

**PRODUCER LICENSING (P/C & L/H) ADVISORY BOARDS**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: August 4, 2015**

**Call to order:** A joint meeting of the **Producer Licensing Life & Health Advisory Board** and the **Producer Licensing Property & Casualty Advisory Board** was held at the Maryland Insurance Administration on **August 4, 2015**. The meeting convened at **10:02** and was called to order by **Victoria August**.

Attendance was taken and MIA staff members were introduced. The covered topics and summaries are listed below.

<b>Life/Health - P&amp;C Advisory Board</b>		
<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Present (Yes/No)</b>
Fuller	Loretta	Phone
Bottoms-Spencer	Jacinta	Yes
Zeller	Emily	Yes
Huber	Cynthia	Yes
Howard	Sheila	Yes
Riley	James	Yes

<b>Life/Health - P&amp;C Advisory Board</b>		
<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Present (Yes/No)</b>
Micciche	John	Yes
Quamina	Courtney	Phone
Slavin	Scott	Phone

**Maryland Insurance Administration Staff Attendees:**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>
August	Victoria
Donahue	William
Grant	Beverly

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>
Taylor	Shelley
Lawhorn	Katrina

**Meeting Topics and Summaries**

<b>Opening Remarks</b>
Associate Commissioner August provided opening remarks and made a motion to approve the previous minutes. The motion was not seconded and there was discussion about the Exam Review Committee, Regulations regarding Ethics CE credits, and online course guidelines. The motion to approve the previous minutes, seconded and the motion passed.  The Commissioner of Insurance Al Redmer arrived and provided an introduction and some general comments regarding the MIA and his thoughts regarding the insurance business.  Director of Government Relations Nancy Egan also arrived with the Commissioner.
<b>CE Migration</b>
Katrina Lawhorn explained the CE migration to Vertaforte. Prometric is still the primary vendor but partnered with Vertaforte. There were mostly positive comments regarding Vertaforte.  There was discussion about the Producer Licensing exam scoring requirement. Currently the exam is a two part scoring system requiring the applicant to achieve 70% on both the general knowledge and state specific portions of the exam. The one part scoring system requires the applicant to achieve 70% of the combined general knowledge and state specific portions of the exam. NAIC advises single scoring is a best practice. Most board members favored a one part scoring system.

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**Legislation Review**

Associate Commissioner August explained the possible legislation to fingerprint initial insurance producers. Criminal history reports would be obtained from both the State and FBI. Non-residents would be exempt from the fingerprint requirement if they have already been fingerprinted in their resident state.

Other suggestion legislation included an electronic renewal notification by email. Producers would be required to provide an email address to the MIA and renewal notifications would be made by email.

Additionally, there was discussion of possible legislation to remove the one year employment requirement for producers and public adjusters.

The Advisory Board members were asked if they had any concerns and there was discussion of removing or lowering the 14 day waiting period to re-test. The 14 day period is part of Section 10-108 (f) of the Insurance Article and would require new legislation.

At 11:54 a.m. a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and the meeting was adjourned.