

MINUTES
UTAH
GENETIC COUNSELOR LICENSING BOARD
MEETING

March 7, 2013

Room 475 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 8:58 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:42 A.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:
Board Members Present:

Richard Oborn
Lee Avery

Danielle LaGrave, Chairperson
Janice Rinsky-Eng
Georgia Katsohirakis
Rebecca Hulinsky

Board Members Absent:

Jamie McDonald

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Swear in new Board member Rebecca Hulinsky.

Ms. Rebecca Hulinsky was sworn in as a new Board Member.

Introductions:

The Board introduced themselves.

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes for the March 22, 2012 Board meeting. Ms. LaGrave motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Rinsky-Eng. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. CE requirements for maintaining licensure

The Board reviewed the CE requirements for maintaining licensure, R156-75 (2) *Continuing education shall consist of 50 hours (5 CEU's) in each preceding two year licensing cycle and must be approved for recertification purposes by the ABGC.* The Board reviewed the email from Ms. Erin Baldwin regarding the continuing education requirements. Ms. Bladwin noted that ABCG requires 250 hours (25CEs)

over a 10 year period or 125 CE hours (12.5 CEs over a 5 year period to keep ABCG certification current. Ms. Baldwin noted that a genetic counselor may not be able to fulfill the requirements of R156-75 (2) to renew their professional license, but have fulfilled the ABGC CE requirements to renew their certification. The Board noted that some problems licensees face are:

1. Agencies will help cover the costs of CEs during their fiscal period which could affect when the licensee attended the CE course.
2. Agencies that employ numerous genetic counselors would allow only so many to be off work to attend the CE course.
3. Some agencies will not cover the cost of the CE, however, getting time off to attend the CE course may be difficult.

The Board discussed changing the rule to allow up to 2.5 hours of CEs to carry over from the previous renewal cycle or require a current certification for license renewal. It was noted that this could be an issue because ABGC has given a life long certification for individuals who were licensed before 1993. Their certification does not expire.

Ms. LaGrave motioned to change the required hours to 4 CEs (40) per license cycle with no change in dates, seconded by Ms. Katsohirakis. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Oborn noted that currently there are 63 genetic counselor licenses and 2 temporary licenses. The Board decided that because this is lowering the amount of the CE hours required for licensure, the date for this to become effective is with the September 30, 2014 renewal cycle. Mr. Oborn will propose the rule change for Board review at the next meeting.

2. Supervision for temporary genetic counselors

The Board reviewed R156-75-302b (2) qualifications for licensure, temporary license, noting that an individual practicing under a temporary license must practice under the general supervision of a licensed genetic counselor or a licensed physician certified in clinical genetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics. Mr. Oborn reviewed the definition of general supervision means the supervisor has the overall responsibility to assess the work of the supervisee including at least twice monthly face to

face meetings with chart review and weekly case review. An annual supervision contract signed by the supervisor and supervisee must be on file with both parties. Mr. Oborn stated that temporary genetic counselor practicing without supervision should be reported to DOPL Investigations, because this is a violation of the unprofessional conduct clause.

Not on the agenda:

ABCG is making a lot of changes to how the Board exam is given. This will affect the Utah temporary license because the expiration of the temporary is based on the exam date. It was noted that ABCG is moving towards providing the exam on demand. This would remove the need for a temporary license. The Board discussed changing the expiration date to 18 months from date of issuance. Mr. Oborn will write proposed language for the Board to review at the next Board meeting

3. Next Board meeting

May 23, 2013

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at 10:42 A.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

Date Approved

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Chairperson, Utah Genetic Counseling Licensing Board

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing