

Professional Development and Jurisprudence Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 27, 2022
4:30 pm
335 Randolph Avenue, Room 104
St. Paul, MN 55102

Call to Order

Heidi Donnelly called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

Board Members Present

Heidi Donnelly, LDA Chair
Connie Bye
Trina Courtright, DH, ADT
Terry Klampe, DDS

Board Staff Present

Bridgett Anderson, Executive Director
Kathy Johnson, Legal Analyst
Joyce Nelson, Licensing Director
Mary Luecke, Administrative Assistant
Amy Johnson, Licensing and Professional
Development Analyst

Approval of Agenda

The October 27, 2022 agenda was reviewed and approved.

Review and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

The September 13, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Reports

Opioid CE Requirement

Bridgett Anderson reported a 2020 Statute required medical professionals with prescribing authority to complete specific opioid training. (This statute has a sunset date of January 1, 2023.) In response to the requirement, the Board of Dentistry produced a free course for prescribers available on the Board's website. The course provides comprehensive opioid and nonpharmacological pain education. Over 1,840 individuals have accessed the course which provides 5 fundamental professional development credits. Ms. Anderson plans to send a reminder to licensees as a reminder the course is available on the Board's website.

Jurisprudence Exam

Testing dates from January 2021 through October 2021 had a 75.8 percent pass rate. Since utilizing open book testing in November 2021, the pass rate has increased to 78.46 percent and the number of individuals testing increased. Many other states also use open book jurisprudence exam testing.

Unfinished Business

Professional Development Audits

The Committee previously discussed the Professional Development Audit process and has not recommended any significant changes. Bridgett Anderson surveyed some other states regarding audit processes. Most states conduct some type of professional development audit and the percentage of licensees audited varies from state to state. Most states do not have a mechanism to terminate a license due to audit failure. The Minnesota Board of Dentistry already has a disciplinary process for failure of a professional development audit.

The Committee considered two rule changes based on feedback from other state boards:

1. Change the time allowed for compliance to “up to three months”.
2. Remove clause: “Failing to comply with the board committee’s requirements by the end of the grace period shall result in expiration of the person’s license and termination of the right to practice. A license that has expired according to this part may be reinstated according to part 3100.1850.”

MOTION: Trina Courtright made a motion to change the time allowed for compliance to “up to three months and to delete the language “Failing to comply with the board committee’s requirements by the end of the grace period shall result in expiration of the person’s license and termination of the right to practice. A license that has expired according to this part may be reinstated according to part 3100.1850.” Connie Bye second.

VOTE:

For: 3 (Bye, Courtright, Donnelly)
Opposed: 1 (Klampe)
RESULT: Motion passed

Proposed Rule Review – Clarification on Fundamental Credit Hours

The Committee discussed removal of language referencing:

- (2) other fundamental courses listed in unit (a) to (f) that are offered through seminars, webinars, symposiums, lectures, or program. Each licensee must complete at least two courses of the following list for each initial or biennial cycle:
- a) record keeping;
 - b) ethics;
 - c) patient communications;
 - d) management of medical emergencies
 - e) treatment and diagnosis; and
 - f) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

The language has caused confusion for some licensees and removal of the language would allow individuals to choose what type of coursework to complete to fulfill fundamental course requirements. Items listed in the deleted section are still allowed but removing the list from language would clarify that individuals do not need two courses from the deleted list.

MOTION: Connie Bye made a motion to remove the fundamental course listed language as discussed. Trina Courtright second.

VOTE:

For: 3 (Bye, Courtright, Donnelly)

Opposed: 0

Absent 1 (Klampe)

RESULT: Motion passed

New Business

Variance Request for CPR Extension and Petition for CE Extension

Megan Von Arx, DT

MOTION: Connie Bye made a motion to grant the variance for CPR Extension for Megan Von Arx, DT; allow her an extension until November 12, 2022 to complete the CPR course; and allow her to renew licensure in October 2022. Trina Courtright second.

VOTE:

For: 4

Opposed: 0

RESULT: Motion passed

MOTION: Heidi Donnelly made a motion to grant Megan Von Arx, DT a 90-day extension to complete professional development credits. Terry Klampe second.

VOTE:

For: 4

Opposed: 0

RESULT: Motion passed

Future Meeting Date

To be determined.

Announcements

The Committee discussed Jurisprudence Exam Review resources for schools and decided to continue to provide the materials.

Adjourn

Heidi Donnelly adjourned at 5:11 pm.

Reviewed by:

Heidi C. Donnelly, LDA
Heidi Donnelly, LDA, Chair

September 6, 2023

Date