

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS
OPEN SESSION**

15 September 2004

The meeting of the Board of Nursing Home Administrators was held 15 September 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in room 104 of the Rhode Island Department of Health. This meeting was held in accordance with the provisions of the Rhode Island Open Meeting Law and other applicable provisions of the General Laws.

Board members in attendance: Richard Fishpaw, Chair; Neil Mahoney, Abe Williams, Orlando Bisbano, Jr., Dr. Edward Martin and Elizabeth Pegg. Vilma Del Valle was not in attendance. Staff present: Michelle A. Arrighi and Greg Madoian, Legal Council.

A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and approved.

The Board reviewed the following applications and they were approved for the licensure process:

The Board briefly reviewed the draft application and determined that the Domains of Practice need to be added as well as the percentages on the field experience form. Also the list of colleges needs to be edited. Johnson and Wales needs to be added and St. Joseph's College of Maine and Rhode Island College need to be added. These will be added once we receive a response from the colleges.

The Board Administrator provided the Board with the catalogues and information she received from Providence College, CCRI, and Rhode Island College. Mr. Fishpaw also provided the Board with a catalogue and accompanying information from St. Joesph's College of Maine. He informed the Board that they offer on-line courses. After reviewing the materials, it was decided that a letter will be sent to these colleges with a list of the Domains of Practice and inquiry will be made as to whether or not these colleges can accommodate the Domains of Practice and which course(s) they offer that will satisfy the Domains.

The Board requested that Greg Madoian review the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education Disciplinary Guidelines and that he make draft recommendations related to the Nursing Home Administrator profession.

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The Board asked the Administrator to forward them a copy of the Nursing Home Administrator Law.

Mr. Fishpaw informed the Board that he had received a copy of the Legal Practice for Environmental Index for Nursing Home Administrators and, out of the fifty states, Rhode Island ended up in the middle. The rating system came from many different aspects of the profession.

The Board felt that, because we fell somewhere in the middle, maybe changes should be considered such as: should there be a move for Rhode Island to make the AIT score higher, to place a federal piece in the examination, perhaps requiring more experience prior to AIT, and should we be testing the administrator in this state? After a brief discussion, it was decided to keep all of these areas the way they are for now.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 2 December 2004 in room 104 Cannon Health Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Arrighi

Board Administrator

Health Professions Regulation

C: Board members; Secretary of State's Office