

Ohio Sanitarian Registration Board
May 13, 2015
10:30 a.m.
77 South High Street, 19th Floor, Room 1918
Columbus, Ohio 43215

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes
Action Required
3. Committee Reports
 - 3.1. Executive: Tracy Buchanan, Gene Phillips, Peter Schade
 - 3.2. Professional: James Adams, Tracy Buchanan,
 - 3.3. Continuing Education: Nancy Niehus, Gene Phillips, Peter Schade
 - 3.4. Examination: James Adams, Chuck Hart
 - 3.5. Finance: Chuck Hart, Gene Phillips
 - 3.6. Rules: Nancy Niehus, Gene Phillips, Peter Schade
4. Executive Secretary Report
 - 4.1. eLicensing 2.5 Update
 - 4.2. Information Regarding Expiration Notices from Other Licensing Boards
 - 4.3. Revenue and Expenditure Report
5. Assistant Attorney General Report
 - 5.1 Anti-trust information
6. Adjudication
 - 6.1 Justin T. Baulo (11 a.m.)
 - 6.2 Mark A. McNamara (11 a.m.)
 - 6.3 Richard J. Gonzales (11 a.m.)
7. Old Business
8. New Business
 - 8.1 Representative Brinkman, Jr. Letter
9. Continuing Education
 - 9.1. Request for Approval of Hours – Individuals (CE-2)
Action Required
 - 9.2. Request for Approval of Training Agency Status (CE-3)
Action Required
 - 9.3. Request for Approval of Hours – Training Agencies (CE-4)
Action Required
10. Applications
 - 10.1. Sanitarian-in-Training Applications
Action Required
 - 10.2. Registered Sanitarian Applications
Action Required
 - 10.3. Applications for Advancement to Registered Sanitarian

Action Required

10.4. Reinstatements

Action Required

10.5. Extension/Waiver/Accommodation Requests

Action Required

11. Guest Participation

12. Correspondence

12.1 Derek Dunson: Mr. Dunson would like to appeal his examination score from the February 27, 2015 NEHA examination that he took in Pickerington, Ohio.

12.2 Scottie Crooks: Mr. Crooks would like to appeal his examination score from the February 27, 2015 examination that he took in Pickerington, Ohio.

13. Announcements

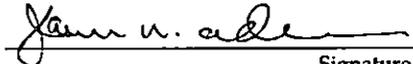
14. Future Meeting Dates

- July 29, 2015
- September 16, 2015
- November 18, 2015

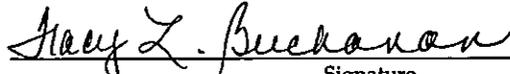
15. Adjournment

Sanitarian Registration Board
Board Meeting Roster
May 13, 2015

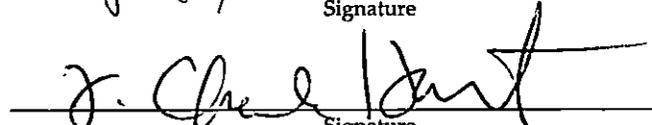
James Adams


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Tracy Buchanan, Chairperson


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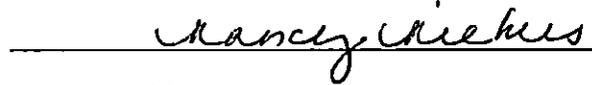
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W. Gene Phillips, Vice Chairperson

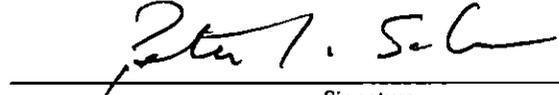
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Nancy Niehus



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Peter Schade, Secretary



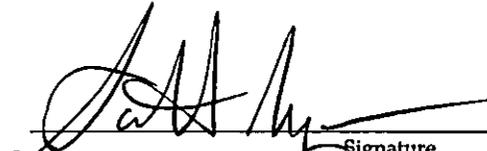
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Board Staff

W. Scott Myers, *Assistant Attorney General*



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Stephanie Youst, *Executive Secretary*



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Guests

Print Name

Sign Name



Sanitarian Registration Board

May 13, 2015

Room 1918

10:45 a.m.

Members Present

James Adams, R.S.
Tracy Buchanan, R.S.
F. Charles Hart, R.S.
Nancy Niehus, R.S.
Gene Phillips, R.S. (ABSENT)
Peter Schade, R.S.

Staff

Stephanie Youst, Executive Secretary

Legal Council

W. Scott Myers, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order

- Tracy Buchanan, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

- James Adams moved to approve the March 18, 2015 meeting minutes as submitted. Nancy Niehus seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Secretary Report

- Ms. Youst informed the Board that the new licensing system was being put into place as planned. The Sanitarian Registration Board is in the pilot group of Boards for the new system.
 - The testing of the new system will be in June and July 2015.
 - The projected go live date for the new system is August 3, 2015.
- Ms. Youst submitted information to the Board members regarding how various other state boards and commission handle expiration notices. The Board reviewed the information presented and thanked Ms. Youst for reaching out to the other agencies.
- The renewal for individuals with an expiration date of July 31, 2015 will be sent on June 8, 2015. There are 507 registered sanitarians and 99 sanitarians in training up for renewal.
- Ms. Youst requested that the Board review her ability to issue registrations for sanitarians in training between meetings. The Board discussed her request.
Action: James Adams moved that in order to promote efficiency and the timely employment of sanitarians in training, the Board authorized the Executive Secretary, upon proper showing and subject to ratification at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, the ability to issue registrations. This motion is subject to review and reaffirmation on an annual basis. Peter Schade seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- The formal written reports are attached to the minutes for reference.

Assistant Attorney General Report

- Scott Myers discussed anti-trust information with the Board. This was regarding a case analysis of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners vs. Federal Trade Commission.
- Mr. Myers discussed the human trafficking law and the fact that if an individual is convicted of human trafficking the Board can summarily suspend a registration. If an individual is convicted of human trafficking, the Board must take action to revoke registration.

Adjudication

- Justin T. Baulo
Action: James Adams moved to deny Mr. Baulo's application for SIT registration based on evidence presented and reviewed at the hearing held during the Board meeting. Chuck Hart seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Mark A. McNamara
Action: James Adams moved to deny Mr. McNamara's application for SIT registration based on evidence presented and reviewed at the hearing held during the Board meeting. Nancy Niehus seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Richard J. Gonzales
Action: James Adams moved to deny Mr. Gonzales' application for SIT registration based on evidence presented and reviewed at the hearing held during the Board meeting. Peter Schade seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business

- Ms. Youst submitted a copy of the letter she received from Representative Brinkman's office to the Board for review.
- Ms. Youst informed the Board that, as of the meeting date, no legislation had been introduced. She will inform the Board if Representative Brinkman introduced a bill in the coming weeks.

Continuing Education

Individual Continuing Education Requests for Approval

Action: Peter Schade moved to approve the following individual applications for continuing education as submitted. James Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried. The approved list is attached to the minutes for reference.

Training Agency Requests for Approval

Action: James Adams moved to approve the following as approved training agencies. Nancy Niehus seconded the motion. The motion carried. The approved list is attached to the minutes for reference.

Toledo Lucas County Health Department

Approved Training Agency Requests for Course Approval

Action: Peter Schade moved to approve the applications for continuing education approval as submitted. James Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried. The approved list is attached to the minutes for reference.

Applications

Action: James Adams moves to allow the Board, in order to promote efficiency and the timely employment of sanitarians in training, to authorize the Executive Secretary, upon proper showing and subject to ratification at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, the ability to issue sanitarian in training registrations. This motion is subject to review and affirmation by the Board on an annual basis. Peter Schade seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sanitarian in Training Applications

Action: James Adams moved to approve the following applicants for sanitarian in training registration. Chuck Hart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Daniel A. Baker
P. Wesley Bowers
Heather M. Brown
Cody N. P. Carroll
William L. Cowan
Adam R. Cummins
Emily F. Donahue
Lindiwei A. Farrow-Harris
Lauren K. Glovinsky
Amanda L. Hill

Barbara J. Jordan
Alexandra M. Kendzierski
Julie McCarthy
Kyle C. McGlumphy
Claudia C. Meister
Patrick R. Minadeo
Cory B. Powell
Kristin N. Reed
Jason J. Revesz
Emile Shumbusho

Action: James Adams requested additional information for the application submitted by Frederick P. Bulik IV. Chuck Hart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Action: James Adams requested additional information for the application submitted by Troy L. Chaffin. Chuck Hart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Action: James Adams proposed to deny the application for Dominic J. Simone for failure to meet the minimum educational requirements. Chuck Hart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Advancement to Registered Sanitarian

Action: James Adams moved to approve the following applicants for registration as sanitarians. Chuck Hart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dylan A. Davis
Corey Forrest

Kevin M. King
Zachary M. Orsborne

Sanitarian Reinstatement

Action: James Adams moved to approve the following registered sanitarian reinstatement application for Nasandra Wright. Chuck Hart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Extension Requests

Action: James Adams moved to approve the sanitarian in training extension request for Ana Rojas until 5/18/2016. Chuck Hart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Action: James Adams moved to approve the sanitarian in training extension request for Derek Dunson until 12/7/15. Chuck Hart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Action: James Adams moved to approve the sanitarian in training extension request for Lesya Holzapfel until 7/31/2016. Chuck Hart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Correspondence

1. Derek Dunson: Mr. Dunson would like to appeal his examination score from the February 27, 2015 NEHA examination that he took in Pickerington, Ohio. **Action:** The Board reviewed Mr. Dunson's appeal at the May 13, 2015 Board meeting. After careful consideration, the Board denied his appeal for failure to meet the minimum passing score of 657.

When taking the examination in Pickerington, Ohio all examination candidates were given the opportunity, if desired, to challenge examination questions. There were no challenges issued for that examination. The Board has also statistically analyzed the examination, as is permitted by our enabling legislation. Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code rule 4736-9-03, the Board requires that individual achieve a passing score that equates to 70%, which was 657 for the February 27, 2015 examination. Please note that for this examination NEHA required a 650 to pass. Neither passing score was met by Mr. Dunson.

2. Scottie Crooks: Mr. Crooks would like to appeal his examination score from the February 27, 2015 examination that he took in Pickerington, Ohio. **Action:** The Board reviewed Mr. Crooks' appeal at the May 13, 2015 Board meeting. After careful consideration, the Board denied his appeal for failure to meet the minimum passing score of 657. When taking the examination in Pickerington, Ohio all examination candidates were given the opportunity, if desired, to challenge examination questions. There were no challenges issued for that examination. The Board has also statistically analyzed the examination, as is permitted by our enabling legislation. Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code rule 4736-9-03, the Board requires that individual achieve a passing score that equates to 70%, which was 657 for the February 27, 2015 examination. Please note that for this examination NEHA required a 650 to pass. Neither passing score was met by Mr. Crooks.

Future Meeting Dates

The following meeting date was confirmed by the Board:

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September 16, 2015

November 18, 2015

Adjournment

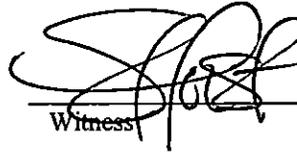
The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Stephanie K. Youst

Tracy L. Buchanan, R.S.

Tracy Buchanan, R.S., Chairperson

TB:sky


Witness



Ohio State Board of Sanitarian Registration

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Columbus, Ohio 43215-6108

To: Sanitarian Registration Board Members
From: Stephanie Youst, Executive Secretary
Date: May 11, 2015
Re: Executive Secretary Report for May 13, 2015

Overview of Activities since the March 18, 2015 Board Meeting

- Reviewed applications for registration and continuing education credit.
- Met with the Auditor of State's office on March 24, 2014 for the Board's biennial audit entrance conference.
- Attended a meeting regarding the new licensure system specifications on April 8, 2015.
- Attended the OEHA Annual Education Conference April 23-24, 2015 in Columbus, Ohio.
- Attended a session on the Health Professions Data Warehouse on April 28, 2015 at Ohio State University.
- Attended meetings with Deloitte and the new licensing systems implementation team on May 4, 6, 11, and 12, 2015.
- Submitted the Board's FY2016-2017 budget testimony to the Senate and testified on May 12, 2015.

Registration Census

The following table lists the number of individuals with active registrations as of May 11, 2015.

Registration Type	1/26/2015	3/14/15	5/11/15
Registered Sanitarian	1,173	1,175	1,183
Sanitarian in Training	224	202	227
TOTAL	1,397	1,377	1,410

Youst, Stephanie

From: Thornton, Gregg
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 5:15 PM
To: Youst, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Question Regarding Notification of Expiration

Hi Stephanie,

I'm so sorry for the tardiness of replying back to you. We send licensees and their employers a letter indicating that their license has expired.

Thank you,
Gregg

From: Youst, Stephanie
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 1:13 PM
To: Stir, Theresa; Caudill, Kelly; Rosa, Jeff; Schaal, Corey; Carnahan, Brian; Ferguson, Amanda; Thornton, Gregg; Greenhalge, John; Highley, Ed; Kobe, Amy
Subject: Question Regarding Notification of Expiration

Hello everyone -

I am taking an informal survey for my Board. How do you notify your licensees that their license has expired and do you notify their employer as well. Thanks in advance for your response.

Steph

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Youst, Stephanie

From: Rosa, Jeff
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 7:44 AM
To: Youst, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Question Regarding Notification of Expiration

If the licensee did not notify us that they were not going to renew (we flag the status as Active-Not Renewing for those that notify us), we mail an expiration letter the first business day after the expiration date. We do not notify employers. We do post a list of all licensees who did not renew to the website. An employer has the ability to check for their own employees through that posting.

Jeff

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Youst, Stephanie

From: Greenhalge, John
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 12:58 PM
To: Youst, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Question Regarding Notification of Expiration

Stephanie,

We are on biennial renewal for both individuals and firms. We send them a renewal notice about 60 days before the license expires. We then send a late notice approximately 30 days after the license expired. That is the last thing we send unless we get information that an individual or firm has continued to practice on an expired license- then it becomes an enforcement issue and we open a complaint.

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Youst, Stephanie

From: Ferguson, Amanda
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 8:25 AM
To: Youst, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Question Regarding Notification of Expiration

Stephanie,

We send them a postcard 3 months after they have expired. It indicates their expiration and then reminds them how they can renew if they still want to do so. We do not notify employers.

Amanda J. Ferguson
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Youst, Stephanie

From: Carnahan, Brian
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 3:40 PM
To: Youst, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Question Regarding Notification of Expiration

Hi Stephanie – our expiration dates are licensee specific. Right now we do not provide notice of expiration. The licensee gets two chances over four years to renew. If they do not, their license is considered expired. If we were to do notifications, we would have to run a report each week because of the rolling expirations, which seems a burden. Nonetheless it might be worth doing. I recently got a call from someone whose license expired in 2011. She was ticked no one contacted her about it. It might be nice to see an auto reminder feature in the new licensing system.....

Have a good weekend,

brian

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Youst, Stephanie

From: Highley, Ed
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 4:54 PM
To: Youst, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Question Regarding Notification of Expiration

Stephanie – during our renewal period the Board sends to each licensee a renewal application card. They fill out the card and return with the required fee. We do not notify any employers about an individual whose license has expired. Most barbers work as independent contractors and just rent the station they use in the shop so are not actually employees.

Ed Highley
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Youst, Stephanie

From: Stir, Theresa
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 6:55 AM
To: Youst, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Question Regarding Notification of Expiration

We don't. We have in the past notified the veterinarian that his/her renewal deadline is approaching, but only via email. Hope that helps, Theresa

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Youst, Stephanie

From: Schaal, Corey
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 10:56 AM
To: Youst, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Question Regarding Notification of Expiration

Stephanie,

In the spring, we'll send out renewal notices advising the licensees that their licenses are set to expire and that it is time for renewal. We'll then send a notice of expiration out to them if they had not renewed by the deadline. We currently do not notify their employers of their status.

Corey

Corey C. Schaal
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Stephanie Youst
Executive Secretary

Youst, Stephanie

From: Kobe, Amy
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 1:15 PM
To: Youst, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Question Regarding Notification of Expiration

We mail printed renewal notices 60 days in advance. Then we send reminders via email 30 days, 15 days, and about 7 days before the expiration date. We also send one last email a month or so after the license has expired. We do not notify employers. It is not required by our statute.

Regards,
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From: Caudill, Kelly
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Subject: RE: Question Regarding Notification of Expiration

Certified mail, sent only to the doctor.

Kelly Caudill
Executive Director
Ohio State Chiropractic Board
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From: Youst, Stephanie
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2015 1:13 PM
To: Stir, Theresa; Caudill, Kelly; Rosa, Jeff; Schaal, Corey; Carnahan, Brian; Ferguson, Amanda; Thornton, Gregg; Greenhalge, John; Highley, Ed; Kobe, Amy
Subject: Question Regarding Notification of Expiration

Sallo everyone -

I am taking an informal survey for my Board. How do you notify your licensees that their license has expired and do you notify their employer as well. Thanks in advance for your response.

Steph

Stephanie Youst
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Sanitarian Registration Board Revenue/Expenditure Report FY 15

as of 3/31/2015

Revenue	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Grand Total
	\$36,216.00	\$21,020.00	\$52,983.00	\$0.00	\$110,219.00

Staff Payroll (500)	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Grand Total
Basic Wages	\$17,808.39	\$13,051.29	\$14,502.37	\$0.00	\$45,362.05
Salaries - OT Compensation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Paid Leave & Othr Compensation	\$1,581.52	\$3,180.41	\$3,210.45	\$0.00	\$7,972.38
Leave Balances Pd. @ Term.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Employer-Paid Benefits	\$7,966.99	\$8,828.23	\$7,703.59	\$0.00	\$22,498.81
DAS Payroll Charges	\$488.00	\$397.61	\$358.19	\$0.00	\$1,243.80
Total Staff Payroll	\$27,844.90	\$23,457.54	\$25,774.60	\$0.00	\$77,077.04

Personal Services (510)	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Grand Total
Board Member Travel	\$1,021.28	\$568.88	\$1,139.84	\$0.00	\$2,730.00
Court Reporters	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$47.00	\$0.00	\$127.00
Exams	\$2,500.00	\$2,655.00	\$1,895.00	\$0.00	\$7,050.00
Conference Registration Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other (insurance, member dues, subscriptions)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Personal Services	\$3,601.28	\$3,223.88	\$3,081.84	\$0.00	\$9,907.00

Maintenance (520)	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Grand Total
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hines & Associates	\$152.00	\$77.25	\$158.25	\$0.00	\$387.50
Duplicating Paper / Shredding	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Printing/Copying	\$8.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.57
Legal Notices in Newspapers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rent (+space repairs, improve)	\$0.00	\$3,152.88	\$1,576.44	\$0.00	\$4,729.32
Central Service Agency	\$1,007.47	\$699.92	\$691.82	\$0.00	\$2,399.21
Telephone (DAS)	\$270.48	\$80.46	\$80.30	\$0.00	\$431.24
DAS Motor Pool	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State Purchasing Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DAS Centralized Mail Service	\$542.57	\$595.19	\$567.85	\$0.00	\$1,705.61
Computer Services (State)	\$525.53	\$432.36	\$1,699.31	\$0.00	\$2,657.20
Other	\$0.00	\$1,000.17	\$820.00	\$0.00	\$1,820.17
Total Maintenance Cost	\$2,566.62	\$6,038.23	\$5,593.97	\$0.00	\$14,198.82

Equipment (520)	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Grand Total
Computer / IT Purchases	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$929.34	\$0.00	\$929.34
All other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Equipment Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$929.34	\$0.00	\$929.34

Board Travel & Maintenance (520)	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Grand Total
Mileage (in state)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meals (in state)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lodging (in state)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Travel Expenses (in state)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel (out of state)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Meals (out of state)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lodging (out of state)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Travel Exp (out of state)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. Expenses (non-travel)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Conference Registrations (510)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Board Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Refunds (595)	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Grand Total
	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.00

	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Grand Total
Total Operational Costs	\$34,020.80	\$32,719.65	\$35,379.75	\$0.00	\$102,120.20
Total Encumbered Funds Spent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Remaining FY15 Budget	Total FY15 Budget \$145,650				\$43,529.80

Youst, Stephanie

From: Buchanan, Tracy
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 8:39 AM
To: Youst, Stephanie
Subject: FW: San Reg Board

Steph –

Didn't know if you had seen this (see article below). Can you ask Scott if he can speak to this at the meeting tomorrow?

Thanks

Tracy

From: Buchanan, Mike [mailto:MBuchanan@phdmc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 8:31 AM
To: Buchanan, Tracy
Subject: FW: San Reg Board

You may be interested in this.

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From: Wentzel, Jennifer
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 8:21 AM
To: Buchanan, Mike
Subject: FW: San Reg Board

Groups Assert Court Ruling Requires Changes To State Licensing Boards

National consumer groups recently warned Attorney General Mike DeWine that the governance structure of many of Ohio's licensing agencies likely violates federal anti-trust laws under a U.S. Supreme Court ruling issued earlier this year.

The Consumers Union, the Citizen Advocacy Center, and the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego School of Law sent letters to Mr. DeWine and his 49 counterparts around the country requesting information about their professional regulatory boards and commissions.

The groups say the Supreme Court's *North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission* ruling in February holds that an antitrust exemption for state agencies does not apply to boards and commissions that are controlled by professionals in their own field.

The court's 6-3 ruling determined that North Carolina's dentistry board violated federal anti-trust law by trying to shut down cheaper non-dentist teeth whitening businesses.

"The Sherman Act protects competition while also respecting federalism. It does not authorize the States to abandon markets to the unsupervised control of active market participants, whether trade associations or hybrid agencies. If a State wants to rely on active market participants as regulators, it must provide active supervision if state-action immunity under Parker is to be invoked," the decision says.

The consumer groups said the decision means that states' professional licensing agencies may be at risk if a majority of the board members are actively engaged in the profession they regulate.

"Accordingly, your board and commission members are theoretically vulnerable to federal felony prosecution and civil treble damages - and your indemnifying state budget may be similarly exposed," the consumer groups' letter to state AGs says.

DeWine spokesman Dan Tierney said the office is aware of the ruling, but he declined to elaborate due to attorney-client privileges.

"The lawsuit certainly has topics that could affect that," he said. "Whether it does or not, and to what extent that it does or not, that's something we'd have to advise our clients on."

Many of Ohio's numerous licensing boards and commissions consist of a majority of members belonging to the professions they oversee, like the State Medical Board of Ohio, which includes nine physicians and three non-physician consumer members.

Sallie Debolt, the medical board's senior counsel, said the agency is still reviewing the Supreme Court decision.

"However, its impact on the Ohio Medical Board is uncertain because the regulatory scheme in Ohio is different from the one in North Carolina," she added.

The consumer groups said state licensing agencies overseeing a wide variety of professions, from accountants and architects to barbers and nurses, often make decisions that restrain free trade.

"For example, they decide who is allowed to practice a trade or profession and who is excluded, with the force of law. They revoke licenses, and specify how the licensees are to practice," they said.

However, the court ruling means that states must change how they regulate and license professions and trades, the groups said. Either the boards' membership must be changed to a supermajority of non-conflicted "public members," or all the agency's actions must be subject to a state supervision mechanism that reviews anticompetitive behavior.

"The fox has been guarding the chicken coop for too long," David Swankin, president and CEO of the Citizen Advocacy Center, said in a statement. "The decision exposes the conflict of interest inherent in the current way we regulate many professions and occupations. Hopefully the fallout will be to cause licensing boards and state governments to reexamine and reform how they do business."

Lisa McGiffert, director of the Consumers Union's Safe Patient Project, said the licensing agencies' actions often conflict with the public's interests.

"The implications of the North Carolina case have not been widely recognized as an opportunity to finally establish unbiased oversight of professionals of all types that puts the consumer first. While trade associations may well resist adding public members or submitting to review from a neutral body, that is exactly what should happen," she stated.

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State Board of
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Representative Tom Brinkman Jr.
Ohio House District 27

March 19th 2015

State Board of Sanitation Registration
Executive Secretary Stephanie Youst
77 South High St. 16th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-6108

Dear Stephanie,

I am writing to inform you that I will soon be introducing legislation that will change the licensing requirements for your Board. The bill I am considering will make the following changes:

- Require any state occupational licenses that must be renewed annually, be extended to require renewal every two years instead.
- Double the required continuing education courses to stay consistent with the annual continuing education requirements. (Example: if you need 24 hours of continuing education to renew your license annually, this bill would require 48 hours to renew the same license biennially.)
- Leave the fees the same as they are now per license renewal.
- Any occupational license that is already two or more years will remain the same as it is now.
- This bill will only affect individuals who can receive a license, and will not make any changes to licenses issued to businesses.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this bill, please reach out to my office at 614-644-6886 or at Rep27@ohiohouse.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Brinkman Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Brinkman Jr.
State Representative
27th House District

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May 21, 2015

Derek D. Dunson
6489 County Road 130
Kenton, OH 43326

Dear Mr. Dunson:

This letter is in response to your inquiry to the Board regarding your examination score on the February 27, 2015 National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) REHS/RS Examination.

The Board reviewed your appeal at the May 13, 2015 Board meeting. After careful consideration, the Board denied your appeal for failure to meet the minimum passing score of 657.

When taking the examination in Pickerington, Ohio you were given the opportunity, if desired, to challenge examination questions. There were no challenges issued for that examination. The Board has also statistically analyzed the examination, as is permitted by our enabling legislation. Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code rule 4736-9-03, the Board requires that individual achieve a passing score that equates to 70%, which was 657 for the February 27, 2015 examination. Please note that for this examination NEHA required a 650 to pass, which was also not met.

The Board thanks you for your correspondence. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me directly at stephanie.youst@exchange.state.oh.us or (614) 466-1772.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie K. Youst".

Stephanie K. Youst
Executive Secretary

cc: Representative Jack Cera
Carol Newlin, Credential Specialist, NEHA

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Re: February 27th 2015 RS Examination Score

**State Board of
Sanitarian Registration**

Dear Interested Parties,

I am writing this letter to appeal my Registered Sanitarian Examination score that I received from taking the NEHA exam (National Environmental Health Association) on February 27th 2015 in Pickerington, Ohio based on the following points:

- Ohio law governing the practice of environmental health rules filed by the State Board of Sanitarian Registration, "Laws and Rules Regulating the Practice of Environmental Health", containing Chapters 4736 of the Ohio Revised Code and Chapters 4736-1 to 4736-16 of the Ohio Administrative Code specifically state Ohio applicants must obtain a score on the given examination "equivalent" to at least seventy point zero per cent. (4736-9-03).
- Rule 4736-8-01 Requirements for Registration: Section (4736-8-01) (A) states: "Eligibility requirements for registered sanitarian shall include the achievement of passing score on the registration examination conducted by the board and the education and experience qualifications of Paragraph (A)(1), (A)(2), or (A)(3) of this rule.
- The State Board of Sanitarian Registration Website under the link of information titled "FAQ" (Frequently Asked Questions): Q: What are the requirements for sanitarian registration or advancement to registered sanitarian? A: You must provide proof of a passing score on the registration examination. The Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian (REHS/RS) Examination is administered by the Board at a minimum of three times per year. You may sit for the examination before accumulating the appropriate experience; however, you cannot apply for advancement to registered sanitarian until the experience requirement is fulfilled. You must achieve at least a 70% on the examination for the Board to consider your application.

The National Environmental Health Association, website:

<http://www.neha.org/credential/REHSexam.html>. (NEHA) states: "The NEHA REHS/RS examination will report scores using scaled scores that range from 0 to 900." I received a score of 630 points on the NEHA examination and the test is based upon a 900 point scale. Therefore, I received a 70% (630/900 = 70%) which is considered passing in the state of Ohio based upon the rules, postings and expectations provided by code and regulation.

I appreciate you taking the time to review my appeal. I have invested a lot of time, effort and financial commitment to do my very best to pass this examination. In addition, I have been caught in the middle of the transition from the Ohio RS test and the NEHA examination process. The NEHA test has been

changed a number of times throughout the process, which has made preparing for the test difficult. Unfortunately, I am a terrible test taker as I learn by hands on experience, but I am confident, reliable and able to conduct all types of inspections. I have done a great job in this profession and I want to continue to offer great services to the residents of Hardin County.

I hope you strongly consider my appeal as I am running out of time to secure my Registered Sanitarian certification. I began working for the Marion County General Health District in 2007 for 13 months before being laid off due to financial issues within the Marion County Health Department. Then I was offered a teaching position at the Kenton Senior High School for 3 years. During that time, a part-time position within the Kenton-Hardin Health Department became available. Knowing that I wanted to continue a career in environmental health I took the job part time from January 2012-October 2012 where I worked as a sanitarian in training 19 hours a week. In October 2012, I was hired full time as a sanitarian in training with the Kenton-Hardin Health Department.

I am committed to promoting public health and providing valuable services to my community. I enjoy regulating and more importantly working with the community to help educate them on environmental health. I have made great strides within this community and would like the opportunity to continue to perform my duties as a Registered Sanitarian. I want to thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Derek Dunson S.I.T.

Derek Dunson
Sanitarian-In-Training

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Ohio State Board of Sanitarian Registration

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May 21, 2015

Scottie J. Crooks
329 High Street
Barnesville, OH 43713

Dear Mr. Crooks:

This letter is in response to your inquiry to the Board regarding your examination score on the February 27, 2015 National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) REHS/RS Examination.

The Board reviewed your appeal at the May 13, 2015 Board meeting. After careful consideration, the Board denied your appeal for failure to meet the minimum passing score of 657.

When taking the examination in Pickerington, Ohio you were given the opportunity, if desired, to challenge examination questions. There were no challenges issued for that examination. The Board has also statistically analyzed the examination, as is permitted by our enabling legislation. Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code rule 4736-9-03, the Board requires that individual achieve a passing score that equates to 70%, which was 657 for the February 27, 2015 examination. Please note that for this examination NEHA required a 650 to pass, which was also not met.

The Board thanks you for your correspondence. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me directly at stephanie.youst@exchange.state.oh.us or (614) 466-1772.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie K. Youst", is written over a horizontal line.

Stephanie K. Youst
Executive Secretary

cc: Carol Newlin, Credential Specialist, NEHA
Senator Lou Gentile

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**State Board of
Sanitarian Registration**

April, 7th 2015

Ohio Board of Sanitarian Registration
77 S. High Street, 16th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-6108

Re: February 27th 2015 RS Examination Score

Dear Board Members,

I am writing this letter to appeal my recent NEHA exam score which was taken on February 27, 2015 based on the following criteria:

- Under Chapter 4736. of the Ohio Revised Code and Chapters 4736-1 to 4736-16 of the Ohio Administrative Code: "**Laws and Rules Regulating the Practice of Environmental Health**"
4736-9-03 Passing score
Applicants must obtain a score on the given examination **equivalent to at least seventy point zero per cent.**
- **The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) states:**
"The NEHA REHS/RS examination will report scores using scaled scores that range from 0 to 900." I received a score of 634 points on the NEHA examination and the test is based upon a 900 point scale. Therefore, I received a **70.4%** ($634/900 = 70.4\%$) which is considered passing in the state of Ohio based upon the rules, postings and expectations provided by code and regulation.

In preparation for the RS exam, I have also attended the OEHA RS Test Prep Class as well as collected a variety of study materials which includes:

- Self-Study Course SSG-3010 Environmental Health Sciences
- Foodborne Pathogenic Microorganisms and Natural Toxins Handbook
- REHS/RS Study Guide
- Food Store Sanitation
- OEHA Registered Sanitarian Study Guide
- Environmental Health by Joseph Salvato
- Groundwater and Wells
- Control of Communicable Diseases in Man
- Zoonoses
- Ohio Hazmat and WMD Awareness For The First Responder

Also, during the time period while I have been attempting to pass the RS exam, the exam process itself has evolved from the PES exam to the NEHA examination process. Thereby, I surmise making it more difficult in preparing and passing this exam.

I have been employed at the Belmont County Health Department full time as a sanitarian-in-training since August 2nd, 2010. During these years, I have developed a strong commitment in developing a rapport with the citizens of the county in addressing their environmental health concerns.

In closing, I would appreciate any consideration given to my appeal in reference to this matter. I thoroughly enjoy my sanitarian duties at the Belmont County Health Department and believe my efforts to be valuable in educating the public on a wide range of environmental health issues. It is my hope that I can continue my career as a registered sanitarian and provide the citizens of Belmont County with more opportunity to live in a better environment.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scottie Crooks". The signature is stylized with a large initial "S" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Scottie Crooks
Sanitarian-In-Training

Youst, Stephanie

From: Carol Newlin <CNewlin@neha.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 2:19 PM
To: Youst, Stephanie
Subject: REHS order, Crooks' computer test, appeal ltr, staff change here

Hi Stephanie,

Several things to let you know. First, I have entered the order for 20 REHS/RS exams to be shipped to you for delivery by April 30th. Secondly, I have processed Scottie Crooks' retake exam (on computer) here, and I've e-mailed him today. He needs to wait for an e-mail from PTI about his authorization to schedule the exam again.

Lastly – We received Mr. Crooks' appeal letter that was addressed to NEHA, but is the same appeal letter he sent to the Ohio board. Since he is an Ohio state candidate (i.e. he did not apply directly to NEHA for the REHS/RS credential), he needs to meet Ohio's requirements regarding his application, test score, retake process, etc. There is nothing we can do for him from NEHA.

If he *had* applied directly to NEHA and was a NEHA REHS/RS candidate, he would still need to have achieved a score of 650 or higher. A score of 634 would not be enough even by NEHA's standards.

At this time, I'm not sure if I will reply to him or if TJay Gerber, NEHA Interim Credentialing Coordinator, will reply. Tricia Churpakovich, NEHA's prior Credentialing Coordinator, left NEHA as of April 10th. If you wish to contact TJay Gerber, his e-mail address is tgerber@neha.org and his direct extension is 328.

If you have any concerns or questions, please let me or TJay know. Thanks!

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How did we do? Please take a moment to complete NEHA's customer satisfaction survey!



Youst, Stephanie

From: Carol Newlin <CNewlin@neha.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 6:02 PM
To: Youst, Stephanie
Cc: TJay Gerber; Patricia Churpakovich
Subject: FW: Dunson Appeal
Attachments: Dunson.pdf

Stephanie,

Thanks for the second appeal letter. Unfortunately both of these people are misunderstanding the process to achieve a final score. Taking their point score and dividing it by 900 is not relevant. Their 3 digit point score is their final score. The calculations have already been done based on the number of questions they got right.

Unfortunately, this concept has been difficult for the lay person to understand, as it is fairly technical.

Dunson made a reference to the NEHA exam being changed "a number of time throughout the process" of him taking the exam. The NEHA exam has only changed twice in the last 10 years -- in 2006 and then in 2014, so there has only been one recent change. I think he is referring to the PES exam being discontinued by the PES company at the end of 2012 so Ohio had to move to the NEHA exam. That was not a matter of the "NEHA exam being changed."

Thanks for keeping in touch and I hope you all don't continue to get these types of letters.

Carol Newlin, Credential Specialist
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From: Youst, Stephanie [<mailto:Stephanie.Youst@exchange.state.oh.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 3:06 PM
To: Carol Newlin
Subject: Dunson Appeal

Carol –

Here is another score appeal. This one is from Derek Dunson.

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Stephanie Youst
Executive Secretary
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April 13, 2015

Senate Building
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Dear Senator Gentile,

My name is Scottie Crooks and I am currently employed with the Belmont County Health Department as a Sanitarian- In- Training. I am not sure if you are aware of the code that pertains to becoming a Registered Sanitarian or not, but a Sanitarian- In -Training must obtain a passing score of seventy percent to become Registered in the state of Ohio.

"4736-9-03 Passing score.

Applicants must obtain a score on the given examination equivalent to at least seventy point zero per cent"

I started with the Belmont County Health Department on August 2nd, 2010 and during my time here the examination has changed three (3) different times, which makes it very difficult to prepare for it. With that being said, in Ohio, a Sanitarian- In -Training has up to five (5) years to pass the exam and become a Registered Sanitarian.

In 2012 the State Board of Sanitarians administered the PES RS examination with a passing score as a 70% and in 2013 it changed to NEHA REHS/RS examination with a passing score to be a 70% as well. Now, since July 2014, the test has switched yet again, still with the passing score of 70%. It is still NEHA REHS/RS, but what is different with this exam is that it is a scaled exam with scores that range from 0 to 900.

"The NEHA REHS/RS examination will report scores using scaled scores that range from 0 to 900 with a passing score of 650. The raw passing score is mathematically transformed so that the passing scaled score equals 650. This process is similar to the way one adjusts Celsius and Fahrenheit temperature

scales. While the values may differ the temperatures are the same. For example, water boils at the same temperature regardless of the scale used.

Candidates who pass the examination will earn scaled scores of 650 and above, and those who fail will earn a scaled score between 0 and 649. A scaled score is NOT a percentage score. In summary, a scaled score is merely a transformation of a raw score. Scaling is done to report comparable results when forms and raw passing scores vary over time."

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Belmont County Health Department

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Youst, Stephanie

From: Blalock, Steven <Steven.Blalock@ohiosenate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2015 8:51 AM
To: Youst, Stephanie
Subject: Constituent Inquiry | Senator Lou Gentile
Attachments: 2015_04_17_12_28_17.pdf

Good morning Stephanie:

Per our conversation a few moments ago, here is the letter our office received last week regarding Mr. Scottie Crooks at the Belmont County Health Department.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is something I can do to assist you.

Take care!

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April 13, 2015

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State Board of
Sanitarian Registration

77 S. High St
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Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Cera,

My name is Scottie Crooks and I am currently employed with the Belmont County Health Department as a Sanitarian- In- Training. I am not sure if you are aware of the code that pertains to becoming a Registered Sanitarian or not, but a Sanitarian- In -Training must obtain a passing score of seventy percent to become Registered in the state of Ohio.

"4736-9-03 Passing score.

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I started with the Belmont County Health Department on August 2nd, 2010 and during my time here the examination has changed three (3) different times, which makes it very difficult to prepare for it. With that being said, in Ohio, a Sanitarian- In -Training has up to five (5) years to pass the exam and become a Registered Sanitarian.

In 2012 the State Board of Sanitarians administered the PES RS examination with a passing score as a 70% and in 2013 it changed to NEHA REHS/RS examination with a passing score to be a 70% as well. Now, since July 2014, the test has switched yet again, still with the passing score of 70%. It is still NEHA REHS/RS, but what is different with this exam is that it is a scaled exam with scores that range from 0 to 900.

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Re: February 27th 2015 RS Examination Score

Dear Carol Newlin,

I am writing this letter to appeal my recent NEHA exam score which was taken on February 27, 2015 based on the following criteria:

- Under Chapter 4736. of the Ohio Revised Code and Chapters 4736-1 to 4736-16 of the Ohio Administrative Code: "**Laws and Rules Regulating the Practice of Environmental Health**"
4736-9-03 Passing score
Applicants must obtain a score on the given examination **equivalent to at least seventy point zero per cent.**
- **The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) states:**
"The NEHA REHS/RS examination will report scores using scaled scores that range from 0 to 900." I received a score of 634 points on the NEHA examination and the test is based upon a 900 point scale. Therefore, I received a **70.4%** ($634/900 = 70.4\%$) which is considered passing in the state of Ohio based upon the rules, postings and expectations provided by code and regulation.

In preparation for the RS exam, I have also attended the OEHA RS Test Prep Class as well as collected a variety of study materials which includes:

- Self-Study Course SSG-3010 Environmental Health Sciences
- Foodborne Pathogenic Microorganisms and Natural Toxins Handbook
- REHS/RS Study Guide
- Food Store Sanitation
- OEHA Registered Sanitarian Study Guide
- Environmental Health by Joseph Salvato
- Groundwater and Wells
- Control of Communicable Diseases in Man
- Zoonoses
- Ohio Hazmat and WMD Awareness For The First Responder

Also, during the time period while I have been attempting to pass the RS exam, the exam process itself has evolved from the PES exam to the NEHA examination process. Thereby, I surmise making it more difficult in preparing and passing this exam.

I have been employed at the Belmont County Health Department full time as a sanitarian-in-training since August 2nd, 2010. During these years, I have developed a strong commitment in developing a rapport with the citizens of the county in addressing their environmental health concerns.

In closing, I would appreciate any consideration given to my appeal in reference to this matter. I thoroughly enjoy my sanitarian duties at the Belmont County Health Department and believe my efforts to be valuable in educating the public on a wide range of environmental health issues. It is my hope that I can continue my career as a registered sanitarian and provide the citizens of Belmont County with more opportunity to live in a better environment.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scottie Crooks', written over a horizontal line.

Scottie Crooks
Sanitarian-In-Training

Scores

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Your score will be based on the number of questions answered correctly. If you are unsure of the answer it is better to guess. You will not be given credit for any question left blank.

Your exam results will be mailed to you from the NEHA office 4-6 weeks after the administration. To insure confidentiality, exam scores will not be released over the phone, via fax or email.

Reciprocity

In some cases, if you hold a state REHS/RS credential, you may be eligible to receive NEHA's REHS/RS credential without re-examination (reciprocity). In order to be eligible for reciprocity you must:

1. Have a valid, current state registration; and
2. Have a Bachelor's degree with 30 semester/45 quarter hours in basic sciences; and
3. Have a passing score of:
 - a. 650 or higher on the NEHA exam taken on or after July 13, 2014, or
 - b. 68% or higher on the NEHA exam taken between January 1, 1998 and July 12, 2014, or
 - c. 70% or higher on the PES exam provided it was taken before December 31, 1997. PES exams taken after this date are not eligible to receive national REHS/RS reciprocity through NEHA.

For more information on qualifying for national REHS/RS reciprocity please contact the NEHA Credentialing Department at (303) 756-9090 ext. 310, or email credentialing@neha.org.