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BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS
RULES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 13, 2014

Members Present: Kirk Bowden, Jerri Shields, Yvonne Fortier, Patricia Dobratz

Members by Phone: Nikole Hintz-Lyon

Members Not Present: Jerry Szymanski, Jessica Thomas

Staff Present: Tobi Zavala, Interim Executive Director; Donna Dalton, Assistant Director

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order on February 13, 2014, at 9:05 am with Dr. Bowden presiding.

2. **Roll call**

See Above.

3. **Review and approval of minutes**

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Dobratz, to approve the general meeting minutes from the January 23, 2014 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Shields abstained from the vote.

4. **Report from the Chair**

No report.

5. **Report from Staff**

Ms. Dalton distributed a report of all instances of "equivalent" in Board rule and statutes. Members discussed other states' usage of "equivalent" and how it could be interpreted. Members felt there were no issues with the Board's current rules containing "equivalent".

6. **Discussion and possible action regarding development of proposed rule changes**

Following discussion, members recommended inviting representatives from the professional associations for each discipline to attend the meetings.

Members discussed the development of an Impaired Professional Program and options of outsourcing the administration of the program or handling it internally.

Members chose to continue the discussion of developing of an Impaired Professional Program and curriculum requirements as focus areas for the next meeting.

7. **Future agenda items**

Members recommended agendaizing a stakeholders' report for future meetings to allow representatives to provide input on the rulemaking process.

8. **Call for public comment**

Sharon Robinson Kurpius commented on the use of "equivalent" and committed to send results of a study of other states' usage done by her ASU students.

Patricia Kirtchner commented on the Impaired Professional Program and committed to send a flow chart of how the process may work. She shared findings from a study done by her University of Phoenix students on several years of Adverse Action reports from the Board's website and the occurrence of substance abuse related actions.

Richard Poppy commented on the use of equivalent and also the embedded coursework.

9. **Establishment of future meeting date(s)**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 9 a.m., at 3443 N Central Ave, Room 908.

10. **Adjournment**

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 am.

Jessica Thomas
Secretary

Date