

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
Task Force for Regulation of Medication Aides
September 7, 2005**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Task Force for Regulation of Medication Aides of the Virginia Board of Nursing called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Lynne Cooper, Chair, in Conference Room 1, Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Lynne Cooper, Chairperson
Gregory J. Huber, R.N., M.S.N.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
Woody R. Hanes, R.N., M.S.N., F.N.P.

STAFF PRESENT:
Jap P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director
Paula B. Saxby, R.N., Ph.D., Deputy Executive Director, Education
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst, D.H.P.

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Lin Arnett, Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge
Susan Bess, Williamson's Pharmacy
Joanne Alston-Hooker, Williamson's Health Care Network
Carolyn Inman, R.N., Sunrise Senior Living
Deborah Lloyd, R.N., Dept. of Social Services
Christine A. Stacy, R.N., Adult Care Education Consultants, L.L.C.
Julie Wine, Administrator, Beth Shalom Gardens

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: The meeting began with introductions of the Board Members, Task Force Members, Interested Parties, and Staff. Elaine Yeatts gave an overview of the Draft regulations which included the following points of discussion:

- 1) The pass-rate for the medication aide on the competency exam (for first time test takers) shall at least 80% for continued program approval;
- 2) Requirements for instructional personnel shall be licensed registered nurses, pharmacists or doctors of medicine or osteopathic medicine, each instructor should have at least three years of practice experience;
- 3) Delete reference to a clinical practice while being a student;
- 4) Some requirement for direct care staff training prior to taking the med aide program (will look at DSS regulations);
- 5) Program hours shall be as follows: classroom= 20 to 60 hours; Supervised skills practice= 20 to 40 hours; hours will be clarified at the next meeting;
- 6) The task force members will submit information for additional curriculum requirements for basic pharmacology (including common medications taken by the elderly and psychotropic medications); PRN medications, testing for blood sugar levels (feedback due to Elaine Yeatts by September 21, 2005).

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 25, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The Task Force meeting adjourned at 12:28 P.M.

Paula B. Saxby, R.N., Ph.D.
Deputy Executive Director, Education