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**Board of Chiropractic Examiners
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
Licensing, Continuing Education & Public Relations Committee
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Committee Members Present

Heather Dehn, D.C., Chair
John Roza Jr., D.C.
Corey Lichtman, D.C.

Staff Present

Robert Puleo, Executive Officer
Kristy Schieldge, Attorney III
Linda Shaw, Staff Services Manager
Brianna Lauziere, Staff Services Analyst

Call to Order

Dr. Dehn called the meeting to order at 2:33 P.M.

Roll Call

Dr. Roza called roll. All committee members were present.

Approval of Minutes

**MOTION: DR. DEHN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 22, 2014
LICENSING, CONTINUING EDUCATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
SECOND: DR. ROZA SECONDED THE MOTION
VOTE: 3-0
MOTION CARRIED**

Continued Review of Anglo-European College of Chiropractic's Requirements for Compatibility to USA Standards for Possible Recognition of International Applicants

Dr. Dehn reviewed the information provided by Anglo- European College of Chiropractic (AECC) from our last committee meeting.

After careful review AECC still does not meet all of our regulations. Dr. Dehn gave Ms. Schieldge an overview. Dr. Dehn asks Ms. Schieldge how we can utilize our connections to research schools in a more efficient way. Ms. Schieldge stated that the Board needs to set forth a Regulation stating what accrediting agencies are equivalent with the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), which recognizes our Laws and Regulations.

Ms. Schieldge recommended we look at the agency's standards not the schools.

Dr. Dehn wants to break away from researching the European schools. Ms. Schieldge recommended hiring someone to analyze the different agencies. Mr. Puleo believes hiring someone would take time and money but that it would be a good investment.

Dr. Dehn asked if we would have to analyze the accrediting agencies or schools and Ms. Schieldge stated that we would need to analyze the accrediting agencies.

For the next meeting Dr. Dehn would like for the staff to get an update on CCE's meta-analysis and how far along they are. Dr. Dehn would also like to look into hiring someone to research the accrediting agencies overseas.

Review and Discussion of Providing an Insert to be Mailed with License Renewal Forms on Asking for Licensees to Serve as Continuing Education Course Auditors

Ms. Schieldge stated that there is no current authority to compensate auditors. Ms. Schieldge said we must have authority to give "qualitative review and assessment of programs". With full qualitative review and assessment authority, you can review a course and content. Ms. Schieldge suggests we revise our Regulations to have legal authority to audit the content of Continuing Education (CE) courses.

Dr. Dehn's main focus is creating a checklist to audit CE providers to make sure they are teaching for the right amount of hours, having students sign in, using proper material and that the subjects match the course outlines.

Ms. Schieldge restated that we have no authority to audit CE providers but we can investigate them for "good cause", however, she does not advise it. The issue is there are no standards we can hold CE provider accountable to.

Dr. Dehn mostly wants to regulate the length of CE courses. Ms. Schieldge states you can revoke a CE provider for "falsification" but first we need to reconstruct the Regulations to provide objectives and criteria a CE provider must follow.

Ms. Schieldge suggested that the Board look to staff to investigate CE providers instead of hiring someone outside of the state through a contract. Ms. Schieldge said it's a huge liability to have a non-state worker investigate a CE course.

Lastly Ms. Schieldge mentioned we cannot hire a Chiropractor and then give them CE credit for auditing a course that would be considered “double dipping”.

Dr. Dehn stated we have a responsibility to make sure CE providers are following the Law such as teaching the correct content and amount of hours for each course. Ms. Schieldge said having staff investigate would be our best option because they would be able to appear at any administrative hearing and testify. She also mentioned that we need to amend the Regulations to authorize the Board to audit CE providers because at the moment we only have authority to audit Licensees for CE completion.

Dr. Dehn would like to audit new CE provider/courses. Ms. Schieldge advised the Board to revise the Regulations to include a provision to audit CE providers.

Ms. Penny Cunha, representing the California Chiropractic Association came forward and suggested that we go back to only the Chiropractic Colleges providing CE courses.

Dr. Dehn wants to have staff audit CE courses for compliance; such as the hours of the course and if the outline submitted for approval matches the actual CE course.

Mr. Puleo asked if we would also be auditing online courses. Dr. Dehn said yes, she would like to audit all new providers, online and classroom.

Ms. Schieldge reminded the Board that we have authority to withdraw provider’s approval for “good cause”.

Dr. Dehn would like our investigators to get a list of new CE providers to audit. After a group of CE providers are audited she would like to review statistical information on the findings.

Ms. Schieldge suggests this process to audit CE providers/courses be further developed.

Dr. Dehn would like to further research changing the CE Regulations allowing CE Audits and would like it to be a future agenda item.

Review and Discussion Regarding Chiropractors Performing Physical Examination for High School Athletic Programs

Dr. Dehn provided an update on our last meeting where we discussed chiropractor’s capability to perform sports physicals.

Dr. Dehn stated there were 2 issues at hand, chiropractors performing physical exams and chiropractors being a sports Doctor. Dr. Dehn would like to focus on chiropractors having the skill to perform school physicals.

Mr. Puleo was asked to write a letter to California Interscholastic Federation & Schools Insurance Authority letting them know that Chiropractors are trained to perform physical exams. Ms. Schieldge said it is important to explain that chiropractors have qualifying skills to perform these types of exams which they already perform on school bus drivers.

Dr. Dehn and Mr. Puleo will construct the letter and send it to Dr. Azzolino to sign and send out.

Update on the Progress of the Board’s Biannual Newsletter

Ms. Lauziere summarized the Newsletter progress and let the committee know that the rough draft has been sent to Department of Consumer Affairs for review and formatting.

Public Comment

No public comment came forward.

Future Agenda Items

The Committee set the next meeting for August 21, 2014 at 12:30 P.M.

Adjournment

Dr. Dehn adjourned the meeting at 4:13 P.M.