

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 16, 2019

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Wagoner, Representatives Vander Woude, Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Zollinger, Christensen, Green(2), Lickley, Chew, Rubel, Davis

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Chew

GUESTS: Kelley Packer, IBOL

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

RS 26471: **Joan Callahan**, Legal Counsel, on behalf of the Board of Speech, Hearing and Communication Services, presented **RS 26471**. Changes remove the minimum age requirement for sign language interpreters and allow licensees to show proof of licensure electronically.

MOTION: **Rep. Vander Woude** made a motion to introduce **RS 26471**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Wood turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Wagoner**.

DOCKET NO. 24-2301-1801: **Joan Callahan**, Legal Counsel, on behalf of the Board of Speech, Hearing and Communication Services, presented **Docket No. 24-2301-1801** to conform with law changes by lowering the minimum age from twenty-one to eighteen.

MOTION: **Rep. Zollinger** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-2301-1801**.
For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Wagoner** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 24-2301-1801**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-1701-1801: **Joan Callahan**, on behalf of the State Board of Acupuncture, presented **Docket No. 24-1701-1801** to clarify the requirements and qualifications for acupuncture trainee permits and supervision. Providing continuing education (CE) credit will incentivize those willing to supervise trainees.
For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1701-1801**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Zollinger** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY**.

DOCKET NO. 24-1501-1801: **Joan Callahan**, on behalf of the Idaho State Licensing Board for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists, deferred to **Piper Field**, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Volunteer Board Member, Idaho State Licensing Board for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists, who presented **Docket No. 24-1501-1801**. The changes align with 2018 legislation by removing some curriculum requirements, providing hours supplementation as a registered intern in practice under supervision, and creating board consideration of applicants with graduate degrees from foreign countries. As temporary, these changes have proven effective and as intended.
For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: Rep. Davis made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1501-1801**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Reps. Kingsley, Zollinger, and Green(2), requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

DOCKET NO. 24-1501-1802: Joan Callahan, on behalf of the Idaho State Licensing Board for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists, deferred to **Steven Lanzet**, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and Marriage and Family Therapist, Board Member, Idaho State Licensing Board for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists, who presented **Docket No. 24-1501-1802**. The updates clarify group supervision, obtaining an informed client consent, and supervisor registration with a CE violation. Portability is increased by recognition of other states' equivalency, different titles, and registrations or permits. All CE hours can be online and home study courses, when offered by a board approved CE provider. Board members receive two CE credit hours. Also added is application notification prior to an application inactive status.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: Rep. Zollinger made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1501-1802**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Green(2) requested he be recorded as voting **NAY**.

DOCKET NO. 24-1301-1801: Joan Callahan, on behalf of the Physical Therapist Licensure Board, deferred to **Andrew Mix**, Licensed Physical Therapist (PT), Board Member, Rules Subcommittee Member, who presented **Docket No. 24-1301-1801**. All of the additions pertain to the PT dry needling scope of practice. This includes the definition, education, training, non-delegation, and separate informed patient consent.

Answering questions, **Mr. Mix** said although this provides options, there will be PTs (himself included) who continue to refer clients to outside dry needling providers. Dry needling is cutting edge and some PT students do not have it as part of their program. The Board wanted to assure persons start practicing after graduation before considering this ability.

Derick Gerber, Faculty Member, President, Idaho PT Association, testified in support of **Docket No. 24-1301-1801**. Dry needling is only given as an introduction in class, without any student participation or detail.

Answering a question, **Mr. Gerber** explained dry needling, similar to other techniques, is not without risk. The range in needle size and depth of penetration are important. Complications might include bleeding, bruising, or soreness after treatment. The rare, more serious complications are not limited to experience or training.

For the record, no one else indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: Rep. Lickley made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1301-1801**.

Reps. Rubel and Davis spoke in opposition to the motion, stating their concern regarding the overall hours and amount of hands-on training.

VOTE ON MOTION: Vice Chairman Wagoner called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1301-1801**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Reps. Davis and Rubel requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

DOCKET NO. 24-1201-1802: **Joan Callahan**, on behalf of the Idaho State Board of Psychologist Examiners, deferred to **Dr. Linda Hatzenbuehler**, Licensed Psychologist, Volunteer Board Member, who presented **Docket No 24-1201-1802**. These Rules implement **H 212** for specified prescription authority for certain licensed psychologists. Included are an additional certification process and ongoing collaboration with a medical provider. To further implement prescriptive law, the national competency exam is adopted, CE requirements are set, parameters are defined for the masters program clinical experience, and two years of supervised practice. Collaboration with a medical provider standards are outlined, medication formulation is established, renewal and certification fees are stipulated to include a fee for each certification type, and a renewal fee of \$250. The collected fees are expected to offset the cost of application processing and the new prescriptive program.

In response to questions, **Dr. Hatzenbuehler** said not all licensed psychologists will pursue this additional certification. Individuals with the certification will be able to prescribe, if they feel the patient is in need. The organization holding the national exam determines and publishes the passing score levels.

Kris Ellis, Idaho Psychological Association, testified **in support of Docket No. 24-1201-1802**. She described how the need for **H 212** arose, the support of the U.S. Navy, and the improved collaboration between psychiatrists and psychologists, resulting in better patient care and delays during a mental health crisis.

Jason Gage, Chair, Board of Psychologist Examiners, testified **in support of Docket No. 24-1201-1802**. In the event a required prescription was not prescribed, the Board would determine if it was a violation of the ethical standards code, especially since there is physician collaboration. The exam passing score is set at 70%, with a small annual variance.

For the record, no one else indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Davis** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1201-1802**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Green(2), Zollinger and Christensen** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

DOCKET NO. 24-1401-1801: **Joan Callahan**, on behalf of the Idaho State Licensing Board of Social Worker Examiners, presented **Docket No. 24-1401-1801**, with changes to reduce licensure barriers and increase portability for moving to or practicing in Idaho. Officiant documentation becomes an option and the exam requirement is waived for an applicant licensed and practicing in another state who is ineligible for Idaho endorsement because no exam was available at the time of their licensing. The changes impact physical and telehealth practicing in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1401-1801**.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Wagoner** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1401-1801**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Representative Wagoner
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary