

# LTC Advisory Committee Meeting

6/17/19

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## Attendees

- Milena Calderari-Waldron
- Larysa House
- Cynthia Roat
- Leroy Mould
- Yvonne Simpson
- Tim Tharp
- Yukie
- Lana Gunaratne-Graham
- Kathy Templet
- Ray Hanley
- Shawn Sullivan
- Hungling Fu
- Don Barnes
- Jim Schnellman
- Ryan Guy
- Jodi McBride

## Temporary Credential Reinstatement

- Reinstated credentials will expire on July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Current (6/14/19) LTC database numbers:
  - Medical Certified: 2026 + 180 provisional = 2,206
  - Social Certified: 662 + 41 provisional = 703
  - Medical Authorized: 556 + 62 provisional = 618
  - Social Authorized: 232 + 27 provisional = 259
  - Translator: 312 + 45 provisional = 357
  - Total: 4,143 credentials
- Since April 6<sup>th</sup> LTC issued 239 credentials.
- Most recent numbers from L&I, 45 % of their interpreter roster will not be certified after July 29.
- Please share any information you have regarding remaining interpreter pool.
- Request to breakdown numbers of interpreters by language:
  - Online tool can be searched for individual languages.
  - ULS may have this data, HCA will ask.

## Renewed Certifications/Authorizations

- Renewed certificates and authorization letters have been mailed.

- Many were returned due to outdated addresses.
- Working on getting updated addresses and resending.
- Hope to have a good distribution list and be ready to implement mass communication as needed by July.

### Expand Testing through June

- The expanded testing funded by L&I is over. We added approximately 650 tests during the last four months thanks to L&I.
- Starting in July, resuming testing as before:
  - Seattle – about 45 written, 91 oral tests each month.
  - Olympia – about 90 written, 78 oral tests each month.
  - Yakima – about 40 written, 39 oral tests, 10 months/yr.
  - Spokane – about 20 written, 39 oral tests, 3 months/yr.

### Revocation Appeal

- In late December 2018, LTC revoked credentials after reviewing application for revocation submitted by L&I, and interpreter appealed.
- LTC requested AG representation in this appeal and future appeals where the appellant is represented by counsel.
- Appeal was withdrawn by the interpreter prior to hearing.
- Problem area in revocation language:
  - WAC 388-03-170(2) *You have violated any provision of the department's code of professional conduct that is determined to be creating major negative impacts on the department or the profession*
  - It is very difficult to prove harm to the Department or the interpreter profession. Must be supported by evidence.
  - WAC provision will need to be amended.
- In the meantime, entities who contract with interpreters should document violations and send letters to interpreters asking them to discontinue the behavior.
- If interpreter continues the same type of violations, it will be easier for LTC to prevail on appeal.
- LTC will work on a form discontinue letter to be shared with hiring entities.

### Appeal of Expiration Filed

- An interpreter has appealed expiration of credentials.
- The issue in front of the ALJ is whether the interpreter complied with the continuing education requirements required by DSHS to renew certification.
- Hearing is set for September 2019.
- LTC will file a Motion to Dismiss and proceed to hearing if necessary.

### WAC Revision

- LTC will be filing a CR101 to open up the rule making process in early July.
- As members of this committee we would like you to review current WAC 388-03 provisions and provide input on recommended changes.
- At the next meeting we will discuss.

- Once problem areas are identified, LTC will propose changes and send them out for review and input.

#### **Fill Rate Limits**

- HCA has provided access to a data dashboard that includes fill rates that can be used by LTC to limit testing under 74.04.025.
- LTC has requested data from DES for dates between 7/1/18 through 6/30/19.
- We plan to collect the data by 10/1/19 and analyze it at that time to determine whether test limits are required.

#### **Housekeeping**

- Stakeholder phone conference scheduled for 6/19/19 – please join if you can.
- Next: October 14, 2019