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**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MEMORANDUM**

Date: February 25, 2021

To: Shelley Walker, Director of Communications and Media Relations

From: Wanda E. Hines, Board Administrator

Name of Board or Committee: Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities/Performance Improvement Issue Standing Committee WebEx Meeting

Date of Meeting: March 9, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m., Central Time

Place: Conference Room C
665 Mainstream Drive, Second Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

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Major Item(s) on Agenda: See Attached Agenda

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AGENDA

**BOARD FOR LICENSING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES
PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT ISSUE STANDING COMMITTEE
WEBEX MEETING**

MARCH 9, 2021

**CONFERENCE ROOM C, SECOND FLOOR
9:00 a.m.**

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WHEN THE BOARD IS IN SESSION**

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum.

2. THCA C.N.A. Bridge Program.

REPRESENTATIVE(S): Chris C. Puri, Attorney

3. IG Trauma Center Rules 1200-08-12-.04(2)c-1.

REPRESENTATIVE(S): Kyonzte' Hughes-Toombs, Deputy General Counsel and
Rob Seesholtz, Trauma System Manager, EMS

4. Hospital at Home Program Review-Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville-
License #27; Quarterly Report and Develop Quality Standards.

REPRESENTATIVE(S): Dan Elrod, Attorney

5. Public Comments.

6. Adjourn.

Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities
Performance Improvement Issue Standing Committee Meeting
March 9, 2021

The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities meeting began on March 9, 2021. Mr. Shulman, chair, called the meeting to order.

A quorum roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Louis Caputo—here
Dr. Patricia Ketterman—not here
Dr. René Saunders—not here (arrived at later time)
Mr. Jim Shulman—here
Ms. Gina Throneberry—here
Ms. Janet Williford—here

A quorum was established.

Able to hear response given by each participant to the roll call:

Mr. Louis Caputo—yes
Dr. René Saunders—no response (arrived at later time)
Mr. Jim Shulman—yes
Ms. Gina Throneberry—yes
Ms. Janet Williford—yes

The first item for discussion was the THCA C.N.A Bridge Program. Mr. Puri, Mrs. Solomon of Life Care Centers of America, and Mrs. Estes of THCA were representatives for this item. Mrs. Reed gave background of the item. Mr. Puri presented a slide presentation which included the Board adopting emergency rules placing temporary nurse aides to the nurse aide registry as certified nurse aides. There is a bill moving through the Senate and the House currently. Mr. Puri was unsure what CMS would do with the waivers at the end of PHE but CMS updates waivers every 90 days. Mr. Puri indicated the proposed language is modeled after proposed language from Pennsylvania. Mr. Shulman asked what the Board can do simultaneous to legislation moving forward. Mr. Puri was uncertain which statutory provisions to follow but the legislation would direct the Board to develop emergency rules. Mrs. Solomon spoke on behalf of Life Care Centers of America to the importance and benefits of using the temporary nurse aides in their facilities and supported using the CNA Bridge Program. Mrs. Tippens suggested to look at proposed language and if approved the language can be brought back to the full Board in April for approval. Mrs. Reed directed members to look at Mr. Puri's letter on 2/3/2021 for proposed language for discussion. Mr. Caputo asked about the skills checklist and if appropriate to move with language. Ms. Estes, with THCA stated that a Registered Nurse can administer the skills checklist if needed. Mr. Davis read into the federal rules and emphasized that our state is contracted with DNS through CMS. He also spoke to the federal rule 483.152 and 483.154 requiring skills demonstration and written/oral exam. He stated he was okay with pathway 1, but not comfortable approving pathway 2 outlined in the proposed language. Mr. Puri responded to Mr. Davis' point that he had talked with the department and felt it was okay to move language forward with the Board having authority over their rules. He further stated CMS had not weighed in on how to bridge temporary nurse aides to certified

nurse aides. Mr. Caputo stated that he needed more information before accepting the plan as a whole but would like to keep the individuals that are currently working under this to stay employed in the healthcare system. The Board members collectively agreed. Dr. Saunders asked what more information is needed on pathway 2. Mr. Davis stated that the testing requirement federally is what he was concerned about. Mr. Puri stated that he would find support with CMS for pathway 2 due to Mr. Davis' concern with testing language written regarding the federal required skills, demonstration, and written/oral portion of the exam.

Mr. Shulman made a motion to accept language proposed by Mr. Puri in 2/3/21 letter and Mr. Puri and THCA present language for pathway 2 before the Board in April; Dr. Saunders seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Louis Caputo—yes
Dr. René Saunders—yes
Mr. Jim Shulman—yes
Ms. Gina Throneberry—yes
Ms. Janet Williford—yes

The motion was approved.

The next item for discussion was IG Trauma Center Rules 1200-08-12-.04(2)(c)-1. Mrs. Reed gave background to the item. Mrs. Hughes-Toombs spoke to the item and the Trauma Care Advisory Council's desire to adopt the American College of Surgeons language and there would soon be a revision in the Trauma Care rules. Mr. Seesholtz concurred with her statement. Mr. Shulman read the proposed IG into the record.

Dr. Saunders made a motion to approve the proposed IG; Mrs. Throneberry seconded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Louis Caputo—yes
Dr. René Saunders—abstain
Mr. Jim Shulman—yes
Ms. Gina Throneberry—yes
Ms. Janet Williford—yes

The motion was approved.

The last item for discussion was Vanderbilt University Medical Centers' Hospital at Home Program review; quarterly report and develop quality standards. Mr. Elrod, Mrs. Slayton and Dr. Lagner were the representatives for the facility. Mr. Elrod presented a slide presentation which listed metrics to follow and addressed that the patient satisfaction survey is in the works to develop a reliable tool to use. Mr. Elrod stated that the facility has been participating in a dashboard with national bodies regarding infections to gain information and understanding as stated in the February 2021 Board meeting. Dr. Saunders raised concern with the listing of diagnoses and associated diagnoses needed as well as all deaths and falls with serious injury being reported. Mr. Caputo asked out CMS/Joint Commission surveying the program when operational. Mrs. Felts with Vanderbilt was unaware of the surveying

process currently. Mr. Davis stated that the survey process will begin in the hospital and lead to the patients' home that are enrolled in the program. Mrs. Slayton stated that the facility has participated in virtual surveys with The Joint Commission that included observing length of stay and hospital vs. hospital at home. Mr. Parisher, Facilities Construction Director, asked if this program was associated with the Hospital without walls program and had concern with life safety requirements being met, and the ambulatory state of the patients; Vanderbilt stated this is not a participation in the Hospital without walls program, and the patients were not bed bound and were able to evacuate the home if necessary. **Dr. Saunders made a motion to request a Quality Report by any hospital that institutes a hospital at home program to include the following: census, escalation of care to brick and mortar, mortality rate during Hospital at Home stay, readmits in 30 days, Healthcare Acquired infections to include: CAUTI, Surgical Site Infections, MRSA, C-DIFF, Central line site infection, Hospital acquired pneumonia, patient experience evaluation, falls with serious harm and treating diagnosis; Mr. Caputo seconded.**

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Louis Caputo–yes

Dr. René Saunders–yes

Mr. Jim Shulman–yes

Ms. Gina Throneberry–yes

Ms. Janet Williford–yes

The motion was approved.

Ms. Tippens stated that in April the Board should be made aware of Vanderbilt's program to start in July 2021 and to send out a notification to THA so that facilities doing this type of program are aware of expectations and information needed to participate in the Hospital at Home program.

The meeting was adjourned.