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LICENSING AND CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE (OPEN SESSION)

Friday November 20, 2015

12:30 p.m.

Committee members:

Steven Sperling, DDS
Allen Rasmussen, BS, MS
Paul Walker, DDS

Committee members absent:

Nancy Kearm, DH

Board Staff in Attendance:

Joyce Nelson, LDA, CDA; Director of Licensing.

Faculty Licensure (professions other than Dentist):

The Committee determined since neither Dr. Thierer nor Ms. Kearm was present, that they would defer this topic of discussion to the next open session.

Faculty Licensure (for dentists in fellowships):

Staff informed the Committee that Dr. Deepak Kadamani, who initially requested Faculty licensure consideration for his fellows, would be writing a letter to the Committee to understand better his request, or perhaps be able to be present to speak on the topic. The Committee decided to defer this topic of discussion to a future agenda, when either they would have Dr. Kadamani's written request, or he would be able to present in person

Emeritus Status:

The Committee had directed Mr. Rasmussen and Ms. Nelson to research this topic and bring information forward to the Committee for consideration.

Ms. Nelson provided an Excel spreadsheet of the various state dental boards and whether or not they had Statute or Rule language governing this type of status of licensure, and if so, whether they offered this as an option in lieu of Voluntary Surrenders in disciplinary matters.

Of the 52 states surveyed, only 8 (Wisconsin, District of Columbia, Illinois, Mississippi, Rhode Island, Ohio, and Vermont) did not respond.

1 Of those responding 3 had created "inactive" license statuses. 10 offered a type of "retirement"
2 statutes. In both options, only 2 states allow this status as an option in lieu of a disciplinary
3 Voluntary Surrender.

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5 Staff mentioned an existing Statute that Minnesota already has for Retired/Volunteer status.
6 However, that Statute right now does not allow for much, other than reduced CE hours.

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8 The Committee considering discussing changing this existing Statute to either reduce or
9 eliminate renewal fees, as an incentive for those licensees who volunteer in access denied areas,
10 and who receive no compensatory pay for their volunteering.

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12 Mr. Rasmussen suggested bringing a motion forward to the Board's January meeting, to have the
13 full Board delegate to this Committee the development of an Emeritus Status, for the purpose of
14 offering an option to licensees. He suggested that the Committee could look to the Minnesota
15 Board of Medical Practice and their existing Rules that have such an option, as a template.

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17 The Committee agreed to allow Mr. Rasmussen to work with staff on developing a motion for
18 the January 15, 2016 Board meeting.

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20 **Licensure By Credentials for Dental Assistants:**

21 The Committee had assigned this topic for further development to Dr. Sperling. Dr. Sperling
22 stated that he had nothing to bring forward at this time. The Committee agreed to defer this
23 discussion for a future meeting.

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25 **Waiver of Exams:**

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28 discussion for a future meeting.

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30 Dr. Sperling closed the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

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36 Chair of Licensure and Credentials Committee

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Date

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