

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
Meeting of the Medication Aide Curriculum Committee
July 8, 2021

Department of Health Professions – Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Conference Center 201 – **Board Room 1**
Henrico, Virginia 23233

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Medication Aide Curriculum Committee was convened at 10:08 a.m. in Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Second Floor, Board Room 1, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Felisa Smith, RN, MSA, MSN/ED, CNE, RN Board Member, Chair
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member
Dixie McElfresh, LPN, Board Member

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT: Dana Parsons, Leading Age of Virginia
Rhonda Whitmer, Virginia Department of Social Services, Licensing Inspector
Karen Mittura – Germanna Community College, Medication Aide Education Program
Krystal Lotts, Wellness Concepts
Teresa Mason, Fresh Start, Medication Aide Education Program
Jennifer Perez, A & J Total Care Enterprises, Medication Aide Education Program
Dawn Ellis, OmniCare/CVS
Judy Hackler, Executive Director, Virginia Assisted Living Association

STAKEHOLDERS ABSENT: April Payne, VHCA, Virginia Center for Assisted Living
Vonnie Adams, Administrator, Williamsburg Landing

DHP STAFF PRESENT: Jacquelyn Wilmoth, RN, MSN, Deputy Executive Director
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MSH, Deputy Executive Director
Christine Smith, RN, MSN, Nurse Aide/RMA Education Program Manager
Beth Yates, Nursing and Nurse Aide Education Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no one present for public comment.

DISCUSSION OF CURRICULUM REVISIONS:

The focus of this meeting was to discuss the suggested changes to the RMA curriculum that were submitted by the committee members prior to this meeting. The group discussed and agreed upon several changes to the curriculum to include:

- the removal of *workbook* materials that are included in the current curriculum;
- ensuring the curriculum provides a foundation for programs related to content, permitting programs autonomy in method of instruction;

- “Resident’s Bill of Rights” should be changed to “Rights and Responsibilities of Residents in Assisted Living Facilities;”
- updating regulatory and code references;
- adding “per facility guidelines and applicable laws and regulations” in applicable locations throughout the curriculum;
- removal of website links from the document, instead agency names will be included; and
- add “may include but not limited to” to lists that are not all inclusive.

PLAN FOR FOLLOWUP: Ms. Ellis and Ms. Lotts will provide a list of commonly prescribed medications for board staff to share with the committee. Ms. Christine Smith stated that she will create an ongoing list with suggestions for future regulatory changes based on curriculum suggestions. Committee members will submit additional changes to the curriculum to board staff by August 3, 2021. The next meeting of the committee shall be August 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Jacquelyn Wilmoth, MSN, RN
Deputy Executive Director