

Current Amendment Concepts for SB 44

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Agenda Item 6



Goals for Today:

- Communicate process since last meeting
- Present current amendment concepts
- Board discussion/review and approval
- Next Steps:
 - Complete amendment language
 - Submit amendment
 - Get SB 44 scheduled ASAP

Process Since Last Meeting

Board Chair and RBHC met weekly

Drafted list of amendment concepts, based on feedback from the January 27, 2021 meeting

Floated amendment concepts to Board members individually for consideration and feedback

Continued meeting and communicating with stakeholders

Further refined amendment concepts

Floated updated concepts to individual Board members

Today: bringing concepts for final review and Board approval

Current Concepts

Remove

- Interim study on the efficiency and effectiveness of BH licensing board processes for licensure

Why?

- Creates no immediate change

Add

- Revisions of language regarding licensure by endorsement for all four BH licensing boards.
 - Will be using altered language from Board of Pharmacy as template.

Why?

- Accomplishes goals, closely matches feedback from stakeholders, reputable example, creates immediate change

Current Concepts

Remove

- Language regarding unofficial transcript submission for provisional licensure

Why?

- Stakeholders felt transcript submission wasn't the major holdup.

Change

- This language to reflect provisional licensure pending fingerprinting results

Why?

- Allows for professionals to begin practice more quickly
- Codifies fingerprinting into NRS

Current Concepts

Change

- Language regarding NRS from “may” to “shall” grant licensure by endorsement
- Language regarding licensure by endorsement to mandate granting of licensure unless denied for good cause.

Why?

- Adds teeth and removes some grey area surrounding grounds for licensure.

Current Concepts

Add

- Codifying in NRS that remote supervision options must be provided for interns.

Why?

- Removes major barrier for many rural residents who wish to become licensed providers.
- Available part-time from SW Board, full-time from MFT/CPC Board, and has been discussed by Alcohol and Drug Board. All in NAC, not NRS.

What SB 44 Would Look Like

Overview of Components of SB 44 (as amended)

A

Revised licensure by endorsement requirements

B

Provisional licensure pending background check results

C

Remote supervision options for interns (in development)

D

Addition of LMSW licensure type



Board Discussion and Possible Action