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April 24, 2017 Teleconference MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Cheryl Delaney, Jennifer Morris, Lydia Monk, Dr. Munavalli  
Others Attending: Chaarlene Poole, Myrtle Hamrick, Andrea Arnold, Patricia Lilly, Alice Saintsing, Tracey Jonas, Ann Morris, Margaret Wingate, Liz Fisher

Acting Chairman Delaney called the meeting to order and read the Ethics and Conflicts of Interest Statements. All Board members indicated no conflict.

The following agenda topics were discussed:

NCLHRSA Seminar – to review, at our March 9, 2017 meeting, we considered an initial submission for CEU which was to include a presentation from Dr. Hudak. Though Dr. Munavalli could not be present at that meeting, he sent word that he would like to see the presentation materials. A second meeting was conducted on March 28, 2017 where both doctors were present and discussed the content to be presented. Dr. Hudak agreed to submit an outline of her content, after which the Board would review and determine whether to approve. Dr. Hudak did not submit any materials, and in the meantime, NCLHRSA sent in a new submission for topics and speakers to fill the 4-hour slot originally intended for Dr. Hudak. Liz Fisher acknowledged that Hudak was no longer presenting. Her slot would be replaced by two smaller courses spread over the four hours taught by other presenters. One for 90 minutes, and a CPR course for two and ½ hours. Because the new submission fell inside the 60-day advance notice required by our rule at 21NCAC19.0702, Delaney sought guidance from the board attorney, Ann Brown who agreed that the submission rule had not been followed by NCLHRSA; however, she recommended that Delaney present the submission to the Board to make a determination on whether to waive the late filing issue. If the Board waived the late filing issue, then it would need to decide whether other aspects of the course submission (content, instructors, etc.) should be approved. Morris made and Monks seconded a motion to approve the revised schedule and changes for the seminar. Delaney then asked Board members to discuss whether the filing deadline should be waived. Morris stated after having looked at the revised schedule, she did not see problems with the schedule or the change of speakers. Delaney again asked that the Board first weigh in on the deadline waiver before discussing the seminar particulars. Morris said if the Board has no issue with the content and speakers, there is no reason to hold up approval. She stated that on other occasions, the Board has waived timeframe issues, i.e. applications, testing. Monks asked what are reasons the Board should or should not waive the deadline? Morris said the Board should not hold up continuing education over a rule – people have taken off work, booked rooms, taken time to prep, etc. Dr. Munavalli has an issue with the skin disorders course that has not been revised in the new submission. As

far as the 60-day rule, Dr. Munavalli wanted examples of where NCBEE has overlooked a timeframe violation. Dr. Hudak was also to provide a summary of her talk, as agreed in the prior meeting on March 28, 2017. Dr. Munavalli suggested that a Physician Assistant give the talk on skin disorders, rather than an electrologist, even a licensed instructor electrologist. Electrologists are not sufficiently trained or experienced in this topic. He asked to see the presentation materials on the skin disorder topic, as well. Delaney again tried to focus on the original issue of the timeframe not being met. Delaney determined to table further discussion on the seminar until Trudy Brown submits the information needed by Dr. Munavalli to evaluate the course. A fourth meeting will need to be held to dispense with this issue. Two persons had public comments:

**Liz Fisher** – “understand that I need to talk to Trudy (instructor for the skin disorders topic), and I will take care of that.”

**Dana Combopiano** – “hopefully (we can) get something to you tomorrow. (If so) would there be a way that we could have this discussion just on the laser seminar tomorrow?” Delaney and Dr. Munavalli agreed to make themselves at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday morning. Combopiano asked if the Board could consider an alternative, as well, on Thursday if needed (such as a PA to present, etc.) Delaney responded that NCBEE is not looking to keep this seminar from happening.

Potential Merger of NCBEE – to update the Board members, Delaney reviewed the history of this issue. Alice Saintsing, electrologist and laser practitioner, sent the Board an email expressing concern that we may miss a deadline or opportunity to merge with one or more target boards. Delaney reported on her telephone call today with Senator Wells office last week, as he chairs the legislative committee considering the future of occupational licensing boards. Though there had been a May 1 deadline to resolve, there has been no forward motion, and the entire issue has been placed on hold. Two public speakers requested to comment on this matter:

**Alice Saintsing** – “even though Sen. Wells may say the matter is on hold, we know how things in Raleigh. While we have the opportunity, if the Cosmetology Board is also merging with the Barber Board too, we should follow up on that so we don’t miss our chance.” Delaney inquired whether she or Dorenda Stilwell have any information to share with the Board. Saintsing said that Stilwell has also talked to Wells’ office, and he said the cosmetology/barber merger was still on. Delaney responded that if Saintsing or others wanted to be part of a Board sub-committee to prepare a letter to pertinent individuals, the Board would be happy to review it and discuss next steps. Saintsing asked if that included contact with the Cosmetology Board, to which Delaney responded that we know someone already reached out to Cosmetology, and Cosmetology was not in agreement to merge with any other board, including NCBEE. Our board needs to be careful about discussions with non allied health agencies, so the Cosmetology Board may not be the way to go; however, if others’ contacts with Cosmetology reflect other possibilities, then NCBEE welcomes that information to consider. Based upon the information provided by the

sub-committee, If NCBEE then voted to move forward with Cosmetology, it would initiate the contact with that Board. Morris asked if this means NCBEE would be willing to consolidate with another board? Could we vote on that now? Delaney responded that the Board has been very open to situations where our licensure could be maintained. Saintsing offered to chair an NCBEE sub-committee to get something together regarding a consolidation to submit to the board for consideration.

**Dana Combopiano** – “Regarding merger, there are a ton of things that go with that and it’s a huge, huge ordeal and lots of things for the Board to look at and consider.” She further suggested that the Board find a way to keep practitioners updated on current status so that they can voice feedback to the board to enable members to represent all practitioners. Delaney responded that this is precisely why a call was placed to Sen. Wells. Though not a lot of information was shared by his office, it was good to learn that eliminating regulation of electrologists is not as much a possibility as we had feared. He has heard our feedback on public safety and benefit of licensure. NCBEE transfers as much information as is available at its meetings and through our website. Combopiano suggested that an extra bullet on the website would be helpful to keep practitioners informed.

Consumer Complaint Filed – A significant complaint has been filed with our board concerning an unlicensed practitioner that has caused damage to a client. Delaney has already assigned two Board members to investigate the matter. They are to conduct an investigation and report back to the Board.

Changes to AT&T Phone/Internet Service – Administrative Assistant Susan Magas has information to share with the Board regarding our phone and internet service, but since she is not on the call, we will table this discussion for another meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.