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Public Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2021

Board Members Present:

Andrew Rizza, AT Deborah Slater, OT Randy Jean, PT

Staff Members Present:

Brian P. Bialas, Executive Director Peter M. Kelley, Board Counsel

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

CE Regulations Implementation

The Subcommittee discussed strategies to notify licensees that continuing competence regulations are in effect once the Board promulgates the regulations. The Subcommittee and staff agreed that staff should include an insert with the renewals mailed to licensees, post a notice on the Board's website, and provide a notice to licensee associations. The Subcommittee and staff also agreed to compile a list of health care associations and facilities that should receive notices at the next subcommittee meeting.

To implement the regulations, the Subcommittee and staff discussed whether to require licensees to complete prorated continuing competence units over the first two years that the regulations are in effect. The consensus was that licensees should complete one unit for each month after the Board promulgates the regulations until the licensee must renew. After two years, all licensees who must renew two years or later after the regulations have been in effect must complete 24 units, including two units in law and ethics.

The Subcommittee and staff decided to hold another subcommittee meeting on September 23, 2021 at 8 a.m.

Adjournment

At 8:43 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. Jean, seconded by Mr. Rizza, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on November 18, 2021.

Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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List of Documents Used by the Board at the Public Meeting:

• None