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BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2013

The 2011 Board Meetings will be held at 227 French Landing, Heritage Place, Metro Center, Nashville, TN, 37243, on the Ground Floor

March 4, 2013
Iris Conference Room
9:00 a.m.

June 3, 2013
Iris Conference Room
9:00 a.m.

August 5, 2013
Poplar Conference Room
9:00 a.m.

November 4, 2013
Poplar Conference Room
9:00 a.m.

The Tennessee Open Meetings Act passed by the General Assembly in 1974 requires that meetings of state, city and county government bodies be open to the public and that any such governmental body give adequate notice of such meeting. Open meeting notices can also be accessed at

<http://health.state.tn.us/boards/calendar.htm>

This form is also available on the bulletin board in the reception area of the Health Related Boards located at 227 French Landing, Suite 300, Heritage Place Metro Center, Nashville, TN 37243. A copy may also be requested by calling the Board office.

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY

A Farewell and Thanks to Former Board Member

Diana L. Miller
Nursing Home Administrator
THA
Chattanooga, TN

Welcome New Board Appointee

Russell O. Caughron
Nursing Home Administrator
Murfreesboro, TN

ACCESSING THE BOARD'S WEB SITE

- Log on to <http://tn.gov/health>
- In the title bar: Click on For Health Care Professionals
- Under Health Related Boards: Click on Nursing Home Administrators

There are many resources on our web site including, but not limited to, the rules, statutes, applications, policy statements and a list of approved educational schools/programs and licensed facilities. License renewal and licensure verification may also be utilized on this web site. This is a valuable resource. Please use it. You will find it to be very friendly.

NOTICE TO ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS LICENSED UNDER TITLE 63

On January 1, 2013, a new law, Public Chapter 952, became effective requiring your licensing board to provide

electronic notices to you. The law gives you the **option** of being notified electronically of the following: (1) Renewals of license, certification or registration; (2) Any fee increases; (3) Any changes in state law that impact the license holder; and (4) Any board meeting where changes in rules or fees are on the agenda. If you “opt in”, the Department of Health will also be able to alert you of critical public health matters impacting the State of Tennessee.

Please visit <https://apps.tn.gov/hlrs/begin.jsp> and complete the registration process to opt in. Once you opt in and provide a current email address, you will begin to receive **ALL** notices electronically rather than through the United States mail. Please note that opting in means your renewal notification will be delivered electronically approximately 45 days in advance of your expiration. The e-notice will direct you to the appropriate webpage to renew. If your profession does not permit you to renew your license online, a paper renewal will continue to be provided.

RULE AMENDMENTS

Rules 1020-01-.06(2)(a)3. Preceptors, Administrators-In-Training and Administrators-In-Training Programs is amended to limit the number of continuing education hours required to maintain certification as a preceptor at 54 hours. Currently, there is not a limit on the number of continuing education hours required when an individual wants to reinstate an expired nursing home administrator’s license and also continue certification as a preceptor.

Rule 1020-01-.076(6). Licensure by education and experience combined with an Administrator-In-Training (A.I.T.) program is amended by increasing the years of “acceptable management experience” required when an individual has an associate degree from three (3) years to five (5) years.

Rule 1020-01-.07(7). Licensure by experience combined with continuing education and an Administrator-In-Training (A.I.T.) program is amended by deleting this pathway entirely because the pathway is no longer being used by applicants due to the lack of available continuing education courses to meet the pathway’s requirements.

Rule 1020-01-.07(B), Licensure by reciprocity, is amended to clarify that for individuals applying for reciprocity the Board will consider for licensure an individual working for a minimum of five (5) of the last seven (7) years as a licensed nursing home administrator in another state in lieu of a degree and in lieu of an A.I.T. (Administrator-in-Training) program.

There are amendments to Rule 1020-01-07 and Rule 1020-01-08 generally that reflect the deletion of paragraph (7) of Rule 1020-01-07.

Rule 1020-01-11(4) Reinstatement of an Expired License is amended to limit the number of continuing education hours

required to reinstate an expired license and to limit the amount of fees assessed to reinstate an expired license.

Effective March 13, 2013.

PUBLIC NOTICE INFORMATION

Public Chapter 230

Provides that each health-related board shall establish a procedure to expedite the issuance of a license, certificate, or permit for an applicant who is certified or licensed in another state to perform the same profession that is the subject of the application; whose spouse is a member of the armed forces; whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to Tennessee; and who has left employment to accompany the person’s spouse to Tennessee. The procedure shall include issuing the applicant a license, certificate, or permit if the licensure requirements in the other state are substantially equivalent to Tennessee’s requirements or developing a method to authorize the applicant to practice in Tennessee with a temporary permit in accordance with current law (T.C.A. §63-1-142). **Effective May 20, 2011.**

Public Chapter 435

Provides that any governmental entity or private business or establishment that provides or offers a place of assembly or entertainment, transportation, lodging, dining, educational, medical or leisure activities or services, or any business or any establishment licensed by the State or any political subdivision thereof, or that is engaged in commerce in this State is strongly encouraged to post a sign indicating that certain information regarding the Tennessee human trafficking resource center hotline is in a location within the establishment that is visible to employees and the general public. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development shall provide the sign authorized by this section on its internet website for entities or establishments to print as needed. **Effective October 1, 2011.**

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