

# Nursing Home Administrators Board

A newsletter from the Washington State Board of Nursing Home Administrators



Harry Aubert—Board Chair

## Message from the Chair

Welcome to Washington State’s Board of Nursing Home Administrators newsletter! We will bring you information regarding the board’s work. We are a nine- member board appointed by the governor for five-year terms. There are four licensed nursing home administrators, four healthcare providers or educators and one public member.

Our work is primarily in quality assurance of administrators. We review complaints that come to us from the public and other state agencies. We have four public meetings a year, and complete additional work through our sub- committees. Last year we rewrote the nursing home administrator rules. More information on the rules is available in this newsletter

Please see our nursing home administrators webpage on the Department of Health website, under Licenses Permits and Certificates, Professions. It’s is our pleasure to serve you in the state of Washington in caring for our vulnerable adults

## Harry Aubert Profile

Harry Aubert has been in healthcare for 24 years as the administrator of hospitals and nursing homes in Washington and Idaho. He is semi-retired, participating in interim assignments.

Harry has advocated for access to rural health care as a member of the Washington Rural Health Association, the Washington Critical Access Hospital Task Force and as president of the Rural Health Clinic Association of Washington. Harry received the National Rural Nurse Organization’s Rural Hospital Administrator of the Year Award and the National Association of Colleges and University Food Services Regional Presidents Award.

Harry has also been a leader in the culinary field in academics with the University of Montana, and as director at the University of Wisconsin and Washington State University. He taught purchasing and management courses and served on the Labor Management Committee.

Harry and his wife Karen of 50 years reside in Kennewick. He has two grown children, one grandson and a Shih Tzu.

## What is NAB

The Board of Nursing Home Administrators is a member of the National Association of Boards of Long Term Care Administrators (NAB.) NAB provides the Board with the nursing home administrator examination and benefits such as examination support and guidance, employment resources, expediting transfers of examination scores across states and hosting a database of continuing education courses. In addition, NAB has recently added an AIT program manual and preceptor training tool. More information is available at the NAB website. [www.nabweb.org](http://www.nabweb.org)

## Amended Rules

The Board of Nursing Home Administrators have amended rules to give applicants more options to meet requirements for licensure and renewal. Some of the changes that have recently gone into effect include the following

An administrator-in-training (AIT) program must have 1,500 hours unless the applicant has already met certain training and/or experience qualifications. Changes in the rules now allow additional kinds of education and experience to qualify an AIT for reduced hours. For information on qualifications to reduce the number of AIT training hours, see [WAC 246-843-091](#). [WAC 246-843-091](#) also addresses veteran qualifications, specifically allowing veterans experience and education equal to the civilian classifications and time to qualify for the reduced AIT program. In addition, the rules now specifically allow training to take place either in a Washington State veterans home or in a Washington State licensed nursing home

The new rules allow an exemption for the AIT program if an administrator has practiced in another state for two of the last five years. This rule is helpful to administrators who come from a state that does not endorse to Washington. For more information, see [WAC 246-843-093](#)

Continuing education does not require prior approval, although continuing education approved by the National Continuing Education Review Services (NCERS) is specifically recognized. Licensees can also accrue two hours a month of continuing education when serving as a preceptor or board member. It is the responsibility of the licensed administrator to assure that other continuing education used to meet continuing education hours meet the requirements listed in [WAC 246-843-130](#).

### Board of Nursing Home Administrator members

- Harry Aubert, Nursing Home Administrator, Chair
- Keith Fauerso, Nursing Home Administrator, Vice-Chair, Cheney Care Center
- Annie Zell, Nursing Home Administrator, Emerald Heights Community
- Marlita Basada, RN, Health Care Provider, Life Care Centers of America
- Carl Christensen, Ph.D., RN, Educator, Northwest University
- Catherine Van Son, Ph.D., RN Educator, Washington State University - Vancouver
- Diana Miller, Public Member Retired, former massage therapist and administrative assistant
- Angela Cerna, Nursing Home Administrator Stafford Healthcare at Ridgemont
- Mary Kangas, RN, Educator for Seattle University

### Eastern Washington University Now Offers Long-Term Care Option

The Eastern Washington University Department of Public Health and Health Administration in the College of Health Science and Public Health announces a bachelors of arts degree in health service administration – long term care option.

The university has applied for accreditation through NAB. Courses for the program begin winter quarter 2017.

If you are interested in hosting a student's 1,000 hour practicum please contact Eastern Washington University at [hsadltc@ewu.edu](mailto:hsadltc@ewu.edu)

For more information please see: [www.ewu.edu](http://www.ewu.edu)

