

Maryland Department of Health
STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS

JUNE 15, 2022
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The 453rd Board Meeting was convened at 9:30 a.m. at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215 in Room 106 on Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

Members Present

1. John Beyer
2. Debra Buckalew
3. Patricia Cash
4. Stevanne Ellis (phone)
5. Kelly Freidman, Board Chair
6. Kimberly Malin
7. Andre Moshenberg
8. Earl Runde
9. Nader Tavakoli-Jalili
10. Michael Willis, Vice Chair

Representatives of the State

1. Ciara J. Lee
Executive Director
2. Kellie C. Smith
Deputy Director/Licensing Coordinator
3. David Finkler, Esq., Board Counsel
Assistant Attorney General
4. Lillian Reese
Legislative & Regulations Coordinator

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was accepted as submitted.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 452nd Board Meeting, held on Wednesday May 11, 2022 were approved as submitted.

Chair's Report

Board Chair Friedman stated that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 110.

Office Report

Ms. Lee gave the following report:

For the month of May:

- 1 Original license was issued
- 16 licenses were renewed
- 5 AIT applications were processed
- 3 Reinstatement applications were processed
- 1 Endorsement application was processed

As of June 15, 2022, there are currently:

501 active LNHA's
18 inactive LNHA's
400 non-renewed (lapsed) LNHA's
29 candidates are currently in active AIT programs

Credentials Committee Update

During the June 14, 2022 Credentials Committee Meeting, the Committee voted to approve the following:

1 resumption of a 12-month AIT programs at a new facility with a new preceptor
4 new 12-month AIT programs
1 new 9-month AIT program
1 endorsement candidate that was ready for licensure
3 reinstatement applications
1 course approval for 2 courses

Welcome New Deputy Director

Ms. Lee provided the opportunity to welcome BENHA's new Deputy Director, Ms. Kellie C. Smith. Ms. Smith briefly described her background and future goals while working with BENHA in her new capacity. Subsequently, each of BENHA's Board Members and Staff quickly introduced themselves by stating their name, credentials, and board seat.

Implicit Bias Training Update

In March 2022, Ms. Lee distributed the announcement notification regarding the new Implicit Bias Training requirement from the Maryland Department of Health Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities. By law, this requirement must be completed for all health care practitioners for their 2022 license renewals, effective April 1, 2022. Since then, there has been some discrepancy regarding the training requirements from the MDH Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (OMHHD). Recently, OMHHD removed their list of approved Implicit Bias Training courses from their website and stated that they were updating the information accordingly. A meeting was held on June 14, 2022 with Kim Link, Liaison to Health Occupations Boards and Commissions, and the Executive Directors of the Health Occupations Boards, to discuss the updated list of approved Implicit Bias Training courses on their website. OMHHD is suggesting that if the Boards, including BENHA, have any Implicit Bias Trainings that we recognize as approved courses for our licensees (i.e. NAB-approved training and courses) we should recommend our licensees to complete those trainings which would also count towards their continuing education hours if obtained during their renewal period. Ms. Lee will update BENHA's website with the given information and send the link to the updated list of OMHHD approved Implicit Bias Training courses to the Board and licensees. **Please know that The Maryland Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators does NOT approve the implicit bias training programs.** If you have questions about a course you have already taken or approved courses, please contact the Maryland Department of Health Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities at MDH.HealthDisparities@Maryland.gov or (410) 767-7117.

License Renewal Reminder Emails for Licensees

Ms. Lee explained that there seems to be an increase in confusion with licensees regarding when they need to renew their licenses. The Board Office has processed a few reinstatements due to licensees allowing their licenses to lapse or stating that they never received their license renewal notification via first class mail. Ms. Lee would like to implement a monthly license renewal reminder email template to assist with the renewal notification process, starting July 1, 2022 for August 2022 renewals.

NAB Annual Meeting Updates: June 8, 2022 - June 10, 2022 (Chicago, IL)

Board Chair Friedman and Ms. Lee provided a brief overview of their recent trip to attend the NAB Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Approximately 23 states attended the meeting. During this 3-day meeting, topics such as NAB's Health Services Executive credential, the newly updated AIT Manual, and the Preceptor Training were emphasized.

Committee Appointments

Ms. Lee highlighted BENHA's Subcommittee List (included in all Board Member folders) that list the member composition of each standing committee for the Board. Ms. Lee also emphasized the committees that currently have vacancies and openings (Legislative Committee and Examination Committee specifically). At this time, the Legislative Committee has one LNHA vacancy and possibly an opening for the Chair position. The Examination Committee is open to taking more than three members, which it currently has. If any Board Members are interested in being appointed for any open positions on the Committees, please notify Ms. Lee.

Meeting Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.


Executive Director


Board Chair