

BOARD OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 14, 2010

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Interpreters For The Deaf was called to order at 3:30 pm on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Christopher Haas

Nancy Fuller

Rosa Norberg

James Litvack

Debra Raiche.

Board members not in attendance:

Staff members in attendance:

J. Michel Martineau

Charles Alexandre, PhD, RN

Others in attendance:

Carol Fay, Interpreter

Heather Piasczyk, RI RID

Some Members briefly discuss an individual allegedly working without a license; this Administrator advises the appropriate process would be that any interested party should consider writing and signing a complaint to be sent to the Department of Health.

Christopher Haas discusses the terms of appointment to this Board, he states he is beyond the length of service allowed and he expresses ethical concerns regarding his continued participation. Debra Raiche states she is considering resigning.

Debra Raiche said we should eliminate the two board positions that address IFD license categories that no longer exist. Many Board Members express agreement and state there should be proposals to change this language in the law.

Member Rosa Norberg asks to address a communication from Mr. Steve Florio, dated December 2008. Mr. Florio asks the Board to consider new license categories to reflect recent changes to RID classifications, he makes note of Board vacancies, he also asks for the status of a certain complaint. Board Members discuss parts of Mr. Florio's letter then state he and others are working to propose

updates and other necessary changes to RI Gen Law and the Rules and Regulations, they ask this Administrator to contact Mr. Florio and ask that he share his proposal for changes with the Board.

Board Members state they have encountered a problem in that some people who hold an Interpreter license (under section 1.11) are practicing as a Transliterators (under section 1.15) without a license. This problem also happens in the reverse order as described above. Dr. Alexandre visits the meeting and expresses agreement with Board Members, he directs this Administrator to draft a simple letter to be sent out by the Department to all license holders of the 2 above named license categories.

Ms. Heather Piasczyk, a visitor to the meeting advises she is associated with RI RID and asks about unresolved complaints from 2 years ago and about an “unlicensed Interpreter at the RI School For The Deaf”. This Administrator informs Heather she may check our website for all notification of finalized complaints and notes we do not discuss complaints that are not finalized. As it pertains to the allegation of an unlicensed person working, an interested party may consider writing, signing and sending a complaint to the RI Department of Health.

The minutes of the open session held on March 16, 2010 were presented. James Litvack makes a motion to accept, seconded by Christopher Haas, it passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Rosa Norberg, seconded by Nancy Fuller, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 3:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

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