



Hospice and Home Health Semi Weekly COVID-19 Call
08/06/2020
Minutes

1. Welcome
2. We continue to have questions regarding the administrator's license. We'd like everyone to know the following in regard to this topic:
 - a. The Administrator's license does not fall under our purview;
 - b. It falls under Home Care Administrator Registry, 405-271-4082, Program Manager Vicki Kirtley;
 - c. It is considered an occupational license and therefore the expiration dates have been extended to 14 days after the expiration of the current executive order (which was last filled on/around 07/10/2020);
 - d. It is my understanding that the majority of those waiting on a renewal certificate is due to the 6 hours of in-person or virtual training that has not been available due to COVID-19;
 - e. The Oklahoma Association of Home Health and Hospice may offer virtual training. You can register on their website: <https://oahc.com>.
 - f. Annette Mays may have additional information
3. Licensure applications continue to come in.
 - a. We process them in the order they come in
 - b. It would be most helpful if you'd refrain from phone inquiries on when you'll receive them.
4. Masks and fit testing
 - a. Agencies have an obligation to prevent the spread of infection
 - b. Agencies have an obligation to protect their employees and patients from disease transmission
 - c. If you have encountered problems with acquiring N-95 mask or fit-testing, what guidance are you following? CDC?
 - d. Does your policies and procedures support your efforts?
 - e. Does your emergency preparedness program address this?
 - f. How about your QAPI and Infection Control Program?



- g. If you've identified a problem, what actions have you implemented? Have you re-evaluated and found your previous interventions unsuccessful? Did you come up with more interventions?
5. Questions continue on when we will resume initial licensure surveys as we currently have six agencies awaiting survey.
- a. This is a tough question to answer with rising COVID-19 numbers.
 - b. We have a responsibility to keep the public as well as our employees safe.

