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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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9:00am-10:30am



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OPEN SESSION MINUTES JUNE 8, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	DR. ANNINA BURNS, CHAIRPERSON	PRESENT
STAFF:		
	ROBIN JENKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARDS OF ALLIED AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	PRESENT
	ERIC YEAGER, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	PRESENT
	LEONARD HOWARD, INVESTIGATOR	PRESENT
	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ESQ., BOARD ATTORNEY	PRESENT
VISITORS	AMELIA PETERSON-KOSECKI	PRESENT
	PAULETTE THOMPSON	PRESENT

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OS-0608-01	SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT <u>Board Action:</u> There was no report.	
OS-0608-02	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT <u>Board Action:</u> There was no report.	
OS-0608-03	BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT <u>Board Action:</u> There was no report.	
OS-0608-04	BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT <u>Board Action:</u> The Board Chair opened the meeting by noting that she is still deciding on who will comprise the subcommittee to amend the regulations. She said that she hopes to make a final decision soon so that the group can begin its in July.	
OS-0608-05	OPEN SESSION MINUTES <u>Board Action:</u> The Open Session Minutes of the March 9, 2017 meeting were approved with the correction that the section discussing pin pricks in the DC WIC proposal would state that "both CPAs and CPPAs will perform pin prick tests."	
OS-0608-06	INFORMATION ON D.C.'S WIC PROGRAM – PRESENTATION BY PAULETTE THOMPSON, MS, RDN, CLS, AND AMELIA PETERSON-KOSECKI, MS, RDN, LD <u>Board Action:</u> Ms. Paulette Thompson, MS, RDN, CLS, Supervisory Health Nutritionist with the Department of Health's	



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Community Health Association (CHA), joined her colleague Ms. Amelia Peterson-Kosecki in leading a follow-up discussion on a CHA proposal entitled "Utilization of Competent Paraprofessional Authority Position(s) in the District of Columbia WIC Program." This proposal suggests the use of one or more Competent Paraprofessional Authorities (CPPAs) to perform initial health and dietary assessments, provide nutrition education on basic eating and healthy lifestyles, assign default food packages and make referrals to health and social services. In accord with the Board's request, Ms. Thompson and Ms. Peterson-Kosecki revised the proposal submitted in March by removing language indicating that CPPAs would be directly supervised by a Competent Professional Authority (CPA).

Ms. Thompson and Ms. Peterson-Kosecki also addressed the Board's other request from the March meeting by adding a flowchart to illustrate the client intake process so that CPPAs know what activities they should and should not undertake. They developed four (4) flowcharts based on client risk– 1) pregnant women; 2) post-partum women; 3) infants; and 4) children. Ms. Thompson and Ms. Peterson-Kosecki led the Board through the triage charts and discussed how the CPAs and CPPAs would work in handling each respective client group. Ms. Thompson clarified that CPPAs would also be performing finger prick tests as part of their duties. The Board Attorney said that she would research whether unlicensed individuals can perform finger prick exams.



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	<p>Finally, Ms. Thompson added that CHA has developed a training program for CPPAs and is formulating an exam with a university. The Board Chair said she was very pleased with the work by CHA's staff on this proposal and wished the program great success.</p>	
OS-0608-07	<p><u>UPDATE ON REGULATIONS</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board tabled this discussion until the next meeting.</p>	
OS-0608-08	<p><u>CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK (CBC) POLICY</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board adopted the criminal background check (CBC) model used by the Board of Dentistry and will apply it cases where applicants are CBC positive or provide false answers to the criminal background screening questions.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2017.</p>	