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Board of Examiners of Electrologists meeting, 5/18/2022

Board Members Present: Alicia Zalka M.D.

Arlene Romajas, LPN, CPE

Also Present:

Jeff Kardys

Judith Bailey

Alfreda Gaither

Celeste Dowdell

Shawn Rutchick

Steve Carragher

Deb Brown

Board Members Absent: Tatiana Eirmann

Jan O'Neil

Jeanne Scranton-Lloyd

Meeting called to order @ 9:41 a.m.

I. Minutes

Minutes reviewed. Arlene Romajas made a motion to approve. Alicia Zalka seconded.

II. Chair Updates

None

III. DPH Updates

A. Investigations

None

B. Exam Updates

Exam administered on 5/10/22

6 people took the exam

5 failed, 1 passed

IV. Old Business

The Board continues to wait on approval of the following:

- A. Legislation change from 3 to 4 hours of continuing education units for CPR hours to coincide with the American Heart Association Guidelines.

Note for files, request was originally made on September 4, 2016. Stephen Carragher is working with department to prepare status update for our next meeting.

- B. A statutory change to allow the use of initials for each field that we are licensed by the State of CT as well as "L.E." initials for Licensed Electrologist. Steve Carragher will check with government regulations to pursue this option. Once in Legislation, we will notify CT State Electrolysis Association and they can contact their legislators for support.

- C. Declaratory Ruling

Discussion took place with Shawn Rutchick concerning our request for a Declaratory ruling. Mr. Rutchick said he needs to think about how to proceed now that he is aware of what the Board is requesting. Ms. Eirmann was not present to discuss the request proposed by Mr. Rutchick.

Dr. Zalka discussed her findings concerning electrologists removing hair from moles. There is no data or research to be concerning it's safety. She also discussed with several colleagues. It is felt that it should be avoided due to unknown risks.

V. New Business

Discussion took place concerning an unlicensed person in this state advertising her business as an LLC. A complaint should be filed with DPH investigations.

VI. Adjournment

Adjourned @10:03a.m. by A. Zalka, seconded by A. Romajas

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Romajas LPA CE
Board of Examiners of Electrologists