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Annual Report

Attached is the Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Report for the Maryland Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators. The report highlights the activities for the period of July 1, 2008—June 30, 2009. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Board's office at (410) 764-4750.



New Board Member

Belinda Strayhorn has been appointed to fill a consumer member vacancy on the Board. She has attended two meetings to date, and the Board and Staff look forward to working with Ms. Strayhorn.

Social Worker Designee In Nursing Homes

The Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners has asked the Board to remind all nursing homes to carefully monitor the scope of work of their practicing social workers. Any person working in a nursing home in the capacity of a social worker must be fully licensed by the Board of Social Work Examiners as stated in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.42.01.

Nursing home regulations, COMAR 10.07.02.18 states, "A member of the facility's staff shall be assigned responsibility for social services." The

person designated to fill that role may not identify themselves as a social worker or provide social work unless they are properly licensed. If the designee is not a licensed social worker, the facility "shall effect an agreement with a licensed social worker to provide the appropriate services. The agreement shall provide for sufficient hours of consultation to ensure that the staff's services meet the medically related social and emotional needs of the patients."

Any questions or concerns regarding the practice of these regulations may be directed to Anne Walker, Board of Social Work Examiners: (410) 764-5963 or walkera@dhmh.state.md.us

On-Line Renewal

To follow up on the on-line renewal announcement in the last newsletter, there will be a delay in launching the new program for Maryland licensed Nursing Home Administrators. It is anticipated that the Board will not be able to offer this service until July, 2010.

From the Desk of the Executive Director



I'm pleased to advise that the Deputy Executive Director position has been filled. Eleanor Eines has been working in the office since May 20, 2009. Although the position was cut 50%, it gave me the opportunity to appoint Ellie, and she brings experience and professionalism to the position. In addition to Ellie, the office staff now includes a 20% Health Occupations Investigator, Mr. Rob Thomas, myself, and our new Board Counsel, David Wagner, Esquire, from the Office of the Attorney General.

Continuing Education

September 24, 2009

“The 4 F’s - Function, Falls, Fractures and Frailty”

Allegany College of Maryland,
Cumberland, MD

Sponsored by: Allegany College of
Maryland

Contact: Linda Atkinson
(301) 784-5526

Folder #3130, 5 Hours

September 26, 2009

“Compassionate Caregiving - A New
Way of Being”

Church of the Good Shepherd, Ruxton,
MD

Sponsored by: Pastoral Counseling
Services of Maryland

Contact: John Michalczyk
(410) 433-8861, ext. 115

Folder # 3134, 3 Hours

September 30, 2009

“From Anxiety to Trauma:

Understanding & Treating Anxiety
Disorders”

Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical
Center, Martinsburg, WV

Sponsored by: Chesapeake Health
Education Program

Contact: Gail Pfouts, (410) 642-1195
Folder #3131, 5½ Hours

October 5, 2009

“Understanding Medicare and Mental
Health Services”

Landow House Independent and
Assisted Living, Rockville, MD

Sponsored by: Jack Davidson
Contact: Jack Davidson

(240) 595-3114

Folder #3139, 3 Hours

October 6, 2009

“Ethical Decisions Regarding Death and
Dying”

Stella Maris Auditorium

Sponsored by: Stella Maris

Contact: Rose Kendig

(410) 252-4500 ext. 7205

Folder #3135, 3 Hours

October 19, 2009

“Understanding Medicare and
Alzheimer’s Services”

Crofton Nursing and Rehab., Crofton

Sponsored by: Jack Davidson

Contact: Jack Davidson, (240) 595-3114

Folder #3140, 3 Hours

November 9, 2009

“Traumatic Brain Injury”

Perry Point VA Medical Center, Perry
Point, MD

Sponsored by: Chesapeake Health
Education Program

Contact: Gail Pfouts

(410) 642-1195

Folder #3132, 5½ Hours

November 17, 2009

“Alternative Pain Management”

Stella Maris Auditorium

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Contact: Rose Kendig

(410) 252-4500 ext. 7205

Folder #3138, 3 Hours

Website Update

The Board’s website has been updated. When you have a minute, log on and let us know if you have any recommendations for further improvements. We are always open to suggestions on how to improve communication with licensees, trainees and the general public. The site address is:

www.dhmf.state.md.us/bonha.



To view the list of nationally approved continuing education programs, please visit the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards site at: www.nabweb.org

Disciplinary Actions

Cheryle A. Mines, N.H.A.,
R1217

Type of Action: Consent Order,
Dated April 8, 2009

Ms. Mines agreed to a term of probation after executing a Consent Order, which is a public document, due to Ms. Mines’ failure to meet substantially the standards of practice adopted by the Board under §9-205 of and §9-314(b)(3) of the Health Occupations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. In addition, the Board concluded as a matter of law that Ms. Mines violated COMAR regulations: 10.33.01.15A(1), (2), and (9).

The Consent Order is posted on the Board’s website.

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