

WV Nursing Home Administrator's Licensing Board History

The first meeting of the WV Nursing Home Administrator's Licensing Board (WVNHALB) was held on March 22, 1978. Earl L. Fisher, M.D. was elected the first Chairman of the Board.

The newly created Board carried out many of the functions of the current Licensing Board; assuring candidates meet the criteria for licensing, assuring continuing education requirements are met, and approving Administrator –In- Training applicants and preceptors.

The Board has continued to evolve over the decades due to changes in both federal and state regulations. We have developed close alliances with the National Association of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators and the American College of Health Care Administrators.

One of the major changes occurred due to federal law that required the Office of Health Facilities Licensure and Certification to report administrator's with nursing homes under their direction that receive substandard quality deficiencies during surveys. The Board is responsible for investigating these reports to assure the administrator did not violate any State regulation or any violation of the American College of Health Care Administrator's Code of Ethics. Also, the WVNHALB receives complaints against nursing home administrators received by the public and investigates for violations by the administrator's.

Over the years the Board has developed and enforced regulations that govern the practice of nursing home administration in West Virginia to protect the public good.