

OSBENHA (now OSBELTCA) was created circa 1970 per federal mandate to license administrators

- The federal mandate left many aspects originally up to the states to determine
  - Oklahoma's solution was to give the task to its Nursing Home Association
  - Seemed logical at first (expertise was there) and it worked...for awhile
  - Evolution, approving CEUs, politics between associations
    - o One association eventually became essentially synonymous with the Board
    - o Image problems, allegations of sweeping cases under the carpet
    - o Influence of "owners" seen as a conflict of interest essentially
      - See 42 CFR at 431.706 which states that members may not have a direct financial interest...
        - **431.706 Composition of licensing board.**
          - (a) *The board must be composed of persons representing professions and institutions concerned with the care and treatment of chronically ill or infirm elderly patients, However –*
            - (1) *A majority of the board members may not be representative of a single profession or category of institution; and*
            - (2) *Member not representative of institutions may not have a direct financial interest in any nursing home.*
          - (b) *For purposes of this section, nursing home administrators are considered representatives of institutions.*
- This is STILL the law (but is not reflected directly in the state Statute)

Bachelors degree was made a requirement to become a NHA in Oklahoma – January 1, 2000

- Note that this standard was adopted by the people who were at the time the same people as served the association; this was also done at a time when it was expected that a federal "standard" was still (and soon) to be set (by law)...
  - o Law requires the Secretary of (then HCFA...now CMS) to set administrator standards
  - o Now, over 30 years later, no Secretary has complied with that law, no federal/national standard has been set and mobility\* for licensed administrators remains problematic

Health Department/Long Term Care scandal circa 2000

- Survey dates were given to owners by insider at the Health Department
- Criminal charges were brought to Health Department employee/leader
- Health Department changes were made

In the shadows of that scandal, it looks like OSBENHA evolved to OSBELTCA effective July 1, 2006.

- Governor Brad Henry made the appointments to the new Board
- OSBENHA was "abolished" and the new Board was established
- Tulsa World news articles pushed for this change...(some 2005 headlines):
  - o "Regulators dawdle, then dismiss"
  - o "Senate approved overhaul of Board on Wednesday"
  - o "Lawmaker seeks increased standards for nursing home oversight"
  - o "More critics of Board speak"
  - o "Woman's abuse leaves questions"

Current Executive Director hired in November 2009

- Established as a Top 5 Board in the nation
- Training tools adopted by a Joint Task force of two national associations (ACHCA and NAB)
- Pass rates on national exams greatly improved in Oklahoma
- Executive Director served on multiple NAB committees, elected to its Executive Committee and is currently the "Chair Elect" and set to be the national Chair of NAB (National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards) in 2022-2024.

\* The term "mobility" is more accurate than "reciprocity" which does not exist; we actually use a process that is "licensure by endorsement" yet, in many professions, people use the term "reciprocity" which is inaccurate... True reciprocity is like your drivers license where you can drive in other states without going to the state's DMV to get your license in that state... If we had reciprocity in this profession, an administrator licensed in another state could work here with that license or our administrators could work in those other states. It's a misnomer to call it "reciprocity." Licensure mobility also covers the intention.