

APPROVED
VIRGINIA BOARD OF LONG –TERM CARE ADMINISTRATORS
PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES

The Virginia Board of Long-Term Care Administrators convened for a Public Hearing on Monday, June 16, 2008 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Suite 201, Conference Room 4, Richmond, Virginia.

The following board members were present for part of the meeting :

Mary Smith, NHA
Kathleen Fletcher, MSN

DHP staff present for all or part of the meeting included:

Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Rashaun K. Minor, Discipline Operations Manager

Guests present in attendance:

Dana Parsons, Virginia Association of Nonprofit Homes for the Aging (VANHA)
Katie Young, Virginia Commonwealth University – Department of Gerontology
Beverley Soble, Virginia Health Care Association (VHCA)

CALLED TO ORDER

Ms. Yeatts called the public hearing to order at 10:50 a.m.

Ms. Yeatts stated that this was a public hearing to receive comments on amendments to the Board of Long-Term Care Administrators regulations; specifically, to allow up to ten (10) hours of continuing education in Internet or self-study courses and to eliminate the state jurisprudence examination for nursing home administrators. Ms. Yeatts provided copies of the fast-track regulations for the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Yeatts called the first commentator for public comment.

Beverley Soble, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, with the Virginia Health Care Association (VHCA), stated that she supports the continuing education amendments and the elimination of the state jurisprudence examination. Ms. Soble suggested that the Board investigate the use of audio conferences, web-inars, and web-x, on how they will be classified with the National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB); whether they will be considered distant learning or face-to-face. Ms. Soble

further stated that the Board had the great foresight for consideration of these amendments to the continuing education, in light of the energy crisis and the need to obtain credits by an alter means.

Ms. Soble also asked the Board to provide clarification of the ten (10) hours nursing home administrators are allowed to carry; if there will be a distinction of what 'type' of hours will be allowed to carry. Currently the regulations do not specify.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Yeatts reminded the public that written comments on the proposed fast-track action should be directed to Lisa Hahn, Executive Director of the Board, or electronic comment can be posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall at www.townhall.virginia.gov or sent by e-mail. The comment period will close on **July 9, 2008**.

There being no further public comment Ms. Yeatts thanked the public for their attendance, comments, and participation in the regulatory process and the public hearing adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Mary Smith, NHA, Chair

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

Date

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