

Maryland State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators

The Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators:

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From the
Desk of the
Chairman:

I am honored to accept the appointment by Governor O'Malley to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators. This coming year promises to be a year of transition for the Board and the Board's office. We have new members serving on the Board, a new Executive Director, and plans for an exciting new year!

Newly appointed to the Board are Christine L. Mour, a licensed nursing home administrator for Catholic Charities Senior Life Services Division, and administrator of record of St. Elizabeth's; Stephanie Sharpe, a licensed graduate social worker, currently serving as Senior Case Manager for HCR ManorCare; Nancy Ferrone appointed for a second term, and also nominated by the Governor to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board. Mr. Arthur N. Rogers was also approved for a second term as a consumer member. Unfortunately, after being reappointed, Mr. Rogers resigned due to health concerns. Also exiting the Board are Paul E. Joyce, Chairman and nursing home administrator, and Stanley Snow, Esquire, who served as a related professional. Both of the above served two terms on the Board, and were not eligible for reappointment. Resigning his position in the nursing home administrator category is Mr. Timothy Johnson, who has accepted a position outside of Maryland. A nomination to fill the nursing home administrator position has been submitted to the Governor, and a candidate to fill the consumer vacancy is still being sought.

I am delighted to announce that Pat Hannigan has been appointed to the position of Executive Director, succeeding Howard E. White who has retired. As you may know, Pat has worked for the Board for many years, and the Board's unanimous support for her reflects our confidence in her ability to assume this most important role.

I am looking forward to working with the Board, legislatures, licensees, trainees and Pat, and anticipate the Board making great strides this year in improving the process for those seeking licensure in Maryland as well as supporting those already licensed. My hope is for the Board and the Office to be more active and accessible, and to that end, I welcome any comments, recommendations or suggestions. Please convey them to Pat Hannigan, at hannigap@dnhm.state.md.us, or feel free to contact the office at any time at (410) 764-4750.

Attached is the Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Report for the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators. The report highlights the activities for the period of July 1, 2007—June 30, 2008. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Board's office at (410) 764-4750.

From the Desk of the Executive Director:

It is so exciting to be named Howard White's successor. I am looking forward to working with you, the Board, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to carry out the mandates of the Board. As mentioned by the Chairman, Mr. Pabst, this coming year promises to be one of transition.

As the Board and I welcome Brian Pabst as Chairman, we must say goodbye to Paul E. Joyce. Mr. Joyce served as Chairman of the Board since December 12, 2005. Under his leadership, the Board conducted a summer study workgroup to examine the standards for licensure of nursing home administrators, he assisted the office in elevating the assistant position to that of deputy executive director, and increased the Board members' per diem rate, which had remained unchanged for over 20 years.

Governor O'Malley also appointed Nancy Ferrone as Vice Chairman. Ms. Ferrone has been a valued

Board member for over 4 years. She is a licensed dietitian and one of the two related health care professionals on the Board. The other health care professional slot has just been filled by Stephanie Sharpe. Ms. Sharpe is a licensed graduate social worker and works for Manor Care. She has also served on the Board of Social Work Examiners.

Since stepping up in the Acting role, I have instituted a new deposit system which will streamline license renewals, allowing the office to process the issuance of renewals and original licenses faster. The Office has initiated steps to comply with Governor O'Malley's StateStat initiative. A new investigator has been hired, and with the addition of Rob Thomas, complaints can be investigated more quickly and handled by the Board in a more expeditious manner. Licenses can now be verified via the Board's website.

I am looking forward to the challenges inherit in this position, and hope to make some positive changes this coming year.

Review of Regulations:

The Board discussed reviewing the regulations under 10.33.01. It was decided that there may be outdated language and some needed updating. After deciding informally that this process will go forward, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene set a work plan for evaluation of 10.33.01, for the purpose of satisfying the requirement of State Government Article, §10 130-139, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires all health occupation boards review their regulations every eight years. It is time for the Board to review the 10.33.01 regulations. The Board and this office will keep all licensees apprised of the progress that is being made in this review process. We welcome any and all recommendations and comments, and will be happy to take any suggestions to the committee for consideration before the official comment period is posted.

Miscellaneous:

✘ A Maryland State examination review session has been established by Barbara Leasure at Carroll Lutheran Village. Sessions are scheduled for Friday, January 2, 2009, and Friday, April 3, 2009. For more information, please contact Ms. Leasure at (410) 848-0090 or bleasure@clvillage.org

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On a personal note: Howard White's wife was hospitalized July 2, 2008, two days after he retired, and subsequently died on August 20th. Many have asked for Howard's address, and it is as follows: 6416 Rosemont Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21206. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to him.

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