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OREGON BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS - JAN 2004

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## **2004 MEETING DATES**

- January 14
- April 14
- July 14
- October 13

Meetings convene at 8:30 a.m. at the location listed above.

## **FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

*--Janet Bartel*

Greetings to all and a happy New Year. As you know, former Executive Officer, Barbara Orazio, has retired. I am the person chosen to continue her legacy...a legacy of care and devotion, which I endeavor to continue. If you read the October 2003 newsletter, you know that I have a fairly extensive background in professional licensing. My last position with the state was as Administrator for the Oregon Board of Architect Examiners--a challenging and exciting position. In addition, I have a history and an interest in senior and disabled services; therefore, I am impassioned to serve the very same people that you serve, knowing that someday my parents and I will receive the services that you now provide.

At this early point, I can only imagine and appreciate the challenges that you face each and every day in your career. I applaud you for your compassion, dedication and service to the people who love and who are loved. Your efforts are valued, your services indispensable. Whatever you may not receive in monetary compensation you should receive in personal satisfaction.

In closing, I encourage you to call me anytime that you feel the need for guidance or assistance. Please remember I am new, and while I may not recognize your name or your company at first, I will in time.

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**NAB EXAM FEE CHANGES****Official Notice of Changes in NAB Exam Fees**

Please accept this as official notice of a change in the administration of the "Computer Based Testing Agreement" for NAB's Nursing Home Administrator, Assisted Living Administrator and State Based Law Examination Testing Programs.

The NAB Board of Governors approved fee increases for its examination programs effective March 1, 2004. The fee changes are as listed below:

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Effective 3/1/2004</u>
■ Nursing Home Administrators Examination	\$260.00	\$270.00
■ Assisted Living Administrators Examination	\$210.00	\$235.00
■ State Law Examination	\$135.00	\$145.00

Information for Candidate Handbooks in electronic form are accessible on the NAB web site at [www.nabweb.org](http://www.nabweb.org). Contact the board at (503) 731-4046 if you have questions.

**BOARD MEMBER OPENINGS**

**NHA Board Member** - Board Chair, Rene' Dumas', second term will expire June 30, 2004. Mr. Dumas has successfully completed two full terms on the Board, thus he is not eligible for reappointment. Mr. Dumas has been an active and productive member, and we will miss his dedication and leadership. The Board congratulates him in his new position as Campus Director of Hillside Retirement Community located in McMinnville.

**Physician Board Member** - Dr. Stephen Brummer's final term also expires on June 30, 2004. Dr. Brummer has been an exceptional Physician member providing considerable contributions and professional insight.

***Please join the Board in acknowledging Mr. Dumas and Dr. Brummer for six years of dedicated service to the citizens of Oregon.***

If you are interested in a board member position or if you know an NHA, Medical Director or Physician who might be interested in serving on the Board, please advise them of the forthcoming board member vacancies. Interested persons may contact the Board office at (503) 731-4046 or may download an Executive Appointment interest form at [www.governor.state.or.us/forms/Interestformdown.pdf](http://www.governor.state.or.us/forms/Interestformdown.pdf)

**BARBARA JORDAN HEALTH POLICY SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

The Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program is Now Accepting Applications for the Summer of 2004.

**All application materials are due by January 30, 2004**

**Program:** The Scholars Program brings talented African American, Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native college seniors and recent graduates to Washington, D.C., where they work in congressional offices and learn about health policy. The application deadline is January 30, 2004.

**Purpose:** The Kaiser Family Foundation established the Scholars Program to honor the legacy of late U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, who was a Foundation Trustee, and to expand the pool of students of color interested in the field of health policy.

**Structure:** Through the nine-week program (June 1 - July 30, 2004), Scholars gain knowledge about federal legislative procedure and health policy issues, while further developing their critical thinking and leadership skills. In addition to an internship in a congressional office, Scholars participate in seminars and site visits to augment their knowledge of health care issues, and write and present a health policy research paper. The program is based at Howard University.

**Eligibility:** Eligible candidates must be U.S. citizens who are members of a racial/ethnic minority group and will be seniors or recent graduates of an accredited U.S. college or university in the fall of 2004. Candidates are selected based on academic performance, demonstrated leadership potential and interest in health policy.

**Compensation:** Scholars receive approximately \$5,000 in support, which includes a stipend, daily expense allowance, airfare and lodging.

**Additional information:** Application forms and additional information about the Program are available online at <http://www.kff.org/docs/topics/jordanscholars.html>.

For further information, contact program manager Jomo Kassaye at (202) 865-4827 or [jkassaye@huhosp.org](mailto:jkassaye@huhosp.org)

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**Achievement**

Achievement lies within the reach of those who reach beyond themselves.

*--Author Unknown*

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## **NHA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

### **Long Term Care Administrator**

Maryville Nursing Home

Beaverton, Oregon

155-bed, not-for-profit ministry of Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon

Maryville was established in 1963 and is located in the metropolitan Portland, Oregon area on a serene and wooded 43-acre campus, sharing the grounds with educational programs for preschool through high school students as well as with the SSMO motherhouse.

The Administrator will work with a board of directors and a staff of 180 employees and 20 volunteers and will also serve on the administrative council of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon, as well as supervise a preschool child development center for 147 children. Maryville offers an extensive physical therapy and activity program, pharmacy, dental and ophthalmological services. The individual selected will be responsible for ensuring that the mission and values of faith, hope and charity of the Sisters are integrated into all aspects of operations and care of residents and families. Candidates should be able to articulate a Catholic philosophy of health care and to successfully integrate the nursing home with other services and programs on the Sisters' campus

### **Salary/Benefits**

Maryville offers a complete benefits package; compensation is competitive and will relate to experience.

### **Qualifications**

Candidates must have an Oregon Nursing Home Administrator's license or the equivalent and should have five or more years in long-term health care administration and the minimum of a bachelor's degree. The search committee is looking for applicants with strong and positive interpersonal skills combined with equally strong organizational, communication, financial, technological and leadership skills. Experience with a board of directors is a plus.

### **How to Apply**

Applications and resumes should be addressed to:

Sister Rita Watkins

SSMO, chairperson of the Maryville Search Committee

4440 SW 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Beaverton, OR 97007

[srritaw@ssmo.org](mailto:srritaw@ssmo.org)

Fax: 503-646-1102

Application available on Website: [www.ssmo.org](http://www.ssmo.org)

### **Application Deadline**

February 2, 2004

**SNALFNEWS.COM (dailyemail@snalfnews.com)**

### **Medicare Bill Expands QIO Responsibilities**

WASHINGTON, DC — 11/28/2003 — Medicare reform legislation approved by Congress adds responsibility to quality improvement organizations working with nursing homes and other providers to enhance care.

The bill promotes the use of QIOs to conduct voluntary pharmacotherapy quality improvement projects with providers, prescription drug plan sponsors and Medicare Advantage plans created by the legislation. Additionally, the bill broadens the Medicare statute requiring QIOs to offer technical assistance for improving care systems to the new private plans created by the bill.

The legislation also authorizes HHS to contract with QIOs to lead new Medicare demonstration projects using information technology to improve chronic disease management services. Further, it requires hospitals to provide data on 10 quality measures to the federal government in 2004 or face cuts in Medicare payments.

Todd Ketch, vice president for government affairs, American Health Quality Association, believes that public reporting of quality data will have a similar effect on hospitals as it has had on nursing homes and home health agencies, thereby, increasing their incentive to improve quality of care through QIOs.

### **New Gun Rules Considered After Murder-Suicide**

PORTLAND, OR — 12/03/2003 — A double murder and suicide at a Eugene, Oregon assisted-living facility has prompted state officials to consider new firearm rules at such institutions.

The Associated Press reported that Frank Kuykendall shot his wife and another resident in November 2003 with a handgun kept in his room at the Alpine Court Memory Care Community. While the facility has a no-gun policy, Oregon laws do not address the issue of guns at dementia-care institutions.

In coming months, Oregon Department of Human Services plans to submit a proposal calling for an expanded firearm policy. The proposed policy will prohibit firearms in dementia-care facilities and require institutions to take the necessary steps to ensure that patients remain in compliance with firearm restrictions.

### **Improving Patient Safety Through Technology Grants**

ROCKVILLE, MD — 12/01/2003 — The federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality is seeking applications for grants to plan, implement and demonstrate the value of health information technology to improve patient care.

The grant program - Transforming Healthcare Through Information Technology - is currently offering approximately 100 grants as part of a \$50 million portfolio that also will include contracts and other activities.

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Public and private nonprofit organizations; for-profit organizations (for implementation grants only); faith-based organizations and state and local government agencies throughout the United States may apply. For more information, go to [www.ahrq.gov/fund/grantix.htm](http://www.ahrq.gov/fund/grantix.htm).

### **Medicare Reform Results in LTC Background Check Pilot Project**

WASHINGTON, DC — 12/03/2003 — Congress recently approved Medicare reform that creates a pilot project requiring criminal background checks of long-term care workers in up to 10 states.

The project creates the first federal requirement for criminal background checks on long-term care workers providing direct care under Medicare and Medicaid.

The program requires the Health and Human Services secretary, in consultation with the attorney general, to establish pilot projects on background checks for long-term care workers with direct access to patients. HHS will establish criteria for selecting states that volunteer to participate and must pay the states for project related costs.

The provision's sponsors were Senators Charles Grassley, Orrin Hatch, and John Breaux. "We've seen again and again how abusive workers can move from nursing home to nursing home," Grassley said. "Nursing home residents deserve a better safety net. This pilot program will improve the screening process for a big part of the country's long-term care workers."

### **Survey: Consumers Clueless About Paying for Assisted Living**

12/10/2003 — A survey commissioned by the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging indicates that while Americans have increased their knowledge of long-term care options, they still lack sufficient information on how to pay for such care.

Nearly half or more adults age 45 and older say they are familiar with nursing homes, assisted-living, home-based care, senior housing with services and continuing care retirement communities. However, half of those surveyed believed that Medicare or Medicaid would pay for those services, when in fact, Medicare and Medicaid rarely pay for assisted-living.

The survey further addressed consumers expectations of assisted living and respondents future plans for their parents' or their own needs. For more information on the findings, go to [www2.aahsa.org](http://www2.aahsa.org).

### **Union Drive Succeeds in Oregon Nursing Homes**

Portland, OR — 12/11/2003 — An unusual campaign in Oregon resulted in ten Oregon nursing homes becoming unionized. The campaign involved both labor and management, but did not involve the National Labor Relations Board.

The Associated Press reports that Oregon's four largest nursing home operators elected to work with the Service Employees International Union to prevent the divisiveness that all too often marks such efforts. Such labor-management partnerships are growing in popularity, with success rates much higher under the voluntary partnerships.

For more detailed information, go to [www.americanrightsatwork.org](http://www.americanrightsatwork.org).

**MEETINGS & EVENTS****LOCAL****ANNUAL KINSMAN CONFERENCE****“Path-finding: Facing our Ethical Challenges in Health Care Access”  
Using Data to Move from Problems to Innovative Solutions****PURPOSE**

Access to health care has become a steadily growing problem for Americans and Oregonians. This conference will examine the scope of the problem and work toward meaningful solutions.

**GLOBAL OBJECTIVE**

The intent of this conference is to present ongoing ethical conflicts faced by health care professionals, and to work toward solutions evolving around access issues throughout the United States, and within our own local medical communities. To promote institutional and organizational responses, which will further improve access to care.

**TARGET AUDIENCE**

- |                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| ■ Primary Care Physicians   | ■ Administrators |
| ■ Multiple Specialties      | ■ Social Workers |
| ■ Health Care Professionals | ■ Chaplains      |

**DATE:** April 15-16, 2004

**LOCATION:** Rogue Valley Manor, Skyline Plaza  
1200 Mira Mar  
Medford, OR

**FEE:** \$130 Prior to April 5th / \$150 After April 5th

**CONTACT:** Continuing Medical Education (541) 608-4239

**NATIONAL****Independent LTC Owners Meeting - February 9-10, 2004, Las Vegas**

Owners of independent long-term care facilities will meet next month in Las Vegas. The focus will be on the special concerns of the owners of independent long-term care facilities.

The American Health Care Association will hold its educational conference for independent owners on Feb. 9 and 10 at the J.W. Marriott Las Vegas Resort, Spa and Golf. The conference is designed especially for independent owners of for-profit and nonprofit skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities and residences for the developmentally disabled.

Early registration deadline is Jan. 28. For more details on the event go to:  
[www.ahca.org/events/io.html#reg](http://www.ahca.org/events/io.html#reg).

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**LTC Legislative Conference – March 2-3, 2004, Washington, DC**

The American Health Care Association and the National Center for Assisted Living will hold their 2004 congressional briefing conference in Washington on March 2 and 3 at the Loews L’Enfant Plaza Hotel. The purpose of the gathering is to help LTC providers understand and improve the political environment for the industry on Capitol Hill

Attendance is free for AHCA/NCAL members and their spouses and \$199 for non-members. Registration deadline is Feb. 20. For more details go to [www.ahca.org/events/cb.html](http://www.ahca.org/events/cb.html).

**Agging Conference Set for April – April 14-17, 2004 , San Francisco, CA**

The American Society on Aging and the National Council on the Aging are holding a joint conference in San Francisco from April 14 to 17. The conference “The Road Ahead: Taking the Journey Together” will offer over 900 presentations in 50 topic areas, including policy, research and practice developments.

The conference will take place at the San Francisco Hilton with pre-conference programs occurring on April 13. For information and registration materials, go to [www.agingconference.org/jc04/index.cfm](http://www.agingconference.org/jc04/index.cfm).

**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

October 2003 to January 2004

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>INTERIM</u>	<u>PROVIS.</u>
* Michael Adam	Hillside Heights Conv. Center		
* Jennifer Bay	Marquis Care at Silver Gardens		
* Scott Fredrickson	Sherwood Park Nursing & Rehab.		
* Rod Howe	Meadow Park Hlth. & Spec. Care Center		
* Patty Kleckner	Marquis Care at Hope Village		
* Rebecca Knaus-Holm (formerly Pruett)	Newport Rehab. & Spec. Care (DNS)		
* Julie Kresl	Marquis at Autumn Hills	X	X
* David Looper	Oregon Veterans Home	X	X
* Bob Marcoff	Lebanon Rehab. & Spec. Care		
* Daniel Proulx	Tigard Care & Rehab.		
* Diane Richardson	Sunny Vista Care Center		
* Denise Roskos	Klamath Regional Rehab.	X	X
* Marcy Turner	Hearthside Rehab.		
* Robert Wilkes	Menlo Park Health Care	X	
* Brenda Wilson	Coast Fork Care Center		
* Jennifer Woolley (formerly Abbott)	Siuslaw Care Center		

## ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

In November 2003 and January 2004, the Board made numerous revisions to the Oregon Administrative Rules. The following areas of the rules were amended:

- \* 853-010-0010 Definitions
- \* 853-010-0060 Registration of Trainees and Supervising Administrators
- \* 853-010-0065 Standards for Nursing Home Administrators
- \* 853-010-0074 Unprofessional Conduct

A link to current versions of the laws and rules is posted on the Board's Website at [www.nhabd.state.or.us](http://www.nhabd.state.or.us).

If you do not have access to the Website, please contact the Board office at (503) 731-4046 to request copies.

## NHA & PROVISIONAL LICENSES ISSUED

October 2003 to December 2003

### NHA LICENSES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
* James Barta	Eugene Good Samaritan Center	Eugene
* Loren Gochenour	Keizer Retirement Center	Keizer
* Stacy Jones	Rose Haven Nursing Center	Roseberg
* Margaret Tucker	Central Oregon Health Care Center	Bend
* Benjuiman Young	Highland House Nursing & Rehab	Grants Pass
* Brenda Wilson	Coast Fork Care Center	Cottage Grove

### PROVISIONAL LICENSES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
* Mary D'orazio	Mary's Woods at Murylhurst	Lake Oswego
* Julie Kresl	Marquis Care At Autumn Hills	Portland
* Ronald Petersen	Linda Vista Care Center	Ashland
* Jessie Maxon	Evergreen Health & Rehab. Center	Lagrande
* Cheryl Randolph	Willowbrook Terrace	Pendleton
* Denise Roskos	Klamath Regional Rehabilitation	Klamath Falls
* Theresa Shipley-Klein	Umpqua Valley	Roseburg
* Robert Wilkes	Menlo Park Health Care	Portland

## FACILITY NAME CHANGES

<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>FORMER</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Aidan Healthcare of Albany	Albany Healthcare of Albany	Oct. 2003

## FACILITY CLOSURE

**Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home**  
564 E. Pioneer Dr.  
Heppner, OR 97836

## WEBSITE RESOURCES

[www.nhabd.state.or.us](http://www.nhabd.state.or.us)

Please pardon our dust as we continue to update and improve our Website. We hope that you will find the site useful and we encourage you to use it as a resource. Currently, the Website provides contact and board information, continuing education activities, AIT, licensing, examination information and more. In addition, you can search the NHA licensee database online.

Let us know what kind of information you would like to see posted in the future.

## PRECEPTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

A preceptor training workshop has been tentatively scheduled for March 30, 2004 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the OASHS office in Tigard. If you have been licensed for 3 years, you are eligible to become a preceptor. Preceptors can expect to receive personal satisfaction, peer respect, community gratitude and continuing education credits for their efforts. Contact OASHS at (503) 684-3788 and register today!

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

As many of you know, the Board approves Continuing Education activities. Enclosed with this newsletter is a list of approved activities occurring from January through March 2004. A similar list will be published regularly to the Board's Website. While this office will try to keep you apprised of your CE progress throughout the biennial license cycle, it is ultimately your responsibility to verify your CEUs. The following is the schedule of CEUs required by June 30, 2005:

### ACTIVE LICENSE STATUS

- \* **Employed NHA's:**  
60 hrs. (55 general hrs. + 5 ethics hrs.)
- \* **NHA's Not Employed in the field:**  
30 hrs. (27 general hrs. + 3 ethics hrs.)

Please contact the office at (503) 731-4046 if you have questions or to inquire about your recorded CE.

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Be joyful.  
Because it is humanly possible.

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“A person’s true wealth is the good he or she does in the world.”

--Mohammed (PBUH)

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**MOVING? CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT?**

Pursuant to OAR 853-010-0025(3), Oregon licensed NHA’s are required to notify the Board Office of changes in employment and/or address. Please be sure to notify the Board immediately of any employer or address change.

**Please mail or fax the following information to:**

**Oregon Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators  
800 NE Oregon St., Ste. 407, Portland, OR 97232  
Fax: (503) 731-4207**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ License No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW ADDRESS INFORMATION**

**Please indicate your preferred mailing address for board correspondence.**

Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Wk. Ph.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Hm. Ph.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive board notices, newsletters, etc. via email?  Yes  No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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