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Advisory Group on Dialysis September 21, 2021 1:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes

Members Attending: Diane Wish; Julia Colavincenzo; Lisa Arndt; Jammie Wilson; Lora Lewis; Gayle Nemecek

Members Absent: Deborah Knueve; Aaliyah Fields; Carol Jarvis

Board Staff Attending: Lisa Emrich; Anita DiPasquale; Tom Dilling ; Chantelle Sunderman; Lisa Hashemian; Kristie Oles

Guests Attending: Willa Ebersole, Thomas P. Pappas & Associates

Call to Order

Lisa Emrich stated that she was asked by Board member and Chair, Deborah Knueve, to facilitate the meeting in her absence. The Advisory Group on Dialysis was called to order at 1:02 p.m. L. Emrich announced that the meeting is being live-streamed and recorded for the minutes. Members and guests introduced themselves and were welcomed.

Approval of September 2020 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved by consensus as submitted.

Current RN and APRN Renewal Period

L. Emrich reported that over 190,000 RN and 24,000 APRN licenses have been successfully renewed through the state's eLicense system. The late processing fee became effective September 16, 2021, and renewal ends on October 31, 2021.

Proposed efficiency for Training Program Completion Letters

L. Emrich summarized a new process available through eLicense that enables automated upload of an applicant's training program completion document to their application. It would require the training program administrator to name the document using a prescribed format that includes the applicant's application number, date of document submission and applicant's last name. The document will be emailed as an attachment to a specific email account. She asked the Advisory Group if it would recommend requiring training programs to use this process for its graduates' applications. The Advisory Group agreed by consensus to recommend the process. L. Emrich stated that a communication will be prepared and sent to dialysis training program administrators.

General Licensure Unit Updates

Tom Dilling summarized the unintended consequences of HB 197 and HB 6 that resulted in an increase in the number of exam applications and the additional time and manual work necessary to process applications by a limited number of licensure staff during a state-wide hiring freeze. L. Emrich stated the Board is now back to operating with normal licensure processes. The elimination of these special license processes and recent increases in Licensure Unit staffing

levels will help to improve processing time for all applicant types.

Legislative Update

Tom Dilling provided the following legislative updates:

- **HB 122:** HB 122 expands the types of providers who may utilize and bill for services provided via telehealth.
- **HB 138:** HB 138 expands the scope of practice in certain areas for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs).
- **HB 203 and SB 131:** The bills would require an occupational licensing authority to issue a license or government certification to an applicant who holds a license or government certification in another state under certain circumstances.

Advisory Group Appointment Process

L. Emrich stated that the Application for Advisory Group Appointments and information about open positions will be posted on the Board website through the month of October. The Advisory Group discussed its current membership roster and open positions. The Board will appoint or reappoint members to advisory groups at its November 2021 meeting.

Other

General discussion ensued regarding in-person attendance of the Board's Advisory Group meetings, and facility Covid-19 vaccination policies.

Schedule 2021 Meeting Dates

Meetings for 2022 were scheduled for March 15, and September 13, to begin at 1:00 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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