

AUTO COLLISION REPAIR LICENSING ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2010

**Members present: Dave Reynolds, Association of
Collision Repairers - Chairman**

Richard Berstein, Legal Counsel – DBR

Tom Broderick, DBR

Scott Wendel, Insurance Company

Gerry Galleshaw, Public Member

Dennis Gamba, Direct Repair

Dave Doucet, RISP

Dan Coleman, Auto Glass Industry

Chris Hurd, New Car Dealer

Others present: Kim Precious, Implementation Aide

Evelyn Ferrara, Licensing Aide

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:40 A.M.

Dave Reynolds: Motion to approve minutes with revises suggested.

Seconded: GG All in favor.

Regulation 4

DR: We are supposed to be really close on regulation 4. Larry was suppose to e-mail board.

Dennis Gamba: I am part of that sub-committee and I have not heard from Larry or anybody.

DR: According to minutes of last meeting we were supposed to get e-mail from Larry. Larry, Randy, and Gina have been working on it.

Dan Coleman: In regulation 4 what is the wording you want to change. Exactly what is wrong with giving an invoice when the job is completed?

DR: We are working on the work-completed form.

RB: We don't know if the work-completed form will apply to glass or not. We have two separate regulations. We need to finish 4 and then decide what you are going to do. You will have an opportunity when we come to the glass regulation.

Updates on Auto Glass:

DR: Basically what they want is some type of work-completed form, an invoice. Example: if you put a windshield in for a person on a car you hand them an invoice claiming you put a windshield in.

DC: Why isn't it that easy for body shops?

DR: Basically if you go to a persons place and the windshield is broken it is pretty obvious if you fix it. With auto body, sometimes a person can say I don't want the new fender, fix the old one to save money.

RB: DBR's position is that when an auto body shop fixes your car it is your property, even if you have been paid by the insurance company X amount of money that would fix the vehicle to its pre-accident value, you have the right to work with the shop if you want to authorize a used part instead of a new one. We need to document to show what was authorized.

DR: And to help the State Police on investigations of fraud.

Update on Auto Body Renewals

DR: Number of renewals of auto body shops?

Kim Precious: There are 264 right now. There were only 253 at last month's meeting.

Update on Glass Renewals

RB: Tom can give us an update on where we are. Tom has been on inspections from Westerly to Woonsocket and shops are reporting each other. Glass people have been rude to Kim. Questions about unfair business practice that some shops do work and do not pay fees. Glass installation does include glass repair.

Tom Broderick: I was looking for an unlicensed auto body when I discovered an unlicensed glass shop. I was giving a list of about 46-47 auto body and glass shops and ended up with about 53 of them to investigate. I have been collecting a lot licensing fees.

DC: Tom has been doing a lot of work, as I look, there are about 10 more then last meeting.

DR: Under licensing issues, I received a call that a mobile bumper repair person in Coventry goes to new or used car dealers, now if they have a spray booth is he legal to perform the service, or does dealership need to have body shop license?

RB: I had a similar situation regarding a motorcycle shop that is just taking the damaged fender off and putting a new one on. I looked at the law and I think that is Auto Body Work. They need a special use license.

DG: Are we talking about scratch repairing? We would have to bring him in and have him tell us what he is doing.

Gerry Galleshaw: If a dealership has a repair shop and they outsource the work to a contracted individual he is legal. But if he is not licensed then he falls into the criteria of an individual who has to have a license.

DR: Motion to convene in executive session at 11:26 a.m.

RB: Seconded, All in favor.

Board reconvened regular session at 11:45 a.m.

RB: Motion to adjourn 11:47 a.m.

DG: Seconded, All in favor.