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Subject: Follow-up regarding O&P testing

Importance: High

Mr. Miller, thank you for the information you provided under email date of August 13, 2012. I would appreciate some clarification. Again, standardized testing is not what I would identify as one of my "fund of knowledge" areas (although that may be changing!), so if you need to explain why an answer might not be able to be provided that "fits" the question exactly, please feel free to provide an additional narrative discussion.

A. In response to question 1.b., you provided the 7/25/11 BOC conference call minutes which include an approved motion stating: "… BOC will make the necessary changes to align its other certification educational eligibility with NCOPE's, effective 1/1/2012."

A.1 Can you document whether that deadline/target was met, and what the "necessary changes" are/were, and how and when they were achieved?

A.2 It may be beyond the scope of the original question, but I am confused by the sentence that follows the one quoted above, i.e.: *"Any resulting changes will be publicized and any candidates who apply by 12/31/2011 will be "grandfathered in" to the requirements in place on their application date."*

A.2.1 The sentence appears to indicate that educational standards and/or testing requirements that are enacted or approved on or after 1/1/2012 will be waived for those who submitted an application prior to that date.

A.2.2 Does that indicate an allowance for educational portfolio only, or does that indicate that a different test would be administered for those with active applications under the prior educational standards?

B. In response to question 2.b., you are providing a "Reference" that consists of the name/ID of a psychometrician and his email address.

B.1 Are you indicating that Dr. Nettles may have the documentation, but you do not? Or are you indicating that Dr. Nettles performed the protocols to develop the current BOC test for certification in Pedorthics, and did so during the calendar year 2009? Or should we understand something else from this answer?

Thank you for your cooperation with our fact finding process as regards this matter. I would appreciate a timely response to this additional inquiry.

Respectfully,

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