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February 5, 2004 Special Meeting

MINUTES

Convened

The meeting convened, via teleconference, at 10:00 a.m. in room 445 of the State Office Building.

Board Members Present

Present: Rene' Dumas, NHA, Chair; Misti Wittenberg, NHA, Vice Chair; Rob Hays, NHA; Jim Bagley, Public Member; Dolores Hubert, Public Member; Raissa Moore, Public Member; Stephen Brummer, M.D.; Margaret Clark, RN; George Gerding, R.Ph.

Others Present

Janet Bartel, Executive Officer; Carol Parks, AAG

Executive Session – Case NHA-17-00 & Case NHA-01-04

Public session was closed and executive session convened at 10:05 a.m. to discuss incorporating additional findings from case NHA-01-04 into the revocation notice relating to NHA-17-00 approved during the January 14, 2004 quarterly meeting.

Public Session

Public session was reconvened at 10:26 a.m.

Case NHA-17-00

Action: Rene' Dumas moved to add the new charges from case NHA-01-04, resulting in a violation of OAR 853-010-0074(20) -- Unprofessional Conduct -- to the revocation notice approved during the January 14, 2004 meeting. Further, the licensee in case NHA-17-00 was dishonest in that she fabricated statements and testimony regarding the facility's finances during the October 8, 2003 meeting. Any resulting violation shall also be added to the revocation notice. Dolores Hubert seconded and the motion passed with George Gerding abstaining.

Don Wessels, AIT – Petition for Revised Program

The board discussed Don Wessels' petition for a reduced AIT program, due to prior experience. They considered the issue of Mr. Wessels' preceptor relocating to another facility in Albany shortly after he entered the AIT program. Mr. Wessels is presently working in Milton-Freewater, a considerable distance away, thus he has received limited training opportunities under the supervision of his preceptor. Until recently, Mr. Wessels was working under the guidance of an individual who was neither a licensed NHA nor a certified preceptor. Mr. Wessels is presently

the acting regional area manager for both an assisted living and residential care facility, which necessitates a significant commitment of his time. Given this, the board questioned how he can manage the requirements of an AIT program in a nursing home environment and his responsibilities as the regional area manager for the aforementioned facilities. After further discussion, the board agreed that Mr. Wessels should be required to complete the full 960-hour AIT program under the guidance of a qualifying preceptor and in a qualifying facility (nursing home).

Action: Misti Wittenberg moved that Don Wessels obtain a certified preceptor at a qualifying facility (nursing home) where he is able to complete the full 960-hour AIT program requirements. Dolores Hubert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The board directed Janet Bartel to forward a letter to Mr. Wessels advising him of its decision and to remind him that the law stipulates that he must locate a new preceptor and submit a new AIT plan within a year of the decision. The board further directed that Mr. Wessels forward the total number of hours that he has completed under the direct supervision of his preceptor, for consideration toward his AIT program requirements.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. in room 445 of the State Office Building.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janet Bartel, Executive Officer