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**Board of Chiropractic Examiners
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
Licensing, Continuing Education & Public Relations Committee
March 19, 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
Dixie Van Allen, Policy Analyst
Brianna Lauziere, Staff Services Analyst

Call to Order

Dr. Dehn called the meeting to order at 1:52 P.M.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: DR. DEHN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2015 LICENSING, CONTINUING EDUCATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE WITH AMENDMENTS TO CHANGE THE SPELLING ON PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH 12, LINE 2 REPLACE "CREATING" WITH "CONDUCTING", AND LINE 3 REPLACE "AFTER" WITH "BEFORE".

SECOND: DR. ROZA SECONDED THE MOTION

VOTE: 3-0

MOTION CARRIED

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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 reviewed the material in the packet and asked the committee for comments.

In reviewing the ACCME standards, Dr. Dehn asked if they would assess the providers or medical organizations. Dr. Dehn does not want to turn over our CE providers to the medical organization.

The committee agreed the language in ACCME standards would be a great example for possible regulation changes. Dr. Dehn stated the ACCME and PACE information can help us figure out our new guidelines.

Dr. Dehn got feedback from Dr. Marcus Strutz, a CE provider for Back to Chiropractic who suggested providers go through an apprenticeship with the Chiropractic schools or associations to gain professional experience. This would permit the provider to work under an instructor for a certain amount of time to become proficient enough to run a successful CE course.

Jacob Coverstone with Life Chiropractic College West mentioned the California standard used to require a 5-year instructor experience. In order to meet the standards of the Board we must oversee the quality. When working on the language for the new guidelines, he encourages the Board to state that these agencies have the ability to approve CE providers versus the schools and associations acting as approvers.

Dr. Dehn wants the Board to continue to approve the CE courses. CE provider applicants will also be held to the Board standards instead of the standards of the schools and associations.

Dr. Dehn stated the schools and associations are CE providers. Applicants have the choice to go to the schools, associations or private accrediting agencies. One of those three entities will submit provider approval to the Board.

Dr. Dehn would like to consider the idea of having a CE provider apprenticeship because it creates a seasoned instructor.

There was a discussion regarding whether measuring the Board's CE provider standards by creating a survey for the attendees could help measure the effectiveness of the CE provider. The survey could have questions about the course, what they learned, and what handouts were provided.

Mr. Coverstone stated that the CE providers could issue a survey and then submit the results to the Board for review.

Dr. Dehn explained the burden the Board would have reviewing CE course surveys.

Mr. Coverstone suggested maintaining a record of the survey results for Board audits to avoid the work overload for staff.

Dr. Dehn clarified that the survey would act as an “outcome report”.

Mr. Coverstone explained the survey would hold the CE providers accountable. The attendees could explain what they learn in the course.

Dr. Dehn suggested that the attendees be required to complete a course survey in order to get their certificate of completion.

Mr. Coverstone talked about measuring the effectiveness of a CE course by using a “Likert scale”. The Likert scale contains questions on a 1 to 5 scale from strongly agree to strongly disagree. Questions that would be important to ask are, “Are you competent to perform what you learned?” By using subjective evaluation CE providers can see what changes need to be made to the course to become more effective.

Mr. Puleo explained how Dixie Van Allen, our policy analyst needs to add justification for all regulation changes the committee wants to make.

Mr. Coverstone stated the justification for having a course evaluation can easily be explained through public safety and quality of content. It is necessary to have each course evaluated for effectiveness and impact on licensees.

Mrs. Van Allen asked Mr. Coverstone if ACCME accreditation could provide similar questions for our surveys that have been recognized to measure what the Board is looking for.

There was a discussion about prescriptive standards versus performance standards. Mrs. Van Allen explained a scenario for prescriptive standards where an organization was told to inform the public of new information using a specific font, text size and color. Performance standards would allow the organization to distribute the information in any format they choose.

Dr. Dehn summarized the options the committee has discussed for approving CE providers. First, option (a): make no changes to CE provider process but change the regulations to have the authority to observe and audit CE courses. Option (b): change regulations and require CE provider applicants to go to the schools and associations for accreditation. And option (c): include accreditation from schools, associations and adds an apprenticeship where CE provider applicants can work under a Board approved provider for a certain amount of time for accreditation.

Dr. Lichtman commented on option (c) using an apprenticeship program will allow CE providers to learn how to become an educator.

Dr. Dehn clarified that CE providers will still submit course material to the Board for approval.

Mrs. Van Allen asked if the CE providers that become accredited by going through an apprenticeship could also serve as an accrediting CE provider for incoming applications.

Mr. Puleo suggested that independent providers could serve as sponsors for new providers after they have fulfilled 5 years of experience as an independent provider.

Dr. Dehn would like to continue discussions about this subject.

Mr. Coverstone suggested adding a re-approval process to the regulations. For example, after 5 years, the CE provider must be audited and in good standing to proceed as an independent CE provider with no complaints and Board approval.

Mr. Puleo talked about adding new titles and fees to the regulations for different levels of providers (CE instructor, Apprentice, Independent CE provider, Accredited CE provider).

Dr. Dehn announced that the committee is in favor of option (c), creating an apprenticeship and would like to move forward on creating new language for the regulations.

Mrs. Van Allen discussed areas of regulations that we will have to change, such as the maximum amount of CE hours that can be completed through outside agencies.

Dr. Dehn states right now the Board does not have the authority to audit the quality of a course. We would like to know how long the course lasted, what materials were provided, was there a check-in sheet, etc.

Mr. Coverstone recommended that the Board regulate CE providers to evaluate their courses to the Boards standards. The next step would be to create a structure for providers to follow.

Dr. Dehn would like for the committee to come up with ideas of what they want to see added or changed in the continuing education regulations.

Review and Discussion Regarding the Possibility of Requiring Licensees to Complete a Mandatory Continuing Education Course in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) as Part of their Licensure Renewal Requirements.

Mrs. Van Allen informed the committee that the CPR requirement was repealed by the Board in 2007.

Currently most California healthcare boards do not require their licensees to take a CPR course or be CPR certified because it is already required by their employer.

Dr. Dehn believes chiropractors should be CPR certified because the majority work as sole proprietors and they should know the proper procedures in case of an emergency.

Dr. Lichtman agrees we should bring back the CPR requirement for public safety reasons.

Review and Discussion Regarding Proposed Outreach Publications

The Licensing/Continuing Education/Public Relations committee reviewed the corrections made to the publications from the last meeting.

The committee made changes to paragraphs in “A Consumer’s Guide to Chiropractic Care”.

Dr. Dehn requested to have a mockup of the two publications to share with the Board members at the upcoming Board meeting in April.

Public Comment

No public comment.

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 begin to review the current regulations at the next committee meeting.

Adjournment

Dr. Dehn adjourned the meeting at 4:00 P.M.