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**Board of Chiropractic Examiners
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
Licensing, Continuing Education & Public Relations Committee
February 26, 2015
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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
Brianna Lauziere, Staff Services Analyst

Call to Order

Dr. Dehn called the meeting to order at 11:14 A.M.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

**MOTION: DR. ROZA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2015
LICENSING, CONTINUING EDUCATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

SECOND: DR. LICHTMAN SECONDED THE MOTION

VOTE: 3-0

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Review and Discussion on Possible Revisions to the Continuing Education Regulations for Approving Continuing Education Providers and/or Recognizing Accrediting Agencies.

Dr. Dehn summarized the current requirements for becoming a CE Provider. Currently there are no restrictions for becoming a CE provider.

Dr. Dehn would like to improve the quality and accountability of our CE providers and programs. Dr. Dehn acknowledged that the Board cannot look over all CE courses nor do we have the authority.

Dr. Dehn discussed possible solutions for improving the quality of Continuing Education. First the Board needs to change the CE regulations. The focus would be, who can become a CE provider, how much it costs, and who can review our CE programs for compliance with our regulations.

Dr. Dehn listed three options our CE applicants could use to become approved providers. These options included approval from the Chiropractic Colleges, Chiropractic Associations, and accrediting agencies. Dr. Dehn stated this does not mean the Board will not be involved. The Board will still approve the CE courses. The Board will have to make changes to the regulations to create a criteria for CE providers and courses.

Dr. Dehn talked about the rules and regulations from the Psychology and Physical Therapy Boards. The Physical Therapy Regulations stated that "Each approval agency must have the capacity to evaluate each course offered by a provider to ensure compliance with applicable laws and shall conduct audits of at least 10% of its approved providers' courses to ensure compliance".

Dr. Dehn stated that if these three categories; Chiropractic Colleges, Chiropractic Associations, and accrediting agencies review 10% of CE courses and our Board audits another 10% then that will be 20% of our mandate. Dr. Dehn proposed that we change the regulations to allow Licensees to audit 24 hours of CE courses a year. They would be required to complete the 24 hours including mandatory subjects and submit an audit.

Dr. Roza mentioned DWC. Mr. Puleo said we do not currently accept DWC approved courses but could change our regulations to accept CE approved by DWC. Recent changes have allowed us to accept approved CE courses from other healing art Boards. Dr. Dehn stated we should permit DWC approved courses as long as the subjects are related to the healing arts.

Mr. Puleo researched several accrediting agencies that specialized in continuing medical education. Ms. Lauziere, Ms. Van Allen, and Mr. Puleo spoke with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to learn more about their requirements, fees, and determine the potential impact our CE providers. Mr. Puleo stated that the ACCME standards were much different and focused more on the ability to teach a course instead of reviewing the material being taught.

Jacob Coverstone from Life West Chiropractic College joined the meeting. Mr. Coverstone is very familiar with the ACCME guidelines and offered his insight into their accrediting process. Mr. Coverstone mentioned that the ACCME upholds and accredits organizations to grant CE

credit. They review the entire organization pursuant to different standards and individual activities to make sure all standards are being met. They want to make sure the courses are being created and delivered with guidelines up to different educational standards. ACCME reviews the development of course content to make sure it achieves quality education and addresses the following questions: Are they developing courses to achieve the proper outcome? Are the instructors' going through the process of understanding what the learners need? What are the learners taking away?

Dr. Dehn asked what ACCME charges and if the cost is to the regulatory body or the provider of the course. Mr. Coverstone commented that the cost is to the provider. The price ranges from \$5300-\$5700 a year.

Dr. Dehn asked about other organizations that would be applicable to our Board and regulating continuing education courses/providers. Mr. Coverstone mentioned that the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) has similar standards and focuses on initial certification. Individual providers that would want to put on a course would have to go through the organization to be approved and meet the standards under their umbrella.

Mr. Puleo stated the Board would still independently audit the courses but he wants to identify institutions the Board can delegate authority to for approving CE providers/courses.

Dr. Dehn would like to research what organizations the Board can use for accrediting, how the cost will affect CE providers, and what the process consist of.

Mr. Puleo stated we do not want to create a barrier for CE providers but right now we have few enforceable standards. We would like to ensure there is a review of the CE provider's credentials and that they are providing a quality course. By auditing the course we can make sure they are complying with our standards.

Dr. Dehn asked about Providers of Approved Continuing Education (PACE), which is under the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB).

Mr. Coverstone gave a brief description of PACE. PACE is a movement of a standard application for CE approval. PACE will work with other State Boards.

Mr. Puleo asked Ms. Lauziere to gather more information about PACE.

Mr. Puleo wants to make sure there is consistency among the accrediting organizations that the Board accepts.

Dr. Roza stated we need to establish criteria first.

Dr. Dehn expressed her biggest concern is the cost burden on CE providers. She does not want the cost of CE courses to double. Dr. Dehn would like to work on conducting a cost analysis.

Mr. Coverstone asked what the basic problems the Board wants to solve are.

Dr. Dehn explained the volume of courses is too large to audit on our own. Our concerns are that content is sufficient and that the course is being taught for the correct amount of time.

Mr. Coverstone talked about measuring the outcome by having the licensee evaluate the CE provider. Mr. Coverstone suggested when creating guidelines for CE courses to require a level of engagement to make sure the licensees are participating.

Ms. Cunha suggested reviewing the Medical Board's Rules and Regulations on Continuing Education.

Mr. Puleo printed out copies of the Medical Board's online guidelines. Ms. Lauziere scanned a copy of the Medical Board's Regulations to Dr. Lichtman.

Dr. Dehn asked that at our next meeting we have materials for ACCME, PACE and the guidelines that were in place when CCE and the colleges approved CE providers/courses.

Review and Discussion on Strategic Plan Action Items

Dr. Dehn reviewed action item 3.4 "Establish and document protocols for ongoing communication with chiropractic oversight organizations to ensure consistent standards".

Dr. Dehn asked if she goes to a convention can she speak on behalf of the Board as a Board member.

Mr. Puleo stated that if there is approval from the Chair a board member may speak on behalf of the Board.

Review and Discussion Regarding Proposed Outreach Publications

The Licensing/Continuing Education/Public Relations committee reviewed the changes made from February 26th, 2015.

Dr. Dehn shared questions she collected from an informal business group she met with.

The committee reworded a few sentences in the "About the Board" and "Consumers Guide to Chiropractic" publications.

Public Comment

Mr. Coverstone made a statement that he was pleased to see the Board taking action to make a change to the continuing education standards and regulate the CE providers/courses.

Future Agenda Items

Dr. Dehn would like to continue the discussion about possible revisions to the continuing education regulations to establish guidelines for auditing continuing education courses, approving continuing education providers and/or recognizing accrediting agencies at the next committee meeting. Dr. Dehn asked Ms. Lauziere to provide information on the accrediting agencies that we discussed.

Adjournment

Dr. Dehn adjourned the meeting at 1:14 P.M.