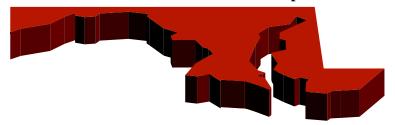
State of Maryland Board of Environmental Health Specialists



Open Session Agenda OCTOBER 3, 2018 BOARD MEETING, CONFERENCE ROOM 110 10:00 AM 4201 Patterson Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215

Call to order – Bert Nixon, Board Chair

ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA?

APPROVAL OF AGENDA?

ITEM 1

- **1(a).** Open Session Minutes for approval from the August 1, 2018 Board Meeting.
- **1(b).** Record of Closed Session Meeting from the June 6, 2018 meeting.

(Attachments)

ITEM 2 Board Chair Report:

Bert Nixon

2(a). Introduction of Erin Kelly, Local Government Representation, appointed July 2018.

2 (b). Tabled Item from the August 1, 2018 - The Board received an inquiry from Steven Krieg, a licensee. Mr. Krieg posed a question to the Board: "Are the plumbing inspector's in Baltimore County specifically allowed by State law to perform inspections of septic systems without being required to be a licensed Environmental Health Specialist?" Mr. Krieg has requested a response in writing. The Board staff, at the direction of the Executive Director, James Merrow, contacted two licensees who would be the most probable to consult with to answer the question. Mr. Tom Ernst and Mr. Bill Ensor both advised that permittees who install septic systems in Baltimore County must be licensed Master Plumbers or Licensed Sewage Disposal Contractors. The Sewage Disposal Contractor license requires passing an exam as well as demonstrating prior work experience installing septic systems under the supervision of another licensed individual. All new septic systems and repairs are existing septic systems in Baltimore County are designed by licensed Environmental Health Specialists. Inspections to verify that septic systems are installed in accordance with the approved design are performed by Plumbing Inspectors (see attached memo). Plumbing Inspectors for Baltimore County are also licensed Master Plumbers.

(Attachment)

ITEM 3 Executive Director Report:

James Merrow

3(a). 206 licensees have completed their required training for continuing education credits for the license expiration of June 30, 2019 at the time of this agenda preparation.

3(b). Annual Report

(Attachment)

3(c). Board Member Orientation – The orientation will be held on Monday, October 15, 2018 at UMBC Technology Center located at 1450 South Rolling Road, Halethrope, MD 21227. A letter from the Secretary is attached with all information regarding the orientation. **(Attachment) 3(d).** Open Meeting Act Training – 6 members have completed the Open Meeting Act Training. **3(e).** The August 7, 2018 exam had 16 candidates take the exam. 9 of the candidates passed the exam. The 9 names are listed below:

Prabesh Bajracharya
 Thomas Balladarsch
 Anusua Biswas
 Rachel Churn

6. Bonnie Griesmer7. William Jacobs8. Austin Potts

9. Sean Stein

5. Julienne Ekor-Tah

All passing candidates have paid the initial licensing fee and their license has been issued. **3(f).** A blast e-mail was sent out on September 11, 2018 with information that the Board's website was down and could be accessed through the Department's website. The e-mail also stated that the usual April exam will be scheduled in March of 2019 to allow the Board staff to focus on the renewal of licenses.

3(g). Stats from the Licensing Database:

- 1. Active Seasonal Certificates 26
- 2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists 568
- 3. Active In-Training Certificates 84
- 4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates 149

ITEM 4 Credentialing:

4(a). Fantahun Bizuneh – Applied with the Board and meets the requirements. Took the exam direct with NEAH and passed. Adhering to Statute 21-304 C3 Mr. Bizuneh is seeking Board approval for his 12 months experience while employed at Prince George's County Health Department. File has been brought to this meeting.

(Attachment)

4(b). Meghan Johnson – Letters have been submitted requesting that Ms. Johnson's in-training period be changed to the 12 month in-training period. Ms. Johnson is hopeful the Board approves the request so she can apply to take the December 2018 exam. Her in-training period began on April 20, 2017. File has been brought to this meeting. (**Attachment**)

ITEM 5 Legislative/Regulations Committee: Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie and

Jasen Lau

ITEM 6 Work Force Work Group: Bert Nixon, Linda Rudie,

and Naomi Howell

ITEM 7 Continuing Education Committee: Bruce Bowman, Amy Parrish and

Ann Rose

7(a). Lloyd Harmon, License # 000691 as requested at the August 1, 2018 meeting Mr. Harmon re-submitted the training. Linda Rudie has submitted her advice on the training via e-mail in her absence today. Her e-mail is attached with the re-submittal.

- 1. Cultural Diversity, Health Disparities and Public Health
- 2. Diversity and Cultural Competency in Public Health Settings Basic Level
- 3. Cultural Competence for Community Management of Special Needs Patients in Disaster
- 4. Cultural Competence in Emergencies
- 5. Managing Diversity Begins with you

(Attachment)

ITEM 8 **Status of Work Processed:**

Initial Licenses <u>Issued (9)</u>

1. Thomas Balladarsch 6. Austin Potts

2. Juienna Ekor-Tah 7. Prabesh Bajracharya

3. Bonnie Griesemer 8. Anusus Biswas

4. William Jacobs 9. Rachel Churn

5. Sean Stein

License Reactivation (1)

1. Karen Hewitt

In –Training Certificates Issued (9)

1. James Bowen 6. Naseem Azadi 2. Barisua Ikpe 7. Natisha Joseph 3. Paris Newman 8. Hailey Allen 4. Jennifer Kenney 9. Robert Maffei

5. Amanda Losardo

9. Rena Blakely

Extended In-Training Certificates Issued (0)

Certificates of Eligibility Issued (27)

1. Sabrina Figler 11. Lauren Couch 21. Anthony Pennington 2. Mailyn Aviles Ramirez 22. Hailey Allen 12. Shane Evans 3. Anamda Losardo 23. Alexis Bryant 13. Holly Leymeister 24. Christopher Singleton 4. Alexis Capes 14. Lilian Schneider 25. Nicole Sueida 5. Maria-Angelis Salvi 15. Parisa Soleimanifar 6. Kerri Springer 16. Kristen Elmore 26. Thomas Kotlar 7. Kamal Khan 17. Katherine Laird 27. Christopher Smack 8. Kelsey Green

18. Daniel Wooddell

19. Aubrey Harbaugh

10. Jake Cyr 20. Adam Ohl

Extended Certificates of Eligibility (6)

- 1. David Hislop
- 2. Timothy LaRonde
- 3. Barry Jones, II
- 4. Beatrice Babalola
- 5. William Alzado
- 6. Wondale Amare

Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates Issued (0)

Letters of Denial Issued for the Certificate of Eligibility (1)

1. Justin Swick – Did not meet course requirement.

The Board may close a portion of the Open Meeting to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.

Adjourn