



APPROVED MINUTES

Of the Practice Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

10:00 AM – Noon

Or until completion of business

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Board Member Representative

Amy Lyons

Executive Officer

Antonette Sorrick

Legal Counsel

Albert Balingit

Board Staff

Susan Cox

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions - (A. Sorrick)

Executive Officer Sorrick welcomed all participants to the conference call and began the meeting.

2. Committee Elections – (All)

Legal Counsel Albert Balingit advised the task force that the Chair of the Task Force needed to be the Board Member representative, Amy Lyons. Board Member Lyons agreed to be Chair of the Task Force.

3. Regulatory Discussion - Section 2286 (Continuing Education) - (All)
Section 2276 (Instruction)

16 CCR Section 2286 (Continuing Education) currently reads:

CURRENT LANGUAGE

16 CA ADC § 2286

16 CCR § 2286

Cal. Admin. Code tit. 16, § 2286

BARCLAYS OFFICIAL CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
TITLE 16. PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL REGULATIONS
DIVISION 22. STATE BOARD OF GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND
ARTICLE 4. STANDARDS OF TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION
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§ 2286. Continuing Education.

(a) As a condition of renewal of an instructor's license which expires on or after June 30, 1996, the instructor shall provide proof to the board of completion of not less than 8 hours of continuing education obtained within 12 months prior to license renewal. Proof of completion of continuing education shall be in form of a written declaration specifically naming the activity, the dates involved, any costs, and the name of the instructor, and institution or sponsoring organization.

(b) The instructor shall provide proof to the board of completion of either of the following:

(1) not less than 8 hours attendance of continuing education in a board approved course or seminar, which is sponsored or conducted by an individual or organization not currently affiliated with a licensee of the board, regarding blindness mobility, health issues relating to blindness, instructing blind persons, and care and training of dogs; or

(2) not less than 16 hours of attendance at meetings of guide dog user organizations or organizations of the blind.

(c) Pre-approval of courses or attendance of meeting or seminars may be obtained by submitting to the board a description of the activity, the number of hours and the subject matter to be covered, name and address of the instructor, and name of the sponsor or

organization providing the activity, writing at least 30 days preceding the activity. The board shall inform the applicant of the status of the activity prior to the onset, unless impractical to do so.

(d) Proof of completion of continuing education shall be in the form of a written declaration signed by the instructor containing the following information: name of the activity, date(s) of the activity, cost instruction or activity, name and address of the instructor, and name of the sponsor or the organization providing the activity.

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HISTORY

New section filed 8-23-96; operative 9-22-96 (Register 96, No. 34).

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Practice Task Force Recommendations (in italics)

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(b) An instructor shall provide proof to the board of completion of

(1) not less than 4 hours attendance in a board approved course or seminar, regarding blindness mobility, health issues relating to blindness, instructing blind persons, and care and training of dogs; *and*

(2) not less than 4 hours of attendance at meetings of guide dog user organizations or organizations of the blind.

(3) *participation in self-study videos or online coursework (per CCR 16 § 2286 (b) (1) (2)*

(c) Pre-approval of courses or attendance of meeting or seminars may be obtained by submitting to the board a description of the activity, the number of hours and the subject matter to be covered, name and address of the instructor, and name of the sponsor or organization providing the activity, in writing at least 30 days preceding the activity. The board shall inform the applicant of the status of the activity prior to the onset, unless impractical to do so.

(d) Proof of completion of continuing education shall be in the form of a written declaration signed by the *licensee* containing the following information: name of the activity, date(s) of the activity, cost instruction or activity, name and address of the instructor, and name of the sponsor or the organization providing the activity.

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Board Recommendation (additions in red)

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(b) *An* instructor shall provide proof to the board of completion of *one or a combination of any of the following totaling 8 hours:*

(1) attendance in a board approved course or seminar, regarding blindness mobility, health issues relating to blindness, instructing blind persons, and care and training of dogs; *and*

(2) attendance at meetings of guide dog user organizations or organizations of the blind.

(3) *participation in self-study videos or online coursework (per CCR 16 § 2286 (b) (1)*
(2)

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(d) Proof of completion of continuing education shall be in the form of a written declaration signed by the *licensee* containing the following information: name of the activity, date(s) of the activity, cost instruction or activity, name and address of the instructor, and name of the sponsor or the organization providing the activity.

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Task Force Vote: Mr. Bob Wendler made the motion to approve the language as written by the Board. Mr. Chuck Jordan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

16 CCR Section 2276 (Instruction Period) currently reads:

CURRENT LANGUAGE

16 CA ADC § 2276

16 CCR § 2276

Cal. Admin. Code tit. 16, § 2276

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ARTICLE 3. TRAINING SCHOOLS

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§ 2276. Instruction Period.

Each school engaged in instruction of blind persons in the use of guide dogs shall provide a minimum of 80 hours of instruction over a period of four weeks, except that with respect to a person who has previously completed such minimum instruction in a school satisfactory to the

Board, a school may provide a minimum of 40 hours of instruction over a period of two weeks. A school may, when in its judgment it is necessary for proper instruction in a particular case, require instruction in excess of the minimums prescribed in this section. In no case shall less than 15 hours nor more than 25 hours of instruction be given in any one week.

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HISTORY

1. Renumbering of Section 2276 to Section 2273 and renumbering of Section 2274 to Section 2276 filed 12-12-80; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 80, No. 50). For history of former Section 2276, see Register 79, No. 32.

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Practice Task Force Recommendations (in italics)

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§ 2276. Instruction Period.

Clients training with their first guide dogs must receive a minimum of 30 hours practical in-harness instruction spread over a two to four week period under the supervision of a licensed instructor.

Clients training with successor guide dogs may be trained in a shorter period but this shall not be less than 20 hours of in-harness instruction under the supervision of a licensed instructor.

The training must be individualized and there is no maximum training time within which the team must achieve safe and effective guide dog mobility.

Instruction must be conducted in the most appropriate venue(s) depending on client need and may be in-residence, in-home or a combination of both.

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Ms. Kelly stated that we are defining the term instruction to mean practical, in-harness work instead of a generalized term. We are recommending adding the flexibility for more individualized training programs. By individualizing training, it is possible, with a lower ratio of clients to instructor, to accomplish more instruction in fewer days.

Task Force Vote: Mr. Chuck Jordan made a motion to adopt the language as re-written. Ms. Kathy Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Statutory Discussion - Business and Professions Code Section 7210.7 (In-Home Training) - (All)

Business and Professions Code Section 7210.7 (In-Home Training) currently states:

CURRENT LANGUAGE

Business and Professions Code Section 7210.7

The board may authorize schools licensed by the board or instructors employed by those schools to provide home training in the use of guide dogs. If a school desires to provide home training in the use of guide dogs, it shall apply to the board and provide the board with a

written plan and procedure for conducting that home training, which shall be approved by the board prior to conducting any home training.

Schools providing home training in the use of guide dogs shall, annually, provide the board with the names and addresses of those persons who are receiving home training and shall include those persons who have received home training from the school subsequent to the last report filed with the board. The guide dog user, as a condition of receiving home training, shall have completed a formal in-residence training program from a school licensed by the board to provide guide dog training, or from a school recognized by another state to provide guide dog training. The requirement for a formal in-residence training program from a school licensed by the board may be waived by the school when that requirement imposes an undue hardship on the guide dog user. Home training, as provided in this section, shall consist of not less than 20 hours of training. This section shall only apply to those schools that are licensed by the board to furnish guide dogs and to train persons to use guide dogs, who desire to provide home training in the use of guide dogs, and who apply to the board for approval to provide that home training.

Practice Task Force Amended Language

Business and Professions Code Section 7210.7

The board authorizes schools licensed by the board or instructors employed by those schools to provide home training in the use of guide dogs.

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Board Recommendation

To re-tool recommended language changes based on necessity of law.

Practice Task Force Recommendation

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Schools providing home training in the use of guide dogs shall, annually, provide the board with the names and addresses of those persons who are receiving home training and shall include those persons who have received home training from the school subsequent to the last report filed with the board.

5. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting - (All)

16 CCR Section 2282.1 (Required Training)

6. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

No public comments were made.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed.