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**Board of Chiropractic Examiners
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
Licensing, Continuing Education & Public Relations Committee
August 21, 2014
901 P Street, Suite 142A
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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
Linda Shaw, Staff Services Manager
Brianna Lauziere, Staff Services Analyst
Maria Martinez, Supervising Special Investigator

Call to Order

Dr. Dehn called the meeting to order at 12:39 P.M.

Roll Call

Dr. Dehn called roll. All Board members were present except Dr. Roza who will be joining the meeting shortly.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: DR. DEHN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26, 2014 LICENSING, CONTINUING EDUCATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING WITH AMENDMENTS TO CHANGE THE SPELLING ON PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH 2, CREDITABLE TO CREDITING, PARAGRAPH 5 AC CREDITING TO ACCREDITING, AND PARAGRAPH 6 CREDITING TO ACCREDITING.

SECOND: DR. LICHTMAN SECONDED THE MOTION

VOTE: 3-0

MOTION CARRIED

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Update and Discussion on Council on Chiropractic Education’s Meta-Analysis Project for Possible Recognition of International Applicants

Mr. Puleo spoke with Dr. John Scaringe and Dr. Craig Little from the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE). They are still working on the Meta- Analysis Project. CCE is expected to report their findings at the end of 2014, early January of 2015. Mr. Puleo suggested inviting someone from CCE to the next committee meeting. Dr. Dehn thinks it is a good idea to have someone from the CCE present at our next meeting.

Dr. Dehn opened up the discussion to hiring someone to evaluate international schools. Mr. Puleo mentioned we would need to solicit bids on this type of outsource services. It would require detailed preparation to prepare a scope of work. Dr. Dehn would like to gather information from CCE on how they plan to help us recognize international applicants and their education in order to make a decision on whether we need to hire someone to evaluate international school criteria verses CCE’s criteria. Dr. Dehn asked Ms. Shaw if this type of assignment would be feasible budget wise. Mr. Puleo stated that if an international school wishes to be accredited in California it should go through evaluation at their own expense.

Dr. Lichtman inquired on how many cases has the Board received for international students seeking licensure in California. Mr. Puleo indicated there has not been a huge demand. He stated his only option to give international applicants right now is for them to approach a California Board Approved Chiropractic school and have them evaluate their education. Some approved schools will allow foreign trained students to complete an abbreviated program and obtain a degree. Dr. Lichtman suggested taking it as a case by case. Dr. Dehn mentioned we do not have a protocol to go case by case. Ms. Shaw reported receiving about 3-5 inquires a year inquiring on how to get a Chiropractic License in California and about 2 applicants actually go to a Board approved College and take the appropriate courses to receive their certificate of completion. Dr. Lichtman suggested contacting California Board approved schools and asking what their protocol is for handling international students/applicants who want to become licensed in California. Dr. Roza agrees.

Mr. Puleo will invite someone from CCE to speak at our next committee meeting.

Ms. Julia Bishop from DCA’s legislative office suggested reaching out to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE), as they act as an accrediting agency for CA schools and they would be able to give a ball park figure on how much it would cost to contract with a consultant. Mr. Puleo will call Joanne Wenzel, Chief of BPPE, and ask for her advice.

Review and Discussion Regarding Possible Revisions to the Continuing Education Regulations for Establishing Guidelines for Auditing Continuing Education Courses, Approving Continuing Education Providers and/or Recognizing Accrediting Agencies

Dr. Dehn summarized from our last meeting that the Board’s attorney, Kristy Schieldge, stated we do not have the authority to audit continuing education courses but can observe the courses with a checklist to ensure they’re complying with our regulations. Dr. Dehn stated that in order to move on with this process we have delegated this assignment to the BCE staff until we change the regulations and have more authority.

Mr. Puleo introduced Maria Martinez, our newly appointed Supervising Special Investigator who will be assisting us with assessing new continuing education courses.

Dr. Dehn stated that when changing the regulations it would be helpful to state that the audit can also be assigned to non-staff members because the work load is so heavy with new providers and their courses.

Dr. Dehn, committee members, and staff reviewed the continuing education classroom and distance learning audit checklists.

Dr. Lichtman commented on the checklist, and suggested giving an official form from the Board that the students could fill out after completing the course with similar guidelines/questions. Dr. Dehn mentioned that Ms. Schieldge has expressed in the past that we could not get accurate feedback from chiropractors that pay for the course because they would be afraid to give their honest opinion in fear that they will not receive credit if the instructor was not in compliance.

Mr. Puleo will work with Ms. Martinez to assess the Investigators' workloads. He will update the committee at the next committee meeting.

Dr. Dehn would like the committee to review the meeting materials and be prepared to discuss them at our next committee meeting.

Update Regarding Letter to Schools Insurance Authority and California Interscholastic Federation Relating to School Athletic Programs for Chiropractors to Perform Physical Examinations

Dr. Dehn stated that the letter has been written and will have Ms. Schieldge will review it next. After review it will go to Dr. Azzolino for signature.

Review and Discussion Regarding Proposed Changes to Title 16, CCR §321- 364 - Licensure and Renewal- Military

Ms. Shaw stated that at the last Board Meeting this application was referred to the Licensing Committee for review. The application and language have been reviewed and approved by Ms. Schieldge.

Dr. Dehn asked for any comments. With no further comments she asked for a motion.

MOTION: DR. DEHN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO TITLE 12, CCR §321-364 AND WILL RECOMMEND THE BOARD TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE RULEMAKING PACKAGE

SECOND: DR. LICHTMAN SECOND THE MOTION

VOTE 3-0

MOTION CARRIED

Update on the Progress of the Board's Biannual Newsletter

The committee members reviewed the final Summer/Fall 2014 Newsletter.

Mr. Puleo showed the committee members post cards the Board created to send out to all chiropractors announcing that the newsletter will be available online. Ms. Shaw stated we will post the newsletter on our website next week and will post announcements on Facebook/Twitter. Dr. Dehn suggested we reproduce more postcards to send out to new licensees to inform them about our online newsletters. Mr. Puleo stated we will include the postcard with mailing of the new chiropractors parchments.

Public Comment

Dr. Kassie Donoghue, representing the California Chiropractic Association, came forward and spoke of a letter from Anthem/Blue Cross she received in regard to AB1000. The committee will be referring this matter to the Enforcement Committee for further discussion at an upcoming meeting.

Future Agenda Items

The Committee set the next meeting for October 2, 2014 at 12:30 P.M.

Adjournment

Dr. Dehn adjourned the meeting at 2:12 P.M.