

Minutes of the
Occupational Licensing Reform (OLR) Workgroup
Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 2:45 – 4:45 p.m.
TEAMS Conference Call

Members present: Representative Cindy Schreiber - Beck, Senator Kristin Roers, Senator Judy Lee, Senator Michelle Axtman, Rick Gardner, Janna Pastir
Guests: Andrea Pfennig
Staff: Sherri Frieze

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Representative Cindy Schreiber-Beck called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m., welcoming members to the OLR subcommittee via the Microsoft TEAMS video conferencing platform.

RECAP OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOREIGN – BORN WORKERS

Janna Pastir

World Education Services (WES) will be putting together a brief of all states discussing strategies for the states with new American offices, helping provide drafting language to that specific group.

Nationally trained Veterinarians – have reached out to the ND office, to become licensed in ND.

Examples from other states - healthcare industry; PT, OT and allied healthcare professionals have had more movement in other states to create more streamlined options.

At the April meeting, Mr. Mike Zimmer presented about credentialing, and Janna mentioned the reviews are done, along with the challenge of being very costly. It is helpful to know where training credentials are applicable, to narrow costs in recruitment, and encouraging boards to look at records where employees are trained and to be licensed.

Janna will collect and share the information from WES. Sessions are ending and the information will be synthesized for state office reference.

BILL DRAFT REVIEW

Rep. Cindy Schreiber – Beck
Senator Judy Lee

A bill draft to create and enact a new chapter to title 43 and a new section to chapter 54-60 of the NDCC relating to the uniform administration of occupational and professional boards and the receipt of complaints and reports related to occupational and professional boards by the department of commerce; and to amend and reenact sections 6-09-07 and 54-10-27 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an exemption for occupational and professional boards regarding requirements for state funds and the auditing of occupational and professional boards.

Judy walked through drafted language to the bill along with changes that could be incorporated.

Accountability of the boards:

- 1.) posting of minutes
- 2.) storing of recordings
- 3.) policies on their websites

More discussion will take place as legislative session draws near and language drafting is brought forward.

Senate Bill 76 – South Dakota BILL DISCUSSION

Janna Pastir

Katie had brought this bill forward as a reference for ND to review and discuss. Janna read through the bill and will send it out for all to read.

The bill would codify what ND is already doing to expedite licensure, along with forcing other boards to expedite their paperwork. It was mentioned this could be a good starting point for conversation relating to universal licensure. Some limitations

Certificate or license from other states, has demonstrated proficiency and is in good standing would be issued a certificate or license in SD.

This bill does not say they will receive their license within a certain time frame, bill is written vaguely.

NEXT STEPS

Agenda items:

- Indiana presenter on compacts and effectiveness – May meeting
- Follow up with Addiction Counselors & Licensing Requirements in various states – June meeting

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.