

AUTO COLLISION REPAIR LICENSING ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 24, 2007

Members present:

David Reynolds, New Century Auto Inc

Jeanne McCarthy, DBR

Richard Berstein, DBR

Paul Keirnan, Dealership

David Doucette, RI State Police

Dan Coleman, Glass Installer

Dennis Gamba, Cranston Collision

Allan W. Fung, Metlife on behalf of Charles Nystedt

Others Present: Randy Bottella, Reliable Collision Center

Jina Petrarca Karampetsos, Petrarca & Petrarca

Patrick Quinlan, ABARI

Rep. Bruce Long

Jeffrey Greer, DBR

Tony Maglioli, Euro Auto Body

Fred Santaniello, NEIT

Matthew Dignan, Mygrant Glass Co

John Leger, ADCO Adhesives

John Wisnewski, Payless Auto Glass

Stephen Zubiago, Nixon Peabody/PCI

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:35 am

June minutes not ready will be available at August meeting

RB: Introduces John Affleck new lawyer for DBR and David Doucette from RI State Police to replace Det. Palmer.

DR: Questioned the status of Storage Regulations and why they needed to be reposted after the public hearing?

RB: Announced that they will be reposted in the beginning of September; they needed to be reposted because the Department did not produce a redlined version

DR: Questioned if the Storage regulations would be brought through the Advisory Board again?

RB: Stated he could not predict. It is up to the hearing officer

Certification of Technicians

Rbot: He had been in contact with the New England Tech and they are discussing possible testing for minimum proficiency.

JMC: Stated the board would have to review any proposals

DR: We are trying to include as many options as possible

RB: The Board will have to review the course NE Tech makes available. Questions whether this satisfies the legislative intent

JMC: Glass certification will be separate – after lengthy conversation on certification of glass installers - instructions by the glass industry and ICAR

JW: Noted that in Connecticut glass installers are licensed under the Consumer Protection Division when the program began the techs were grandfathered - after that new people were certified by manufacturers of the adhesive they used - those new installers were considered apprentices on the job until certification complete

DC: Stated that the glass industry has two big issues: 1) to be licensed the installer should have a building 2) That insurers are referring people to unlicensed glass installers

DR: Connecticut is more stringent than RI – he suggested they hash out these issues in the subcommittee

DG: Discussed enforcement

RB: They would be on the honor system subject to random checks

DR: Asked for information on Colorall and what was happening. And questioned the status of the reports the Board was to receive from the State Fire Marshall, DEM along with the names of the cities they are currently working and those that denied them access

JMC: I have not received an application

SZ: They don't do body work under the definition

DC: They paint

DR: Asked Mr. Zubiago to produce that information to the Board

Adjourn 12:01