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Continuing Education Sub-Committee of the
Ohio Optical Dispensers Board
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 5, 2015

The first meeting of the Optical Dispensers Board (Board) Continuing Education (CE) Sub-Committee was held on November 5, 2015 in West B&C Conference Room, 77 South High St. 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio . The meeting began at 8:45 AM.

Chairman Tom Barracato and Board member Rebecca Kuhns were present. Committee member Paul King was absent. Assistant Attorney General James Wakley was also present as well as Bill Lehman, Board Investigator.

Visitors in the gallery were recognized.

After discussion, the following items were agreed upon:

- 1.) The name of the group would be “Continuing Education Sub-Committee;”
- 2.) The Committee would be a temporary committee focused on the issue of limiting or not limiting on-line continuing education for licensure renewal;
- 3.) To gather information from other licensing Boards in Ohio to see how their respective CE requirements compare with the Board’s CE requirements; and,
- 4.) To gather information from other states to see how their respective CE requirements compare with the Board’s CE requirements.

After review of the above mentioned information obtained, and further discussions, the Sub-Committee would then make a recommendation to the full Board whether to limit on-line continuing education obtained for the purpose of licensure renewal.

Mr. Barracato also requested that the Board staff provide for the January 28, 2016 Sub-Committee meeting copies of previous discussions/motions of the Board found in Board minutes from 2004 and from April, 2015.

The committee members also discussed sending a survey to Ohio licensees regarding preferences for in-classroom or on-line continuing education. Members agreed this would be a good idea and that each committee member would draft 5 questions to be part of the survey and to bring those questions to the next meeting.

There was also interest in determining the cost of on-line continuing education vs. the cost of in-classroom continuing education; how other states’ licensing boards discipline licensees for failure to get CE’s or if they experience other problems related to continuing education; and, what unlicensed states require to practice opticianry in those unlicensed states. In addition, the Committee requested information about continuing education requirements for licensing Boards in Ohio.

The meeting concluded at 9:25 AM.