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Board Meeting Dates for 2010

The 2010 Board Meetings will be held at 227 French Landing, Heritage Place, MetroCenter, Nashville, TN, 37243, in the Iris Conference Room on the ground floor.

Personnel and Education Committee Meetings

Personnel and Education Committee meetings will convene at 1:00 P.M., CST/CDT on the following dates in 2010:

January 13, 2010
April 14, 2010
July 14, 2010
October 13, 2010

Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board Meetings

Full Board meetings will convene at 9:00 a.m., CST/CDT on the following dates in 2010:

January 14, 2010
April 15, 2010
July 15, 2010
October 14, 2010

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



Must be reported (in writing or by e-mail) to the Board's office within 30 days! Please include the following:

- Your name and license number;
- Your profession;
- Your old address and phone number;
- Your new address and phone number, e-mail address, and/or your fax number;
- Your SIGNATURE!

Keeping the Board's administrative staff up to date on your location facilitates the timely notification of important information such as your application for licensure renewal and important statutory and rule changes. You may fax your change to the Board's administrative office at (615) 741-7698 or by mail: 227 French Landing, Heritage Place MetroCenter, Suite 300, Nashville, TN 37243. You also can e-mail the Board: tn.health@tn.gov.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UPDATE OR VISITING CHAPTER 1200-06-01-.12, GENERAL RULES GOVERNING MEDICAL LABORATORY PERSONNEL, CONTINUING EDUCATION

Beginning January 1, 2006, the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board required each licensee to successfully complete twenty-four (24) hours of approved continuing education pertaining to laboratory technology or laboratory management for the two (2) calendar year (January 1-December 31) period that preceded the licensure renewal year.

Continuing education is not required until the new licensee has twenty-four (24) months to successfully complete the two (2) calendar year requirement.

Continuing education courses may be presented in the traditional lecture and classroom formats or, with successful completion of a written post-experience examination to evaluate material retention, in multi-media and/or electronic formats.

Each licensee must retain proof of attendance and completion of all continuing education requirements for a period of three (3) years from the end of the two (2) calendar year period in which the continuing education was required. This documentation must be produced for inspection and verification if requested in writing by the Board during its verification process. The Board will not maintain continuing education files for individual licensees.

These are only highlights of the rules. You are encouraged to read and become familiar with the entire set of rules which govern continuing education. Adherence to these rules affects

your license and the continued renewal of your license for each licensing period. (See CE Audit, Page 7, for more information).

I'M CONFUSED: CONTACT HOUR? CLOCK HOUR? CEU? SEMESTER HOUR? HELP!!!

The twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education needed for license renewal should be contact hours. A contact hour is one (1) clock hour, thus one (1) clock hour = one (1) contact hour. In addition, one (1) CEU = 10 clock hours, thus one (1) CEU = 10 contact hours. (example: 0.1 CEU or 1 Clock Hour = 1 contact hour). If using semester hours on an official college transcript, One (1) semester hour is equivalent to fifteen (15) contact hours.

WHEN REQUESTED, I SENT IN A LIST OF MY CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS. DID I SUBMIT THEM CORRECTLY?

If you submitted evidence of your continuing education documentation within thirty (30) days of the date it was requested by the audit department, to include photocopies or original letters from the Board approved CE programs, you have complied with the Board's audit process. These requested documents must include certificates or letters verifying successful completion of a written post-experience examination. The submitted documents must also verify attendance, identify the provider(s), the date of contact, clock hours awarded (continuing education units must be converted to clock hours), program title and licensee's name. Licensee generated lists of continuing education credits are not generally acceptable. Remember that all photocopies must be notarized as copies of original documentation.

The majority of continuing education credit(s) are submitted as described, but please remember that other forms of continuing education may be acceptable. Also, there are activities which may not be counted as continuing education. Again, these are only highlights of the rules. You are encouraged to read and become familiar with all rules which govern continuing education.

Note: If a licensee submits documentation for training that is not clearly identifiable as appropriate continuing education, the Board will request a written description of the training, and if the Board determines that the training cannot be considered appropriate continuing education, the individual will be given ninety (90) days to replace the hours not allowed. Those hours will be considered replacement hours and cannot be counted toward completion of any other continuing education requirement.

WHEN IN DOUBT, CHECK IT OUT! (Call the administrative office)

RULES, RULES, RULES...WHERE DO I FIND ALL THESE RULES?

Statutes are proposed and made law by the *Tennessee State General Assembly* (Legislature). The Board, following specific notice requirements and hearings, adopts rules. Both have the force of law and may be used in the regulation of a profession. The statutes pertaining to this Board are found at T.C.A. 63-1 (Division of Health Related Boards) and T.C.A. 68-29 (Medical Laboratories).

The Board implements these statutes by promulgating rules. The rules are divided into groups or chapters. Chapter 1200-06-01 are General Rules Governing Medical Laboratory Personnel; Chapter 1200-06-02 are Rules Governing Training Programs for Medical Laboratory Personnel; and Chapter 1200-06-03 are General Rules Governing Medical Laboratories. You may look up these rules and review them at the following Web site:

<http://www.state.tn.us/sos/rules/1200/1200-06/1200-06.htm>

The decisions made by the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board and its administrative office are based upon these statutes and rules.

THE CLOSING OF ABANDONED FILES

The Medical Laboratory Board General Rules Governing Medical Laboratory Personnel, specifically rule 1200-6-1-.07 (9)(a), states an application shall be deemed abandoned and will be administratively closed if the application has not been completed by the applicant within sixty (60) days after it was initially reviewed.

If you have started the application process with the Board's administrative office and have received a deficiency letter, you have sixty (60) days to complete your application and correct all deficiencies. If there are extenuating circumstances that would prohibit correcting the deficiencies within this sixty (60) day time period, you are encouraged to communicate this, for the record, so your file may be held open if administratively deemed appropriate.

As a courtesy, this office will make every effort to notify the applicant of the intended closing of the file by letter and will grant a grace period of fourteen (14) days for the applicant to become compliant.

If this administrative office receives no correspondence or communication relative to the applicant's file during this grace period, the file will be administratively closed.

If the applicant wishes to pursue licensure in the state of Tennessee after the file is closed, the applicant will be required to make a new application and pay all applicable fees. Criminal background checks and transcripts are good for one (1) year, but all other supporting documents must be resubmitted.

TIME PASSAGES BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY

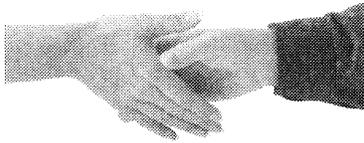
Belated Farewell and Thanks to Former Board Members

NAME	CITY	REPRESENTING
Dennis Carter, MD	Murfreesboro	Non-Path. Phy. 99-06
Jere Ferguson, MD	Bristol	Path Non-Educ. 01-08
John Neff, MD	Knoxville	Path Educator 05-09
Martha Duncan	Nashville	MT-Supervisor 02-07
Thomasa Cooper	Memphis	MT-General 04-07
Yvonne Davis	Memphis	MT-General 05-08
Alison McDonald-Spakes	Nashville	Cytotechnologist 02-08
Delores Voigt	Memphis	Hosp. Admin. 02-09

Welcome These Board Appointees

Pamela Bullock, MD	Knoxville	Pathologist 09-13
Steven Dickerson, MD	Nashville	Non-Path Phy. 08-10
Cheryl Arnott	Nolensville	Cytotechnologist 09-12
Diane Robbins	Livingston	MT-General 09-12
Christopher Seay	Memphis	MT-Supervisor 07-11
Annie Washington	Memphis	MT-General 08-11
Darius Wilson, Ed.D	Memphis	Educator 08-11
Gloria Jenkins	Nashville (reappointed)	Citizen Rep 12-13

ASCP AND NCA UNITE



The American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Board of Registry (BOR), and the National Credentialing Agency for Laboratory Personnel (NCA) signed an agreement on July 21, 2009 which formed a single certifying agency for medical laboratory professionals. The new agency formed will be called the ASCP Board of Certification (BOC). This agreement went into effect on October 23, 2009 and the NCA was dissolved as a corporation.

The ASCP suffix will be attached to all BOC certifications. Current and active certifications will be transferred to the ASCP BOC, and no examination will be required for the transfer. Medical Technologists (MT) and Clinical Laboratory Scientists (CLS) will be called Medical Laboratory Scientists (MLS). The new designation will be MLS(ASCP). The designation for individuals certified as clinical laboratory technicians is now medical laboratory technician, or MLT(ASCP). Medical technologists certified by the ASCP BOR before 2004 are not required to participate in certification maintenance. If they do not, their credential will remain MT(ASCP). If they do complete a certification maintenance program, their credential will change to MLS(ASCP)^{CM}. Approved continuing education credits from any organization can be used to fulfill the BOC recertification.

Those individuals previously certified by NCA and due to recertify in February 2010 may submit recertification documentation on schedule to the BOC. The BOC will honor all contact hours earned by NCA certificants.

The Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board, at the October 2009 meeting, voted to accept the ASCP BOC as an acceptable certification agency for state licensure and decided there would be no nomenclature changes to the state license and will continue using the term Medical Laboratory Professional. Questions? Go to www.ascp.org or call BOC Customer Service at (800) 267-2727, option 2, 2.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORT

October 2009

Licensee: Donna Gookin, Memphis, TN
 Violation: Failure to comply with monitoring agreement with TNPAP
 Action: Revoked license via consent order

July 2009

Licensee: James W. Clinton, Winchester, TN
 Violation: Performed as a medical laboratory supervisor without valid license
 Action: License reprimanded

Licensee: Ronald J. Lessard, Memphis, TN.
 Violation: Convicted of DUI 2nd offense
 Action: License suspended; must meet certain terms and conditions

April 2007

Licensee: Cynthia D. McNutt, MLT, Knoxville, TN
 Violation: Providing professional services while mentally incompetent, or under the influence of alcohol, narcotic, or other controlled, dangerous substance that is in excess of therapeutic amounts or without valid medical indication; violating, or aiding and abetting, in the violation of any provisions of the chapter or the rules and regulations; and immoral or unethical conduct
 Action: License placed on Suspension with Suspension lifted per terms of Order; License placed on Probation for three years; must meet certain terms and conditions; and assessed case costs

The action(s) taken against Medical Laboratory Professionals is/are reportable on the monthly Disciplinary Action Report on the Department of Health Web site. The minutes of the Medical Laboratory Board meeting will be included in the Laboratory Board Newsletter.

ACCESSING THE BOARD'S WEB SITE

- Log on to <http://tennessee.gov/health>
- In the title bar: Click on For Health Care Professionals
- Under Health Related Boards: Click on Medical Laboratory

There are many resources on our Web site including, but not limited to, the rules, statutes, applications, policy statements and a list of approved educational schools/programs. License renewal and licensure verification may also be utilized on this Web site. This is a valuable resource. Please use it.

RULE CHANGES

OCTOBER 2005 – SEPTEMBER 2009

The following rule changes have occurred since the Spring of 2006.

- Rules 1200-6-1-.09, 1200-6-1-.11 concern the application of successful completion of the continuing education requirements for the renewal of a license, as well as the retirement and reactivation of a license. Effective: October 22, 2005
- Rule 1200-6-1-.13 states that all applicants for licensure are required to register to take the next available exam after the date of their application. Any temporary license granted regarding that exam is void on the date of the exam if the applicant fails to take that examination. Effective: October 22, 2005
- Rule 1200-6-3-.08 regarding Patient Test Management addresses the ordering of outpatient laboratory testing in Tennessee hospitals. Outpatient lab tests may be ordered by:
 - (1) any licensed TN practitioner authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. §68-29-121;
 - (2) any out of state practitioner who has a Tennessee telemedicine license issued pursuant to rule 0880-2-.16; or
 - (3) any duly licensed out of state health care professional as listed in Tenn. Code Ann. §68-29-121 who is authorized by his or her state Board to order outpatient laboratory testing in hospitals for individuals with whom that practitioner has an existing face-to-face patient relationship as outlined in rule 0880-2-.14(7)(a)1., 2, and 3.Effective: October 22, 2005
- Rule 1200-6-1-.12 Continuing Education requirements for Laboratory Personnel. This subject is covered in this newsletter. Effective: October 22, 2005.
- Rule 1200-6-1-.20 L (5)(e)15. Qualifications and Duties of Medical Laboratory Director to ensure in writing the scope of each person engaged in the performance of laboratory testing procedures. Effective: May 1, 2006.
- Rule 1200-6-1-.21(2)(b) Qualifications and Duties of Medical Laboratory Supervisor regarding duties that may be delegated in writing by the director . Effective: May 1, 2006.
- Rule 1200-6-3-.09(8) Quality Control Procedures establishes a Standard for the performance of control procedures monitoring the stability of the method or

test system for those performed on a routine basis. Effective: May 1, 2006

- Rule 1200-6-3-.12(1)(o-y) Referral of Cultures to the Department of Health Amends the list of organisms that must be reported to the Tennessee Department of Health. Effective: May 1, 2006.
- Rule 1200-6-3-.16(1)(c)5. Alternate Site Testing addresses guidelines for critical values established by the discretion of the Medical Laboratory Director. Effective: May 1, 2006.
- Rule 1200-6-1-.05 Criminal Background Checks for all first time applicants. Effective: May 28, 2006.
- Rule 1200-6-3-.01 Definition CLSI- The Clinical Laboratory and Standards Institute. Effective: May 28, 2006.
- Rule 1200-6-3-.09(4)(a) Pertaining to guidelines for the laboratory's written procedure manual used in the performance of all analytical methods utilized in the laboratory and by laboratory personnel. Effective: May 28, 2006.
- Rule 1200-6-3-.09(8)(c)4 Pertaining to the laboratory check of each batch of media for sterility if intended to be sterile and if sterility is required for testing. Effective: May 28, 2006.
- Rule 1200-6-3-.16 Definition of Screening Program included with exemptions for for-profit hospitals or non-profit organizations. Effective: May 28, 2006.
- Rule 1200-6-3-.12(1)(o-q) Referral of cultures to the Department of Health amended by further defining E. Coli organisms required to be submitted to this agency. Effective: September 23, 2006.
- Rule 1200-6-3-.16 Alternate Site Testing amended for Board hearing concerning addition of analytes to Point of Care Testing Procedures to a previously granted exemption. Effective: September 23, 2006.
- Rule 1200-6-1-.21(1)(b)(1-3) Qualifications and Duties of Medical Laboratory Supervisor regarding the requirements for licensure in this category. Effective: March 12, 2007.
- Rule 1200-6-1-.22 Qualifications, Responsibilities and Duties of Testing Personnel (1)(a)2, (1)(a)3, (1)(a)4, (1)(a)5(i-ii)(1)(b)3, especially those individuals qualifying with the Health and Human Services Proficiency Examination. Effective: March 12, 2007.
- Rule 1200-6-3-.02(4)(h) Licensing Procedures requests a nonrefundable fee of \$100 whenever there is a change in laboratory ownership, directorship or location. Effective March 12, 2007. —Continued on next page—

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- Rule 1200-6-3-.03(1-3) Change in Location, Director, Owner, Supervisor or Testing in a Medical Laboratory is amended to further define the responsibilities of the owner and/or director relating to changes in ownership, location, specialty or subspecialty, or laboratory supervisor. Effective: March 12, 2007.
- Rule 1200-6-3-.16(2)(a)1., 2., 3., (b)(c) Alternate Site Testing amended to further define the parameters of a physician's office laboratory. Effective: May 12, 2007.
- Rule 1200-06-01-.03(4) and 1200-06-.03-.02 (5) Pursuant to T.C.A. §68-29-104(8) the Board hereby exempts the following laboratories (or portions of otherwise licensed laboratories) and the personnel performing tests in those laboratories (or portions of otherwise licensed laboratories) from the requirements imposed pursuant to the "Tennessee Medical Laboratory Act": (a) Any laboratory (or portion of an otherwise licensed laboratory) which is operated by the Tennessee Department of Health and in which the only testing on human specimens is that which is required pursuant to an investigation ordered by or in cooperation with the State Epidemiologist or law enforcement agency the results of which are reported only to the State Epidemiologist, CDC or law enforcement officials as required by federal law. Effective June 15, 2009
- Rule 1200-06-01-.05(m) The applicant shall cause to be submitted to the Board's administrative office directly from the vendor identified in the Board's licensure application materials the result of a criminal background check. Effective May 28, 2006
- Rule 1200-06-01-.09(2)(a)3 Submission of evidence of successful completion of the continuing education requirements pursuant to Rule 1200-06-01-.12. Effective October 22, 2005
- Rule 1200-06-01-.12 Continuing Education 1200-06-01-.12(1)(a)43 Organizations and entities approved as P.A.C.E.® (Professional Acknowledgment for Continuing Education) course providers.
- Rule 1200-06-01-.12(1)(d) 1-4 d. Continuing education credit will be assigned on the following basis: 1. Any single session lasting not less than two and one-half (2 ½) clock hours will be assigned (3) hours of continuing education credit. 2. Any single session lasting not less than one (1) clock hour and forty (40) clock minutes will be assigned two (2) hours of continuing education credit. 3. Any single session lasting not less than fifty (50) clock minutes will be assigned one (1) hour of continuing education credit. 4. The hours assigned shall be based on actual instruction or program time, excluding

registration time and breaks, but including question and answer time.

- Rule 1200-06-01-12(3)(b) 4 4. Preparing and teaching continuing education courses [subparagraph (1) (b)] – A letter from the education director, laboratory director, department head, dean of the institution or officer of the approved organization attesting that the course was presented and including time spent in classroom, date and location of course presentation, course title and licensee's name; and (i) Copy of written course materials or course outline; or (ii) Copy of summary of on-site commentary at multi-media courses. Effective date of last three (3) rules on continuing education: October 22, 2005; July 1, 2007; June 15, 2009.
- Rule 1200-06-01-.13(4) Temporary License: 4. The validity and duration of temporary licenses shall be governed by T.C.A. §68-29-117(d). Effective May 30, 2007.
- Rule 1200-06-01-.18 Unethical Conduct. 1. Unethical conduct shall include, but not be limited to: (a) Failing to exercise reasonable diligence to prevent partners, associates and employees from engaging in conduct which would violate any provisions of the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Act or any rule, regulation or order of the Board (b) Penalizing medical laboratory personnel for reporting violations of any provisions of the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Act or any rule, regulation or order of the Board. (2) Violations of this rule shall subject a licensee to disciplinary action, as provided in Rule 1200-06-01-.15. Effective June 15, 2009.
- Rule 1200-06-01-.19(6)(7) 6. Screening Panels – The Board adopts, as if fully set out herein, rule 1200-10-1-.13, of the Division of Health Related Boards and as it may from time to time be amended, as its rule governing the screening panel process. 7. The Board authorizes the member who chaired the Board for a contested case to be the agency member to make the decisions authorized pursuant to rule 1360-4-1-.18 regarding petitions for reconsiderations and stays in that case. Effective May 30, 2007
- Rule 1200-06-01-.21(2)(b) b. The medical laboratory director may delegate, **PURSUANT TO WRITTEN POLICY**, to the medical laboratory supervisor specific duties that do not comprise the practice of medicine, including but limited to the following: Effective May 1, 2006.
- Rule 1200-06-01-.22(1)(b) b. Those applicants for medical laboratory technologist licensure who do not possess a baccalaureate degree may be approved for licensure upon having submitted to the Board's administrative office directly from the national certifying agency satisfactory proof of having

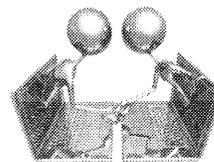
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successfully completed on or before September 1, 1997 (the date on which CLIA required at a minimum an associate's degree or its equivalent for those who would be performing high complexity testing and the date on which the Board ceased providing the state licensure examination) a medical laboratory technologists national certification examination and submission to the Board's administrative office directly from the issuing authorities of satisfactory proof that the applicant met one (1) of the following criteria **1.** The applicant had, on or before September 1, 1997, received a passing grade on a Health and Human Services proficiency examination in clinical laboratory science and had completed five (5) years of full time clinical laboratory work experience as defined in subparagraph (1)(h); or **2.** The applicant had, on or before September 1, 1997, completed a minimum of ninety (90) semester hours including science course work equivalent to that required in a laboratory science education program as defined by (1)(g) of this rule; and had, on or before September 1, 1997, completed a medical laboratory technologist training program that was approved at the time of graduation by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) or a national accrediting agency acceptable to the Board. Effective June 15, 2009.

- Rule 1200-06-03-.03(2) **2.** If the matter involves a change of the owner, and/or director and/or the location an application for a new license, **INCLUDING PAYMENT OF THE T.C.A. § 68-29-112 FEE AS PROVIDED IN RULE 1200-06-03-.02(4), MUST BE FILED** and a new license obtained before the laboratory may provide services. That new license may be applied for and issued prior to the actual change but will be void should the change not actually take place. Effective March 12, 2007.
- Rule 1200-06-03-.19(2)(g) **g.** Any activities required prior to microscopic evaluation of cytology specimens. Effective July 1, 2007.
- New Sections 1200-06-03-.20 (1-6) Effective May 30, 2007 and 1200-06-03-.21 (1-7). Effective July 1, 2007.



TMLB GETS QUESTIONS ABOUT ON-LINE EDUCATION

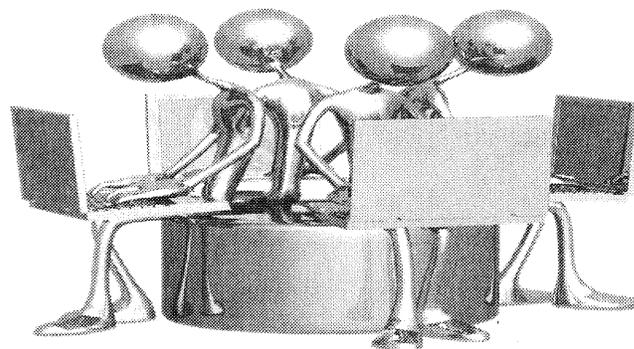


On-Line education is becoming more and more prevalent. Increasingly, licensees are utilizing this form of training to meet their educational needs.

On-line education continues to be a topic of concern with prospective and current licensees in the state. Although there is not one definitive answer for all questions, the general answers, at this time, are as follows:

- On-line education is generally acceptable for continuing education, so long as all other criteria are met;
- On-line education to meet the entry level core science coursework equivalent to that required in a laboratory science education program requirements of chemistry, biology and math **are not acceptable**;
- An on-line degree is generally acceptable, so long as the entry level core curriculum requirements of chemistry, biology and math are not on-line courses;
- Although this is not strictly an on-line concern, it is important to remember that survey, audit, remedial, college level examination programs, advanced placement and clinical courses do not qualify as fulfillment of the chemistry, biology or mathematics requirements.

Education is a substantial investment in both time and money. Following these guidelines has the potential to save you both. The Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board follows these guidelines when reviewing files. If you have questions about this process, please call the administrative office.



CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Initial applications for licensure with the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board require a criminal background check. The approved vendor that processes this check for the TMLB is COGENT SYSTEMS. You may find their Web page at www.cogentid.com and then click **Tennessee TAPS**. Applicants can now REGISTER and PAY online at the same Web page.

The applicant should select the correct response under the REGISTRATION tab.

The information needed is as follows:

ORI: TN920390Z

CARD USER: (Out of State Fingerprint Card submissions only)*

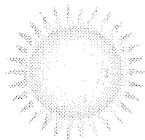
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OCA: 5005

**Out of state applicants are sent fingerprint cards upon request. Please follow instruction sheet sent with the card. Please call TMLB to request fingerprint card.*

Applicants may continue to register and pay by telephone by calling 1-877-862-2425.

TENNESSEE OPEN MEETINGS ACT



The Tennessee Open Meetings Act passed by the General Assembly in 1974 requires that meetings of state, city and county government bodies be open to the public and that any such governmental body give adequate notice of such meeting. Open meeting notices can also be accessed at

<http://health.state.tn.us/boards/calendar.htm>

This information also is available on the bulletin board in the reception area of the Health Related Boards located at 227 French Landing, Suite 300, Heritage Place Metro Center, Nashville, TN 37243. A copy may also be requested by calling the Board office.

CEU AUDIT COMPLETE OR NEARING COMPLETION

The HRB audit unit has completed the CE audit cycle for Jan. 1, 2006 – Dec. 31, 2007. The audit cycle for Jan. 1, 2008 – Dec. 31, 2009 will be finished by the end of 2009.

PEER ASSISTANCE SERVICES



The Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board provides access to assistance services to those individuals whose practice is impaired or potentially could be impaired due to the use of alcohol or drugs, or by a psychological condition. Licensed medical laboratory personnel and licensure applicants are eligible to utilize this advocacy agency.

Contact Information:

TENNESSEE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
545 Mainstream Drive, Suite 414
Nashville, TN 37228-1201
Phone 615-726-4001 or 1-888-776-0786
Fax 615-726-4003

The Tennessee Professional Assistance Program does not, for any reason, discriminate against any individual on the grounds of handicap, disability, age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or any other classification protected by Federal, State statute constitutional or statutory law.

NEW TRAINING PROGRAM APPROVED BY TMLB



A new training program was approved by the TMLB during its quarterly meeting in October, 2009. Genetics Associates, Nashville, TN, made application and was granted approval for their Cytogenetics training program. The initial application was for eight (8) students.

Dr. Sophia Stewart, Program Director, Dr. Eric Crawford and Leanne Sheffield were in attendance to present the application to the Board.

With the addition of this program, there are now two (2) approved training programs for special analyst in cytogenetics located in Tennessee.

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