	2004-2007
Guest speaker at elementary school re: child injury prevention program	2000-2002
Regular blood donor for past 35 years	

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATIONS:

National Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN)
International Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner-Adult & Adolescent (SANE-A)
International Sexual Assault Examiner-Pediatrics (SANE-P)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)
International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN)
American Nurses Association (ANA)