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**MICHIGAN BOARD OF MEDICINE GENETIC COUNSELORS
RULES COMMITTEE WORK GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2019**

The Michigan Board of Medicine Rules Committee Work Group, met on May 7, 2019, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Weston MacIntosh, Analyst, Boards and Committees Section, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Michael Chrissos, MD
John McGinnity, PA
Paul Sophiea, Public Member
Terri Tahnoose, Public Member

Members Absent: Mohammed Arsiwala, MD
Michael Chafty, MD
Eric Stocker, Public Member
Rosalie Tocco-Bradley, MD

Staff Present: Weston MacIntosh, Analyst, Boards and Committees Section
LeAnn Payne, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

Public Present: Cheryl Harper, Michigan Association of Genetic Counselors
Monica Marvin, Michigan Association of Genetic Counselors, U of M

WELCOME

MacIntosh explained that Department leadership has mandated that all rules committee meetings will be open to the public to receive input on the rules draft from the public earlier in the rulemaking process. MacIntosh reminded the public that the Rules Committee will make final recommendations on the proposed rule changes to the Board.

MacIntosh explained the plan for the flow of the meeting.

RULES DISCUSSION – Attached to the minutes are the proposed draft rules.

R 338.2451 Definitions.

The Rules Committee agreed with the rule as presented. There was no public comment.

R 338.2453 Minimum Language Standard.

MacIntosh explained that the rule states: An applicant must demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language if the applicant's education or training was taught outside of the United States by taking the Test of English Foreign Language TOEFL - IBT exam. The proposed change would require that an applicant must take the TOEFL – IBT if their educational program was taught in a language other than English.

The Rules Committee agreed with the proposed rule change. Harper and Marvin from the MAGC agreed with the changes.

R 338.2455 Telehealth

MacIntosh explained that the rule reiterates what is stated in the statute.

No one presented proposed changes to the rule. Neither the Rules Committee nor the public had any comments.

R 338.2457 Training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking; requirements.

MacIntosh gave the Committee the history of this rule.

No one presented proposed changes to the rule. Neither the Rules Committee nor the public had any comments.

R 338.2461 Application for license; qualifications

Marvin asked for the definition of a qualified supervisor under (d). MacIntosh explained.

The Rules Committee agreed with the rule as presented. There was no public comment.

R 338.2463 Relicensure

MacIntosh gave an overview of the relicensure rule.

Marvin asked for the definition of good moral character. MacIntosh gave the Committee the definition as defined in the statute.

The Rules Committee agreed with the rule as presented. There was no public comment.

R 338.2465 Application for renewal of license; qualifications

The Rules Committee agreed with the rule as presented. There was no public comment.

R 338.2471 License Renewals/Continuing Education

MacIntosh explained how he added a 75-hour continuing education requirement over three years.

McGinnity suggested 75 “contact hours” to help avoid confusion within the profession about contact hours versus continuing education hours. MacIntosh and the Association agree with this addition.

R 338.2473 Acceptable continuing education; requirements; limitations

MacIntosh gave a summary of continuing education requirements. He explained that the Public Health Code requires all health professions to complete continuing education in pain and symptom management. He proposed adding three hours in pain and symptom management to the draft rules.

The association told the Rules Committee that three hours is too much for Genetic Counselors and not within their scope of practice.

McGinnity stated ethics is more important to Genetic Counselor’s.

The Rules Committee decided to include one hour in pain and symptom management and one hour in ethics.

MacIntosh will make the changes.

MacIntosh went over the list of accredited continuing education programs.

Marvin told the Rules Committee that she did not believe the American Board of Genetic Counselors is a continuing education sponsor. MacIntosh will remove them from the list.

McGinnity stated he is concerned about listing the approved programs because of the risk of leaving other qualified organizations out.

MacIntosh explained how difficult it is for our audit team to discern what is a qualified program sponsor. MacIntosh stated it is best to stick with the list.

The association will research in other organizations to add to the list.

The association gave MacIntosh approved Professional Activity Credits (PAC) for Genetic Counselors. MacIntosh will distribute to the Rules Committee to review at the next meeting.

R 338.2481 Certification; active candidate status; requirement

The Rules Committee agreed with the rule as presented. There was no public comment.

MacIntosh adjourned the meeting at 2 :44 p.m.

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