

NCITLB Forum
Location – Zoom
Beginning at 6 pm

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2 Board Present: Lauren Pruett, Mark Lineberger, David Litman, Beverly Fletcher-Woodel, Donnie Dove,
3 Nicole Alleman, Pam White, Dianne Shearer

4 Board Staff Present: Caitlin Schwab-Falzone and John Green

5 Interpreters: Emily Jones, David Payne, Mary-Beth Brown, Nicole Fox, Candy Thomas (CART)

6 Members of the public: Antwan Campbell, Brooke Reynolds, Catherine Johnson, Danette Steelman-
7 Bridges , Hannah Breitzman, Jaime Marshall, Jessica bridges, Kelle Owens, Madelin Elizabeth, Matt
8 Baccari, Pam King, Rose Fichera-Lening, Tiffany Cummins, Craig Belvins, Evelyn Argueta, Felicia Newton

9 Board members did introductions.

10 Donnie opened the floor to questions.

11 Craig Blevins – President of NCAD, had one concern about the RID interpreting test being put on hold.
12 What was the Board’s response to that test being out on hold, and possibly looking into other options
13 for other types of certification to be accepted for licensure.

14 Donnie talked about this item being on the Board meeting agenda tomorrow. There is a committee that
15 is working toward accepting additional options for licensure due to the issues with RID.

16 Craig commented that NCAD would support the Board looking into other options for licensure to accept
17 other tests.

18 Antwan Campbell, President NCRID, said their members are supportive of the changes the Board is
19 recommending for other tests to be recognized for licensure.

20 Donnie thanked Antwan for his support.

21 Jaime Marshall said she is keeping track of Board meeting minutes, and she commented that there
22 might need to be a change to the law about licensing agencies. There is an issue with agencies sending
23 provisional licensees to medical appointments. Complaints should be allowed to be filed against agency
24 owners or agencies because of them sending provisional licensees to medical appointments.

25 Donnie asked Mark to talk a little bit about the proposed changes the Board has talked about for the
26 law. As the law is written the Board does not have any control over agencies and how they operate. We
27 recognize that there are some things in the law that do need to be updated and we were trying to
28 address items like that. What we do have control over is the licensee. If we are able to raise those
29 minimum requirements for licensure he thinks that would change the types of interpreters out there.

30 Dianne commented about what a provisional license means and what situations that a provisional
31 licensee can interpret in could help.

1 Jaime commented that she hopes that NCAD, NCRID, the Board, and anyone else, get the word out to
2 the Deaf community about filing complaints, and changes to the statute.

3 Donnie talked more about provisional interpreters and interpreting agencies and changes the Board is
4 hoping to pursue in the statute.

5 Craig talked about a personal situation he had where a provisional licensee was sent to a family
6 emergency situation and the interpreter was not qualified to interpret and that he contacted the agency
7 and the outcome of that situation.

8 Donnie thanked Craig for sharing his story and what had happened.

9 Kelle Owens, said we all know that there is a significant shortage of qualified interpreters in the
10 community. The shortage is in medical communities, and she listed situations where interpreters are
11 needed, and what is needed for someone to be an interpreter in a medical facility. There need to be
12 interpreters who have passed the compliance modules and if there are not enough compliant
13 interpreters then they use VRI, and she knows that the Board doesn't have authority over VRI. If a Deaf
14 person wants to file a complaint they can ask the interpreter if they have met all of the requirements to
15 be interpreting in that medical setting.

16 Donnie commented on the requirements for interpreters in medical settings.

17 Lauren commented on what Kelle said and added additional qualifications to interpret in a medical
18 setting.

19 Donnie thanked Lauren and Kelle for their comments and making everyone aware of interpreting in a
20 medical setting.

21 Donnie talked about it being a legal requirement for the Board to hold a forum once a year.

22 Catherine Johnson wanted to commend everyone for working on changing the law and making updates,
23 and commented that making the EIPA a necessary requirement to get a license is a great update. This is
24 a very much needed update. Raising the bar would help the programs and the Deaf population as well.
25 They do know students do not apply themselves the way they should and do not take the NIC seriously.
26 She wanted to share her support for that.

27 Donnie thanked Catherine for her support. He asked her about her opinion on the score of the EIPA and
28 what would be acceptable.

29 Catherine commented that a 4.0 would be acceptable for a community interpreter. She said it would be
30 worth it to research why RID stopped accepted the EIPA 4.0 or above for a full license. She commented
31 3.5 to 4.0 would be reasonable.

32 Pam (White) addresses the EIPA question that Catherine had posed. RID tried to buy the EIPA test from
33 Boys Town, and Boys Town refused. She talked about the average score for the EIPA score at the time
34 was a 4.1 and she talked about RID accepting the 4.0 and above for an RID certification. Pam also talked
35 more about the moratorium and what other states accepted at the time. RID was not receiving any
36 funds for people taking the EIPA and they decided to no longer accept the score from the EIPA for an RID
37 certification.

- 1 Donnie thanked Pam for sharing that information.
- 2 Rose Fichera-Lening wanted to support what Catherine Johnson commented on the EIPA score of 3.5 or
- 3 4.0 being acceptable. She also wanted to express a concern about the interpreter agencies. She also
- 4 wanted to see more flexibility for students and where they can get their hours to interpret.
- 5 Donnie thanked Rose for her comments and also expressed his ideas about the same issues.
- 6 Craig Blevins wanted to follow up to raise the licensure requirement to a 4.0 or higher for a full license,
- 7 and a provisional for a 3.5 or higher, and they could bring their score up to 4.0 to get a full license. He
- 8 also thanked everyone for their hard work during this pandemic and thanked the Board for all their hard
- 9 work.
- 10 Donnie thanked Craig for his hard work during the pandemic as well.
- 11 Donnie thanked everyone for their comments and thanked everyone for coming tonight. He also
- 12 thanked everyone for their time.
- 13 Adjourned 6:57 pm