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**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MEMORANDUM**

Date: *May 4, 2015*

To: *Woody McMillin, Director of Communication and Media Relations*

From: *Wanda E. Hines, Board Administrator*

Name of Board or Committee: *Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities-Facilities
Construction Standing Committee Meeting
(Call-in Number: 1-888-757-2790 passcode: 457462#)*

Date of Meeting: *May 5, 2015*

Time: *1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., CDT*

Place: *Poplar Conference Room
665 Mainstream Drive, First Floor
Nashville, TN 37243*

Major Item(s) on Agenda: *See attachment.*

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HEALTH AND PROSPERITY OF PEOPLE IN TENNESSEE*

AGENDA

**BOARD FOR LICENSING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES
FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**May 5, 2015
POPLAR CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR
1:00 p.m.**

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THE BOARD IS IN SESSION**

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum.
2. Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2015
3. Language Developed as Guidance for Health Care Facilities Plan Review Staff to Review and Approved for NFPA 99 17.3.5 including all applicable codes pertaining to hard piped gas, suction systems, and ventilator service(s)/unit(s).
4. Other Discussion(s).
5. Public Comments.
6. Adjourn.

MINUTES

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION STANDING COMMITTEE

MAY 5, 2015

A meeting of the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities' Facilities Construction Standing Committee began on May 5, 2015.

A quorum roll call vote was taken:

Mr. David Rhodes – here
Dr. Kenneth Robertson – here
Ms. Diana Miller – here
Dr. René Saunders – here

A quorum was established.

David Rhodes, Chairman, stated there were two items of business to address. The first being approval of the March 24, 2015 standing committee meeting minutes. **Kenneth Robertson made a motion to approve, seconded by Diana Miller. The motion was approved.**

The next item of business was review and approval of the interpretative guideline for hard piped gas in nursing homes providing ventilator services. Ann Reed indicated to the standing committee members this interpretative guideline is designed to assist the Plans Review section within Health Care Facilities (HCF) as they are presented with ventilator unit plans. Ms. Reed further stated Gene Gantt as requested by the standing committee assisted in the development of this guidance. Ms. Miller questioned the process of approval of the interpretative guideline and who had reviewed. Ms. Reed stated the interpretative guideline would be approved by this standing committee and then moved to the full Board for approval. She further stated the guidance was developed by administrative staff of the Board and Gene Gantt. Stacia Vetter of National Healthcare Corporation (NHC) questioned the application of the guidance for those facilities using a ventilator versus portable concentrators. Ms. Reed indicated the issue faced by HCF and Plans Review is that some facilities wishing to have a ventilator unit do not have hard piped gas. The input by Gene Gantt was the expertise to address the specific requirements the facility must have in place to operate a ventilator unit without hard piped gas. Dr. Robertson questioned requirements for red plugs and generator backup. Ms. Reed stated this was already addressed in the rules. She further stated the interpretative guideline would be useful to facilities as they move towards the development of a ventilator unit. Ms. Miller questioned the electrical requirement. Mr. Rhodes indicated this would still be a requirement. He further stated the NFPA codes usually direct how many hours or days a generator operates at which load. **Dr. Robertson made a motion to move the interpretative guideline to the Board for final approval, seconded by Ms. Miller. The motion was approved.**

Mr. Rhodes adjourned the standing committee meeting.