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“The board will continue with the customer service standard of a reply within 24 hours to any applicant or licensee inquiry...and remains pledged to that standard of practice”

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Board Reorganizes for 2011 and Beyond

Shared Boards— Shared BENHA Staff

Perhaps in the most significant transition for staff since the board's statutory inception in 1970, the BENHA board approved a two year agreement with the Board of Optometry and the Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice to “share” the BENHA staff. Jan Strum, Office Manager, will stay primarily in the role of licensing specialist for the LNHA program. BENHA Executive Director, Randy Snyder, will serve as Executive Director for the three autonomous boards with three separate boards of directors. Given the current fiscal challenges, workforce planning with decreased budgets, we face similar challenges to the industry... change. A third staff member, a licensing specialist for Optometry and Dietetics/Nutrition Practice, will complete the three person team for the distinctive boards. The Executive Director will focus on legislative issues, board governance and complaint resolution for all three boards.

- Overall cost should be reduced for all three boards' operational expenses and delay a scheduled BENHA renewal fee increase originally targeted for 2012. Fees haven't been increased since 1995. That's right! 18 years with no increase in fees.
- Allows a dedicated 'licensing specialist' for each discipline.
- Restructure to essential tasks focused on technological and online improvement with a strong customer service standard of responding within 24 hours to any applicant or licensee request for information regardless of the political climate and potential additional reductions in staffing, unknown as we print this.



BOARD ISSUES TWO REPORTS ON SHARED ADMINISTRATORS AND ACTING PERMITS

The website hosts two reports on two critical issues for the board. The Shared Administrator Report summarizes best practices for an administrator of record at two separate facilities regardless of their ownership model. The 2001 model legislation for shared administrators formerly required a not to exceed mileage standard of 75 miles, not to exceed 150 total skilled (SNF) beds, and common ownership. In that model an average of 22 LNHA's were shared. Today, without those distance, size and ownership restrictions in place, roughly 30 LNHA's are shared. The 2010 Annual Report is on the website with all the statistics on age, new licensees, test scores.....etcetera. Check them out.

WEBINARS and Distance Learning Opportunities for Occupational CE Credit

Online or webinar opportunities is a great alternative to the traditional classroom for CE. At the April Board meeting, association staff met to discuss webinars. The board continues to support quality education that builds on the core competencies expected of a LTC Administrator. It's not about clock hours, rather the continued growth of the administrative skill set, which continues to evolve and will only be more demanding in the future. BENHA follows the NAB (National Association of Board for Long Term Care Administrators) guidelines, which requires sponsor 'verification of attendance' offered through electronic options. The Board does not specify 'how' to verify, but requires the sponsor to state how the administrator is engaged in the learning objectives in order to qualify for continuing education clock hours. There are many options for the CE provider community.

January-December 2010:

51 new licensees

Lic# Name Date Licensed

4056 Thomas, Kaitlin B. 11/30/10
4068 Barness, Craig J. 11/22/10
4006 Vang, Darla B. 11/10/10
3979 Hervin, Carolyn L. 11/10/10
4079 Moynihan, Taryn E. 11/8/10
4051 Sondergaard, Jonathon G. 10/25/10
4016 Raw, Elizabeth K. 10/22/10
4067 Fish, Douglas A. 10/18/10
4041 Barkley, Linda M. 10/14/10
4052 Gaustad, Robin L. 10/13/10
4055 Gentilli, Amanda M. 10/5/10
4075 Gamaldi, Christina A. 9/22/10
4061 Hebert, Katherine A. 9/14/10
4023 Cornelius, Anita M. 9/10/10
4060 Sodergren, Kristina M. 8/30/10
4059 Holt, Julianne M. 8/30/10
4050 Ritter, Stephanie L. 8/27/10
3995 Blomquist, Courtney J. 8/26/10
4036 Blasko, Jennifer K. 8/25/10
4063 Krattenmaker, Melody A. 8/9/10
3989 Chisholm, Melissa Erin 8/11/10
4046 Raad, Jessica M. 8/24/10
3779 Farley, Jolene M. 8/5/10
4039 Beckmann, Kelly G. 7/26/10
4026 Borgstrom, Brandon J. 7/26/10
4003 Rupkalvis, Sara R. 7/19/10
3912 Bjerke, Brandon O. 7/6/10
4064 Farland, Erin 7/13/10
4047 Jewell, Margie J. 7/1/10
3937 Westbrook, Rebecca G. 7/1/10
3980 Knutson, Sharlene M. 5/21/10
2932 Knoepke, Thomas D. 5/20/10
4058 Kleinsasser, Megan Ryan 5/13/10
4014 Ylitalo, Ashley Paul 5/5/10
3971 Allen, Corinne E. 4/28/10
2013 Herbeck, Nancy E. 4/2/10
3939 Garrity, Maria E. 3/16/10
3954 Syltie, Michael L. 3/11/10
4004 Reynolds, Laura Lee 3/11/10
4032 Alexander, Donald J. 1/21/10
4025 Davis, Katie J. 1/19/10
4018 Schulte, Margaret M. 1/15/10
3988 Hayes, Tammy A. 1/15/10
3998 Nelson, Jason S. 1/12/10
4012 Wolters, Brianne Mae 1/5/10
4015 Gerard, Lynn M. 1/4/10
3951 Langason, Gregory C. 1/4/10
4011 Borreson, Michelle R. 1/4/10
3956 Stordahl, Michael T. 1/4/10
4009 Johnson, Sharon A. 1/4/10
3919 Koehnen, Amy L. 1/4/10

Dear Fellow Administrators:

On behalf of the Board of Examiners and our Executive Director, I bring you greetings and thanks for your work during the past year. Our profession continues to have a number of critical issues to resolve and I am confident that you as professionals are up to these difficult challenges. In recent months we have seen an uptick in the number of complaints against our administrators, a new focus on media articles and dissatisfaction with performance of our duties. It is in this spirit of concern that I encourage you to reach out to your fellow administrators for support and guidance. By supporting one another we are a much stronger group of professionals and more unified in our practices. Should you have any concerns regarding specific decisions or need help with questions from the public safety perspective, the board is here to provide that guidance. We are very lucky and well represented by our Executive Director Randy Snyder. He is a wealth of information and can provide resources in response to your questions regarding the scope of practice for our profession.

We continue to review approximately 100 complaints a year and appreciate your prompt reply to those requests for additional information as we fulfill our public safety mandate to review the events from the Administrator perspective. In nearly all situations, good analysis has been completed as to why the event occurred, what was needed for short and long term corrections and steps to avoid similar repeated issues while creating quality environments for the elders in your care. Thank you again for your dedicated, quality work.

Kyle Nordine, Board President

UPDATE YOUR OFFICIAL BOARD RECORD ANY TIME, ANY DAY

- ◆ Address Change
- ◆ Phone Number
- ◆ Email Address
- ◆ Any assignment changes as the Administrator of Record (within five days of the actual change)



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The mission of the Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators is to promote the public's interest in quality care and effective services for residents of nursing facilities by ensuring that licensed administrators are qualified to perform their administrative duties.



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2011 –2012 Board Meetings: Board office, Minneapolis

July 27, 2011

October 26, 2011

January 25, 2012

April 25, 2012

Meeting Minutes and Reports to the Board are posted at the board website under the "Board" tab.