



Arkansas Board of Health Education 04/19/2016 – Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Alison Caballero, Carrie Poston, Brad Erney, Angela Turner, Quinyatta Mumford, Dee Dee Wallace, & Guest: Elizabeth Harris.

Minutes:

It was moved and approved that minutes from the January 19, 2016 meeting be approved as submitted.

Membership:

Letter was received from a Certified Public Health Educator (CPHE) requesting to have fees for CEU's for ADH grand rounds waived. Dee Dee will draft a letter to send in response to the request.

New registration cards have been sent to all registrants via email. The board previously discussed a way to simplify this process and may look at moving forward to research ideas to use an IT program with a more automated process.

Treasury Report:

Treasurer Carrie Poston reported \$150.00 in deposits and a balance of \$5,720.08 since the last meeting. No withdrawals or debits.

Old Business:

A letter was sent to the ADH Director of Human Resources detailing information about the competencies held by CHES encouraging the agency to employ individuals with the CHES credential. Given the call to action (to consider hiring CHES when appropriate), a response is not expected. In the future, the group can monitor employment of health educators and consider additional organizations to send similar correspondence to.

New Business:

Alison discussed proposed changes to Act 1237 of 1997 (the Health Education Practice Act) and the Rules and Regulations that accompany the Act. Elizabeth Harris, Administrative Law Judge and Deputy General Counsel at ADH, attended today's meeting to assist in clarifying the changes to be made and the corresponding processes.

- A statutory change will need to occur to add the MCHES credential to the Act. We also need to determine whether a scope of practice change is needed.
- Rule making changes must go through the Department of Health. Carrie will reach out to the ADH reps to discuss how they can assist.
- With regard to deferring to NCHEC rules throughout the language rather than specifying processes for certification and recertification, we cannot reference another entity's rules; however, we can remove some excessive language by stating that the initial CHES certification must be awarded through NCHEC.

Quinyatta asked if we can add additional information to the bill during changes to address health educators billing for services through Medicaid. Elizabeth provided a copy of the rule making timeline w/contacts and is also available to assist with reviewing drafts and final document. Addressing Medicaid reimbursement falls outside the scope of the proposed changes to the Act and Rules regarding MCHES and general cleanup, but it was suggested that the ABHE seek an agenda slot at the Board of Health meeting to educate them about Medicaid reimbursement opportunities.

Elections for new officers should occur in August at the first meeting. Discussions will take place about who will assume these positions. Positions include: Chair, Treasurer, Hearing Officer, & Secretary.

The board also discussed Sara Daniel and Latonya Bynum as possible replacements for Alison and Carrie as their terms will expire July 31.

Upcoming meeting:

July 28, 2016, 12:00 PM, UAMS and via ITV