

**Kentucky Board of Nursing
Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder Evaluations**

Components to be included:

1. Social history.
2. Status of mental health/substance use disorder.
3. Psychological status.
4. Results of testing, if any (SASSI, MMPI, etc.).
5. Evaluation and effectiveness of prior treatment, if any.
6. Recommendations regarding need for any further treatment or further evaluations.
7. Assessment of the nurse's ability to function safely.
8. Parameters under which the nurse can practice nursing, if applicable.
9. Any recommendations for work restrictions or monitoring reports to the Board of Nursing and/or the Board's alternative to discipline program, the KARE for Nurses Program.

As a Board approved evaluator, it is imperative that, prior to performing the evaluation, you contact the staff person identified in the Board's Order for the evaluation. Nurses ordered to have an evaluation performed can give you a copy of the Board's Order for your reference.

In preparing your written report to the Board, please include a response to the above identified areas. The report should be submitted to the Board office on your business letterhead including address, telephone number and/or email address. The Board will consider your evaluation when determining their course of action in this case. If this matter proceeds to Hearing, the evaluation may be used in the proceeding.

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