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Idaho Board of Optometry

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Board Meeting Minutes of 9/19/2022

Board Members Present: Terri L Haley, O.D. - Chair
Joshua Sears
Jared Walker, O.D.
Shawn Sorenson O.D.

Division Staff: Katie Stuart, Executive Officer
Nicki Chopski, Bureau Chief
Lea Kear, Legal Counsel
Berk Fraser, Chief Investigator
Mike Celeste, Investigations Supervisor
Jan Arrasmith, Education and Practice Specialist
Susan Cassell, Board Support
Susan Villanueva, Board Support

Others Present: Josh Scholer, Department of Fiscal Management

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Terri Haley, O.D.

Introductions

Ms. Stuart introduced Board members and staff.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made and seconded to approve the 6/6/2022 and 7/18/2022 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Division Business

Division Update:

Ms. Stuart informed the Board that the Governor's office has appointed a new Optometrist to the Board, he will be eligible to attend the next meeting after his appointment has been finalized.

The Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) will be piloting a new post-meeting Board evaluation to gather data and ensure Board satisfaction.

Board Business

Legal Training:

Ms. Kear provided a PowerPoint presentation on Open Meeting Laws.

Investigations Process Update:

Mr. Fraser relayed that DOPL is working to create an investigation and discipline process that will be implemented across the three division bureaus. There will be new informal and formal tools including stipulations, corrective action plans, and warning letters.

Licensure Report:

Ms. Stuart gave an overview of the Optometry license count, including 487 total ODP licenses. 14 CE courses have been approved year to date while 11 new licenses have been issued.

Zero Based Regulation (ZBR): Ms. Stuart engaged the Board in a review of the revisions of the administrative rules chapter. Written public comment was presented to the Board from the Idaho Optometric Physicians (IOP).

300. Continuing Education in Optometry

.02: The IOP requested language detailing a total of 18 credits, six (6) of which must be in courses involving ocular pharmacology and/or ocular disease. Dr. Haley and Dr. Walker concurred. The Board agreed to proceed with the revised language and to specify pharmacology courses to keep Optometrists informed on the latest ocular medications. The Board suggested removing “advanced” from ocular disease and stated that pharmacology is related to ocular disease diagnosis and treatment. Following a robust discussion, this section will be struck and updated in .01

.01: Hours Required. The Board discussed what types of continuing education classes (CEs) to accept. Dr. Haley outlined the process to have courses approved by Council on Optometric Practitioners Education (COPE). The Board recommended allowing both COPE and Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) courses as well. CE's will be tracked on a calendar year basis. Ms. Stuart indicated that the Board of Optometry webpage can include additional information on license cycles and CE periods

450.05: The IOP requested clarification on the meaning of “person” as it relates to filling an expired contact lens prescription. Ms. Stuart explained that per IDAPA “person” encompasses corporations and entities.

500: Public comments suggested the removal of “educational” because all preceptorships are educational. The Board agreed.

600.01: The IOP recommended removing “topical” from pharmaceutical agents, Dr. Walker, Dr. Haley, and Dr. Sorenson agreed. The Board also proposed removing subsection iii regarding diagnostic pharmaceutical agents.

There were no further public comments.

A motion was made and accepted to move the reordered and revised Rules to “proposed”; they will be published on the DOPL website and in the Legislative Bulletin. There were no nay votes by Board members. Motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 AM.

The next meeting is on 12/12/2022.