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Education Committee Meeting September 13, 2013 Pioneer Pacific College

Attendance

Committee Members:

Lisa Barck Garofalo, Chair
Nick Chrones, LMT
Peter Szucs, LMT
Steve Davis, LMT
Lana Braunt, LMT
John Combe, LMT

Board Members & Staff:

Kathy Calise, Board Liaison
Kate Coffey, Executive Director
Christine West, Policy Analyst

Absent: Kathy Calise, Board Liaison, Peter Szucs, LMT, Lana Braunt, LMT;

Public: No public present

CALL TO ORDER - Barck Garofalo called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

INTRODUCTIONS: Present at time of introductions Barck Garofalo, Chrones, by phone John Combe and Davis arrived at 10:09 am. Barck Garofalo, Chrones, and Davis declared a potential conflict of interest, as they are CE providers.

MINUTES – August 9, 2013 minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none present.

Committee Member Homework Assignment:

Combe **CE Provider/Organization Approval:**

- Chiropractic Board requirements are similar to the Massage Boards, except for a few pieces that are a little stricter and there is a specific agency they have to be approved through.
- Athletic Trainers uses a BOC for agency pre-approval and they do offer an appeal option; Athletic trainers accepted courses from a college or university.
- Physical Therapists do not have a provider preapproval, accept courses from a college or university, acknowledge the PT association.

The Board needs to make a decision to say no on specific classes especially since this is a small percentage of licensees that the board office works with.

Braunt **Number of Required CE Hours:**

- Chiropractic Board requires 6 at the first renewal, then 20 annually; there are specific required topics: pain management record keeping
- Physical Therapists requires 24 every 2 years
 - Physical Therapists Assistants are required 12 ever 2 years
- Athletic Trainers require 10 every year, and 2 hours brain trauma every 3 years.

Calise: 12 contact/13 non-contact hour ratio, the board would like to increase the contact hours, this is a hands on field, we should increase the contact hours.

Barck Garofalo suggested 15 contact / 10 non-contact with further discussion for what is accepted.

Vote: **Yes:** Davis/Chrones/Barck Garofalo **Nay:** Combe suggested 16 contact / 9 non-contact.

Chrones pointed out that we are creating increases in requirements and some LMTs already have difficulty achieving CE hours as they are.

Chrones: prior education of licensee: 15 years with XX modality, they should be able to use online course for that modality. Davis: LMTs accept using online courses.

Barck Garofalo: Let's look at the ratio as the board directed, and then decided to redefine non-contact. PT says: distance education (online) has to have a test at the end. We can approve certain online (through vetting), like Whitney Lowe. Combe: There should be a standard and a little more concrete for accepting courses. Chrones: I don't mind changing the ratio at all, we can carry over hours for our next renewal.

Davis: agrees with changing the contact hours, with the approval of online courses. Combe: remember this is for the protection of the public, a poor in class instructor can be just as bad as online courses.

Chrones: the three examples reviewed do not clearly differentiate between non-contact & contact, but they do require some specific training at different intervals in the renewal. Likes the mandated subject matter.

Barck Garofalo Course Approval/Appeal: Athletic Trainers and PT have a form to request approval/appeal the CE course. Chiropractic requires approval for any course not listed in their rule. Lisa suggests an approval process once our rules are created. Combe: strongly suggested that there is no fee required.

Chrones: we need to be clear that as OHLA posts all approvals on their Website, this would need to be done if we take this route.

Combe: Szucs & Davis CE papers: Szucs suggests adopting as much of PT/PTA language as possible, the Education committee continue on the not accepted CE list, suggests having mandatory CE topics for renewals. Davis paper has more concern with us moving down the CE approval process, concern regarding the driving force.

Davis: there is movement in tiered licensure and requiring higher level of CE. We need to stay within the boards mission. Combe last thoughts: loves Davis's passion, we are the group that is being asked to be experts at these meetings.

Break, returned at 11:07 am.

Barck Garofalo: Likes what the PT and DC board has in rule as a starting point. We should not recreate the wheel and we do need to re-write 334-010-0050. Begin with something similar to 331-150-0000 Continued Competencies in AT rules and/or Purposes 848-035-0010 in PT rules.

New Rule Division 15 Continuing Education

- 1) Purpose
- 2) Continued competency
- 3) Required hours & period of completion (334-010-0050)
- 4) CE requirements (subjects, how to, board approved providers)
- 5) CE restrictions
- 6) Appeal/Petition for Approval
- 7) Audit and Required Documentation

Add Definitions, Discipline stays in Division 40, review current OARs for ones that fit in new division.

If we propose Rules change, we must have our work done by Feb 2014 for implementation by July 2014 (Board preferred timeline).

Homework: Davis: Write Purpose Statement #1; Barck Garofalo: create draft of #2 & 6; Christine #3 & 7; #4 & 5 the Education Committee will work on.

Next meeting Monday October 14, 2013 10:00 a.m. Board Office, 748 Hawthorne Ave NE, Salem, OR
Adjourned 11:36