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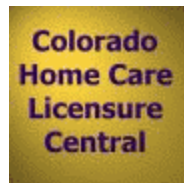
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Your Dues Working for You: Board of Nursing News

This edition of the *HCAC Management Report* highlights the association's advocacy with the Colorado State Board of Nursing.

HCAC Launches "Home Care Licensure Central" Website



HCAC has launched "Home Care Licensure Central" to allow member access to as much information and activity as possible related to the developing home care agency licensing program.

[Click here](#) for the Member Only "Home Care Licensure Central"

Home Health Aide / Personal Care Task Chart to Change:

Early this year, the Colorado Board of Nursing surprised the home care industry when it released a proposal to revamp the long-standing HHAide / PCP Task Chart by requiring that most HHAide tasks be delegated by a nurse (specific patient; specific HHAide; specific task). In a follow up meeting organized by HCAC, the Board of Nursing explained that the proposal was drawn up because many common HHAide tasks are not listed in the CNA's scope of practice and are not necessarily taught in CNA educational programs. HCAC immediately formed a task force to re-work the task chart so it is more in line with best practices in the industry.

Working on the re-write are HCAC task force members: **Suzanne Todd**, Argus of Colorado Home Health, with locations in Denver, Pueblo and Canyon City; **Holly Wiseman**, VNA of Colorado, with locations in Denver and Colorado Springs, and **Elaine Graves**, MEG Associates, Fort Lupton. Other task force members are **Laura Reilly**, VNA of Colorado; **Channie Wright** and **Carol Bartley**, Bayada Nurses, with locations in Denver and Westminster, and **Carol Bouchard**, Accent on Independence, Denver.

Quick Links...

- [Don't Miss: Lisa Selman-Holman on "Coding." Sept. 17-19](#)
- [CAHABA Resources](#)
- [Read all about HCAC's Annual Convention in Vail](#)

Please send comments to hcac@assnoffice.com and we'll forward to task force members. Watch here to read a draft of the re-write.

Nurse Licensure to Sunset in 2009

- [Visit Our Brand New 24/7 Virtual trade Show](#) Colorado's nurse practice act (and CNA regulation) will sunset in 2009 - in other words, nurse licensure will go away unless the Colorado Legislature determines that licensure in its current form is necessary to protect the public.
- [Check Out HCAC's Jobs and Services Store](#)
- [Click here for Members Only State Legislative Bulletin Board](#) Prior to Sunset, the Dept. of Regulatory Agencies' Office of Policy, Research and Regulatory Reform interviews stakeholders. At a recent Legislative / Regulatory Council joint meeting, HCAC leaders discussed these issues with Sunset Reviewer Ellen Graham: 1) Delegation of injections should be prohibited; 2) There is much delay, lack of consistency and overall laxity in complaint investigations; 3) HCAC supports increased utilization of Advance Practice Nurses, and 4) The CNA curriculum and test should include more emphasis on home health tasks.

Members are encouraged to contact Ellen Graham with suggestions at 303-894-2572 or ellen.graham@dora.state.co.us or submit comments to hcac@assnoffice.com.

HCAC Member Appointed to CNA Advisory Committee

Sheila Ramsey, Primary Home Health, Colorado Springs, has been appointed to the Board of Nursing's CNA Advisory Committee. This committee reviews complaints against CNAs and recommends disciplinary actions.

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