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

## OCTOBER 14, 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The 438th Board Meeting was convened at 9:38 a.m. via video conference on Wednesday, October 14, 2020.

## **Members Present**

- 1. Felicia Anthony, Chair
- 2. Patricia Cash
- 3. David Cherry
- 4. Stevanne Ellis
- 5. Kelly Smith Friedman
- 6. Joyce Fritsch
- 7. Kimberly Malin
- 8. Phillip Pawlukovich
- 9. Michelle Rosenheim
- 10. Earl Runde
- 11. Roy Savoie
- 12. Calvin Vain

## Representatives of the State

- 1. Ronda Butler Bell Executive Director
- 2. Andrea Hill Licensing Coordinator
- 3. David Wagner, Esq., Board Counsel Assistant Attorney General
- 4. Lillian Reese
  Legislative and Regulations Coordinator

## **Visitors**

1. Kimberly Link, MDH Liaison to Health Occupations Boards and Commissions

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

## Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was accepted as submitted.

## Welcome to New Board Member

Board Chair Anthony introduced the new Board member Mr. Earl R. Runde. Mr. Runde gave a brief summary of his background to the Board.

## Recognition of Visistors

Board Chair Anthony recognized Kim Link, MDH, as being present for the meeting.

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 437<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting held on September 9, 2020 were approved with adding Lillian Reese as being present for this meeting.

#### Chair's Report

Board Chair Anthony stated that the next Board meeting would be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 9:30 am. Board Chair Anthony announced that the Annual NAB meeting will be held virtually this year from October 26-30, 2020. Ms. Bell stated that she has been requested to be the national representative for the State Executive Directors on a panel that will discuss the measures that states have been taking in regards to Covid-19.

### Office Report

Ms. Bell provided the following office report:

## For the month of September:

1 Original License was issued

24 Licenses were renewed

1 License went into inactive status

3 AIT applications were processed

## As of October 14, 2020 there are currently:

547 active LNHA's

25 inactive LNHA's

135 non-renewed (lapsed) LNHA's

23 candidates are currently in active AIT programs

## Credentials Committee Update

During the October 6, 2020 Credentials Committee Meeting, the Committee voted to approve the following:

3 new 12-month AIT programs

1 completed AIT program that was ready for licensure

1 reinstatement application

1 endorsement application

#### **COVID-19 Updates**

## AIT Site Monitoring Visits

Due to COVID-19, AIT site monitoring visits will be conducted via conference call until further notice. Several Board Liaisons have recently held scheduled conference calls with their assigned AITs. The Executive Director has recently held scheduled conference calls with 15 AITs.

Provisional Licenses Issued Under Governor Hogan's Executive Order of March 16, 2020

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To date, the Board has issued 11 provisional licenses to out-of-state LNHAs, per the provisions set forth in the Governor's Order. These provisions will remain in effect until the Governor lifts the State of Emergency.

## Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Executive Director

**Board Chair**