

Board Members

Margaret A. McConnell, RN, BSN, MA, RFA

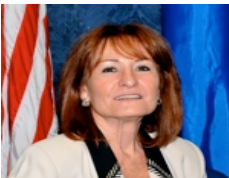
Chairperson



Margaret has worked in the long term care field for over 30 years serving as a licensed Residential Facility Administrator. Prior to that, Margaret worked as a registered Nurse and Psychologist for the State of Nevada Mental Health System, both in Northern and Southern Nevada. She currently serves with the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) and is nationally recognized for serving as the first Residential Care/Assisted Living Administrator to chair NAB. Margaret has also served on NAB's Executive Committee as Treasurer, Chair Elect, Immediate Past Chair, and Chair of NAB's Marketing and Public Relations Committee. She is currently serving as Chair of NAB's Credentialing Commission. Margaret has traveled throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico representing the Long Term Care Industry.

Mary Ellen Wilkinson, MSW, NFA

Vice-Chairperson



Mary Ellen began as a Nursing Facility Administrator in 1976. She has served on the Board since 1996, most recently as Vice Chair. She has been a member of the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) since 1994 where she has served as a Continuing Education Reviewer, Chair of the Continuing Education Committee, Secretary, and was just recently elected to serve as the Treasurer.

Dena Schmidt

Administrator, Department of Health & Human Services

Aging and Disability Services Division

Statutory Board Member



Dena began her career with the state in 2001. She has held various positions within the Department including Medicaid Program Specialist, during the implementation of the Health Care reform, Chief of Supportive Services for the Division of Aging and Disabilities Services, and Deputy Director where she was responsible for managing the Director's office programs, Department legislative coordination and oversight of health policy and program coordination across the Department's five divisions. Dena is a fourth generation Nevadan and graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a degree in Journalism with an emphasis in Public Relations. Dena serves as a member of Governor Sandoval's Interagency Council on Homelessness, Council on Development Disabilities, and has been actively involved in creating the Health Information Technology and Data Analytics team to improve data driven decision making across the Department.

Lindsay T. Hansen, M.D.
Board Member



Dr. Hansen is a graduate of the UCLA School of Medicine. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He has been in private practice in Las Vegas since 1997. Dr. Hansen joined the Board in 2010 and is currently the medical director of two nursing homes in Las Vegas, and is also a hospice medical director. He has been a nursing home and hospice medical director since 1998. Dr. Hansen has been an active member of the American Medical Directors Association and has served as their Nevada Delegate. Dr. Hansen is currently the Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Summerlin Hospital in Las Vegas.

Jose "Joe" Tinio
Board Member



Mr. Tinio is a licensed Residential Facility Administrator of two facilities. He was formerly a voting member of the Nevada Commission on Aging and co-founded ECHO, an organization representing residential facilities for groups of 10 beds or less. He earned a Bachelor's degrees in Economics and Military Science. He also received a Master's degree in Finance from the University of the Philippines. Prior to moving to Las Vegas in 2002 Mr. Tinio was Vice-President and Senior Trader for Sumitomo-Mitsui Banking Corporation in New York where he managed the bank's daily worldwide US dollar position amounting in the billions.

Brooke M. Westlake
Board Member



Ms. Westlake holds a Bachelor's and Master's Degree both in Criminal Justice from the University of Nevada, Reno. She is the founder of ADA Lake Labs, LLC, an analytical testing facility that helps cannabis cultivators, distributors and manufacturers stay compliant with state regulations. Before launching her company, Brooke worked in healthcare for 20 years. She also served for two terms on the Nevada Commission for Women working on such issues as gender disparity, equality and women's suffrage and campaigned to increase the number of women in leadership.

Sophia G. Long, Esq.
*Deputy Attorney General
Board Counsel*



Sophia Long graduated from UNLV Boyd Law School in 2003. She joined the Attorney General's Office in 2011 and currently serves as Board Counsel who acts as a principal legal advisor for various state agencies including BELTCA regarding legal compliance with state laws. She also represents state agencies as prosecutor in any hearings or litigation involving licenses, as well as representing the agencies in any appellate matters. In addition to serving as Board Counsel, she researches and drafts Attorney General Opinions upon questions of law that have an impact on the public.