

Chapter 57 Research and Review Task Force Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 26, 2021

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Meeting start time: 1:33

Roll Call

Task Force members

Diane Fladmo
Heather Jarrett
Jule Walker
McCall Flynn
Nick Schumacher
Mike Perry
Sharon Carroll
Sue Corrigan
Valerie Fowler
John Melick
Angela McLean
Christine Eggar
Shaun Scott
Dan Schmidt
Erica Allen
Corrina Guardipee-Hall

Facilitators

Crystal Andrews
Jacob Williams
Erich Stiefvater

OPI Representation

Julie Murgel

Executive Support

Tristen Belnap

Quorum is reached with 12 or more members present

Welcome

1. Facilitators received the constructive criticism given and commit to diligently posting materials and keeping the conversation on track.

ARM Subchapter Discussion and Feedback

1. Discussion of the three levels of MT licensure
 - a. [Chart viewed during meeting can be found here](#)
2. Is it the responsibility of TF to write rule that will cover every licensure situation?
 - a. Discussion that unusual cases are more common than ever.
 - b. McCall Flynn explained BOPE responsibility and process of decision making for unusual cases
 - i. What criteria make an unusual case?
 1. Crystal Andrews explains that the qualifications do not fit within MT ARM and explained the process an unusual case is identified
 2. Julie Murgel gives specific example of unusual cases that have been seen recently and clarifies when provisional vs standard licenses are given to unusual cases in licensure

- c. Dan Schmidt brings up ARM 10.57.410 paragraphs 3 and 4 where language could possibly be addressed to reduce barriers for out of state applicants
 - d. Suggestion to add language in first bullet of chart to create an “or” option for an accredited or state approved program
- 3. Sue Corrigan suggests that a national board certification should be added to the Initial License column under the “or” section with support from the TF
- 4. Discussion around if PRAXIS is the only form of competency or are there others that could be added
 - a. Sue Corrigan suggests the PRAXIS should be taken out of ARM with some support from the TF
 - b. Julie Murgel presents ARM 10.57.410 (4a)
 - c. John Melick explains that PRAXIS is not an EPP requirement, but the EPP uses the MAC system to score students.
 - d. Dan Schmidt suggests if the PRAXIS is kept, the score alone should be what matters in licensure.
 - e. Angela McLean asks for data around when the number of years of experience required is a barrier to out of state applicants?
 - f. Is there a need to differentiate between United States teaching licenses and international teaching licenses?
 - i. The suggestion that the PRAXIS could be where content knowledge and another test for pedagogy could be given to gauge the qualified applicants
 - ii. Is there data for the number of international applicants?
 - 1. Crystal Andrews committed to finding this data
- 5. What would the TF keep or take away from the Provisional License Column?
 - a. John Melick suggests adding specific language in all columns to specify “Montana” EPP program
 - b. Angela McLean suggests a reporting mechanism to help with retention of the teacher
 - c. McCall Flynn suggests that there may need to be language of the Provisional 5A
- 6. Is chapter 57 where retention is completed or does retention fall under a different chapter?
- 7. Jacob Williams commits to taking notes and suggestions from today and bring them back to the group next week for the TF to continue discussion and possibly take a vote
- 8. McCall Flynn suggests under the Initial license column in the “or” section, the PRAXIS could be included and will address justifications at the next meeting.

Timeline and Next steps

- 1. Assignment for the TF this week is to complete subchapters 3-6 of Survey
 - a. Purpose is to focus the TF on subjects that are the most important
 - b. Tristen committed to make all submitted homework assignments available to all TF members
- 2. Julie Murgel commits to looking for data around the years of experience requested and the PRAXIS data requested from previous meetings.

Meeting adjourned: 3:04 PM