



**MINNESOTA BOARD
of EXAMINERS for
NURSING HOME
ADMINISTRATORS**

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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Sunset Commission and Board Update

Sunset Commission and 2012 Legislative Session

The Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators went through "SUNSET" review this year with the other 15 Minnesota health-related licensing and regulatory boards. Mandated by the 2011 legislature, the Sunset Commission reviewed many operational details of the board and recommended all boards continue. As of this date, the bill has passed both chambers and awaits the Governor's signature. Overall, there was great support for the health licensing boards and there were a number of initiatives, many reduced to a study and not enacted at this time. BENHA, with all health-licensing boards, were included in a far more extensive review than some suggest was the original intent of the Commission. The five studies to be completed by January, 2013, are:

1. **Criminal Background Checks study and recommendations for establishing uniform criminal history background check requirements for all applicants and current licensees.**
2. **Reporting Obligations: study and draft legislation for consistent reporting requirements of conduct constituting grounds for disciplinary action.**
3. **Investigations: Defining the Respective Roles of Boards and AGO**
4. **Report on Licensure Fees to better reflect income to expense**
5. **Report: Centralized business office currently utilized versus other state options and a significant focus on the Board of Medical Practice.**

The Sunset Commission also mandated frequent written communications be provided to both the licensee and the citizen involved in the report with established customer service notification requirements. The final language will be posted soon.

Jan Strum to retire in November, 2012

Office manager since 2002, Jan Strum has been employed at the BENHA since June, 1998, and will begin her retirement in November. Many of you have been assisted by her on the phone and by email over the years. She will be missed. We wish her good luck in having time to explore family history, as genealogy is a passion. We know many of you will want to wish her well in her retirement. Best wishes Jan!

The Board, along with the Minnesota Boards of Optometry and Dietetics and Nutrition Practice, will hire an Assistant Executive Director to meet the current work of the BENHA Office Manager while working as the Assistant Executive Director in a broader role. Posting for the position will occur sometime in July.

Thank you Board Members

In 2012, BENHA had three long time board members end their current four year appointment. The Secretary of State receives the candidacy through their website with the Governor selecting the board member. BENHA has been well served with two long time public members: Christine Rice, Lake Elmo, and Ann Tagtmeyer, Mendota Heights. Ask any current board member and they'll share their tremendous respect for both individuals representing the public and pushing for reasonable public safety approaches. Public members are always a challenge to secure and BENHA has been very fortunate. Jim Birchem, Little Falls, has also served eight outstanding years. Thank you all for your excellent service! Appointments are currently pending for 2012. To review the open appointment process, check out the secretary of state's website at www.sos.state.mn.us.

January-December 2011

41 new licensees

Lic# Name Date Licensed

4136 King, Michelle Anne 12/13/11
4112 Johnson, Nathan James 12/2/11
3855 Babbitt, Don F. 12/2/11
4129 Keller, Ryan T. 11/30/11
4104 Colborn, Alexander P. 11/2/11
4097 Lindeman, Mark A. 11/1/11
4088 Scheeler, Heidi J. 10/25/11
4095 Heijerman, Heather 10/20/11
4116 Bernander, Brian 10/12/11
4122 Jacobs, Kyla 10/10/11
4119 Broesder, Dawn L. 10/10/11
4057 Aramalay, Talia A. 10/6/11
4107 Waite, Amanda Ann 10/4/11
4115 Lakoduk, Sarah A. 10/3/11
4054 Rauk, Marian L. 9/20/11
4094 Kalla, Lisa Ann 9/2/11
4127 Callahan, Kelsey Ann 9/1/11
3999 Haag, Zachary M. 8/30/11
4108 Schreiner, Shari A. 8/17/11
4090 Gish, Kevin D. 8/4/11
4085 Pederson, Kimberly A. 8/2/11
4040 McCrae, Melissa Lynn 8/1/11
4034 Caldwell, Debra L. 7/22/11
4093 Aschenbrenner, Sara A. 7/1/11
4106 Donahue, Shannon M. 7/1/11
4091 Groebner, Jayna M. 7/1/11
4126 Anderson, Michael RH 6/24/11
4031 Burnell, Natalie L. 5/27/11
4062 Craig-Paulson, Lorna L. 5/24/11
4087 Thompson, Julie 5/11/11
4099 Lewis, Karly J. 4/1/11
3762 Blanchard, Richard M. 3/17/11
4043 Shvetzoff Hennessey, Erin L. 3/9/11
2561 Smith, Craig R. 2/23/11
4074 Wraalstad, Kimber L. 2/22/11
4101 Colby, Richard L. 2/2/11
4083 Gamst, Blaine M. 1/18/11
4081 Heffernon, Raechel S. 1/14/11
4070 Schmidt, Margaret 1/10/11
4037 Wilson, Sharon M. 1/5/11
4049 Goldbach, Jennifer L. 1/4/2011

DID YOU KNOW....

- ◇ The current average age of a Minnesota LNHA is 51.5 years of age.
- ◇ In 2011, the board had the largest total number of LNHA's (853) since 2004 (856) and the largest number of applicants (66) since 2000.
- ◇ Over 212 continuing education programs for senior care administrators were approved in 2011.
- ◇ Nearly all inquiries requested of the administrator of record by the Standards of Practice Committee in the past year were related to VAA policies, Administrator involvement in the investigation, and their participation in QAA to attempt to resolve the 'root' or essential required system modification.
- ◇ The National Association of Boards for Long Term Care Administrators (NAB) will potentially launch their job analysis this year for all three LTC administration specialties; skilled, assisted living, and home-community based services and review the potential of the senior care specialist set of core competencies that crosses all service lines in this evolving profession. NAB is pulling together national subject matter experts to review this new model.

Dear Fellow Administrators:

On behalf of the Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators, we thank you for your work this past year. The daily work you provide in leadership and management guiding the care of thousands of Minnesotans is appreciated. The board of directors continues to review the current requirements for education, performance and safety of the public. As always, you are invited to attend any of our meetings and we encourage you to read the items posted at our website during the year. We continue to work closely with both trade associations regarding new educational opportunities and welcome your input, in order for us to best determine the needs of our administrators. Keep up your good work and continue using researched approaches and evidence based practice standards in your daily operations. Have a great year.

Kyle R. Nordine, LNHA, Board President

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July 25, 2012

October 24, 2012

January 23, 2013

April 24, 2013

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