

Chapter 57 Research and Review Task Force Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 23, 2021

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Meeting Start Time:

Roll Call

Task Force Members

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

Facilitators

Crystal Andrews
Jacob Williams
Erich Stiefvater

OPI Representation

Julie Murgel

Executive Support

Tristen Belnap

Quorum is met with 14 TF members

ARM Subchapter Discussion/Feedback

1. Jacob Williams shares [redline document for subchapter 6](#)
 - a. Crystal Andrews asks two clarifying points
 - b. TF is not opposed to the suggested changes.
 - i. Motion is moved to pass via voice vote and passed unanimously.
2. [Slide from PowerPoint is shared for Subchapter 4](#)
 - a. Jacob Williams reviews some Feedback Group discussion relevant to subchapter 4.
 - i. [Mentorship Basic Certification Chart](#) is shared with the group.
 1. Jacob Williams reviews the process via the chart.
 - b. Diane Fladmo asks how often a district is cited for improvement of a mentoring program.
 - i. Julie Murgel answers that this lives in chapter 55 and explains the process.
 - ii. Diane follows up the question asking if there have been occasions the OPI has needed to assist districts in the review of mentorship programs?
 - iii. Julie Murgel responds that she would have to look further for this answer.
 - c. Angela McLean asks for clarification of Julie's initial response.
 - i. Angela McLean makes comments regarding mentorship in Ch 55 vs Ch 57.

- d. Jule Walker makes comments that Mentorship should be addressed whether it is in ch55 or ch57.
 - i. Crystal Andrews makes comment that if TF
 - e. TF votes on whether mentorship should be included in ch 57 or not
 - i. McCall Flynn Yes
 - ii. Erica Allen Yes
 - iii. Jule Walker No
 - iv. Mike Perry No
 - v. Nick No
 - vi. Angela Yes
 - vii. Diane Yes
 - viii. Christine Yes
 - ix. John Yes
 - x. Dan Schmidt No
 - xi. Sharon Caro Yes
 - xii. Sue Yes
 - xiii. Val No
 - f. Vote passes
 - i. Yes: 8
 - ii. No: 5
3. [Chart is shared for tiered licensure including mentorship](#)
- a. John Melick clarifies comments made from previous meeting.
 - i. Discussion and clarification around mentorship in accreditation between John Melick and Julie Murgel.
 - b. John Melick voices concern about reciprocity and out of state applicants that have gotten licensed through a nontraditional route.
 - i. Julie Murgel makes comment that often times the applicant is denied a 2 or 1 but given a 5.
4. Vote on the addition of [language for provisional license "Montana Approved EPP Program"](#). (slide 8)
- a. Erica Allen No
 - b. Jule Walker No
 - c. Mike Perry No
 - d. Nick Schumacher No
 - e. John Melick Yes
 - f. Diane Fladmo Yes
 - g. Shaun Scott No
 - h. Christine Eggar No
 - i. Dan Schmidt No
 - j. Angela McLean Yes
 - k. McCall Flynn Yes
 - l. Sharron Carroll Yes
 - m. Sue Corrigan No
 - n. Val Fowler No
- i. Vote does not pass
 - 1. Yes: 5
 - 2. No: 9
5. Discussion of PRAXIS in tiered licensure, [Mentorship Basic Certification Chart is shared](#)
- a. Discussion of if PRAXIS is needed in licensure and when it would be necessary.
 - b. Julie Murgel asks if the PRAXIS should be used as a level of competency to gain a license? The answer should be yes or no. then, determine the if then questions.
 - i. The next layer would be a conversation of how it measures Competency
 - c. Sue Corrigan comments that there is data that shows testing does not identify a quality educator in general.
 - i. TF shows support for this comment.
 - d. Sharon Carroll comments that the BOPE with support of the OPI that the pass-fail scores were adjusted, comments that this could be done again.

- e. John Melick clarifies what is needed for students to pass the MAC system
 - i. Jacob Williams suggests incorporating the MAC system into ARM to give all applicants the same flexibility.
 - ii. Discussion of pros, cons, difficulties, and possible process for the incorporation of the MAC system.
 - 1. Julie Murgel and Crystal Andrews speak to the high workload this would create on OPI Licensure department.
 - f. Diane Fladmo asks if this vote will eliminate just the PRAXIS or if it is
 - g. Sharon Carroll asks for clarification about EPPs using the PRAXIS in their own processes.
 - h. Christine Eggar asks if the motion should be amended to all domestic license candidates.
 - i. Mike Perry makes a motion to eliminate the PRAXIS as part of teacher licensure in Montana.
 - i. Nick Schumacher Yes
 - ii. John Melick No
 - iii. Diane Fladmo No
 - iv. McCall Flynn No
 - v. Mike Perry Yes
 - vi. Jule Walker No
 - vii. Christine Eggar Yes
 - viii. Angela McLean No
 - ix. Dan Schmidt Yes
 - x. Sharon Carroll No
 - xi. Sue Corrigan Yes
 - xii. Val Fowler Yes
 - 1. Vote does not pass
 - a. Yes: 6
 - b. No: 6
6. Continued conversation around PRAXIS
 - a. Request to look at language for potential changes.
 - i. Diane Fladmo and Christine Eggar suggest “or” be included as an optional PRAXIS course.
 - 1. Support in TF for incorporating “or”
 - b. Jule Walker requests that future conversations about utilizing the PRAXIS to add endorsements to an individual’s license.
 - i. Dan Schmidt expresses support for this.

Timeline and Next Steps

- 1. Facilitators will work to create redline for PRAXIS and mentorship and induction for next week.
- 2. TF members to look at redline documents for Subchapters 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the google site.
- 3. Meeting next week will be 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 2:42 pm