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**MICHIGAN BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC
RULES COMMITTEE WORK GROUP
MEETING**

**MINUTES
JULY 11, 2019**

The Michigan Board of Chiropractic, Rules Work Group, met on July 11, 2019, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center Room 6, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Donald Reno, D.C., Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Donald Reno, D.C.
Ronald Wilcox, Jr., D.C.,
Lewis Squires, D.C.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Kimmy Catlin, Board Support, Board and Committees Section
Weston MacIntosh, Policy Analyst, Board and Committees Section

Public Present: Lisa Love-Smith, Michigan Association of Chiropractors

RULES DISCUSSION - (A copy of the current rules is attached.)

PART 4. Continuing Education

MacIntosh stated that there were issues with this section of the rules that need to be corrected.

The Rules Committee agreed.

Reno said that 12-hour online courses are a problem, because they are hard to monitor.

Reno said he is in favor of the proposed draft as written.

The Rules Committee agreed.

Squires inquired how other professions manage this issue.

MacIntosh stated Chiropractic is managed differently.

Reno proposed limiting online courses to a maximum of 5 hours.

Squires asked for clarification on "24 hour" period.

Love-Smith said that many online courses and webinars show inactivity after a certain duration of time.

Squires asked how the Continuing Education Committee will have the necessary information.

MacIntosh stated that requirements are being added to simplify the process.

Squires asked how continuing education is monitored.

MacIntosh stated that it is monitored by the CE Audit Team.

Love-Smith said some things are taken at face value, because each licensee must say if they have completed the continuing education requirements.

Wilcox questioned how to investigate rumors that programs are not fulfilling their requirements.

MacIntosh advised to file a complaint with the Department.

Reno asked what happens if a program disagrees with the Board's denial of its CE program.

MacIntosh stated that it is so important for the Board to articulate the reason for the denial clearly in the minutes of the Board meeting so that the program understands where it is deficient.

Wilcox inquired if the draft rules can be used as a guideline.

MacIntosh stated not until promulgation.

R. 338.12042 Approval on continuing education programs

MacIntosh inquired if any changes are needed in this area.

Love-Smith said that the 120-day requirement is challenging because sometimes emergency meetings or seminars are needed.

MacIntosh stated 120-day requirement is reasonable due to the frequency the Board meets.

Reno inquired if the Board can meet more.

MacIntosh stated the Board can request more meeting dates.

Squires said he would like to ensure public safety.

Love-Smith said that the language "if any," when referring to an instrument or assessment tool, is confusing, and thinks this language should be more specific.

MacIntosh stated this is to show it is allowed, but it is not a requirement.

Love-Smith suggested changing it to make it clear.

Love-Smith said that online courses are not held on campus and inquired if this means colleges also need to file an application.

MacIntosh asked if this should say "on a campus".

Reno suggested saying on campus or at a chiropractic school.

MacIntosh will investigate this further.

PART 3. Licensure

Love-Smith stated that for the purposes of the CE requirements for relicensure, the rule language used to allow licensees to either having to complete the continuing education requirements or be licensed in another state for three years. If licensed in another state, the applicant would not have to complete CE.

MacIntosh stated those requirements are still in the rules, they still must meet Michigan's requirements.

Love-Smith said that this rule makes it difficult for out of state doctors who would like to practice in Michigan.

Reno said the continuing education is essential in technique to ensure hands-on practice.

The Rules Committee agreed and would like the language in the draft to remain the same.

MacIntosh stated that no other substantive changes have been made.

MacIntosh stated that he will update the draft and bring it to the next Rules Committee Work Group meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10: 26 a.m.

Prepared by:
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