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AGENDA ITEM 28

Memorandum

Date: October 16, 2010
To: Members of the Board
From: Reginald Low, M.D.
Subject: Status Update of International Medical School Recognition

International Medical Schools are subject to review pursuant to Title 16, Section 1314.1 (a)(2), of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

Attached for your information is the list of the six International Medical Schools that have submitted applications for recognition by the Board. This list provides both the timelines and the current status of the application.

Currently, we have four medical consultants reviewing applications. One consultant serves as the trainer for the new consultants, one is an experienced consultant; and two are still fairly new to our review process. However, one of the medical consultants appointment term expires at the end of October 2010. The Board is still seeking to expand its staff of part-time Medical Consultants and is looking for two to four additional consultants to review the new applications that are arriving. However, there is currently a hiring freeze, which prevents us from hiring new consultants or extending current appointment terms at this time. We are anticipating meeting with the Department of Consumer Affairs, Examination Unit soon to put together the examination for medical consultants. Although, there is no timeline at this point as to when the examination will be given we are hopeful it will be done by the end of the year.

We have one school on our agenda for review and consideration.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ANTIGUA	
DATE	DISCRIPTION/COMMENT
3/23/2008	Received application
6/30/2008	Staff transmitted application to Medical Consultant
11/26/2008	Staff mailed Medical Consultant deficiency letter to school
8/20/2009	Staff mailed "due diligence" letter to school
9/24/2009	Staff received information from school
10/22/2009	Staff transmitted school's reply to Medical Consultant
1/4/2010	Medical Consultant requested additional information
2/3/2010	Staff mailed Medical Consultant deficiency letter to school
4/30/2010	Staff received information from school
6/4/2010	Staff transmitted school's reply to Medical Consultant
6/21/2010	Staff mailed staff deficiency letter to school
6/22/2010	Staff and Medical Consultant discussed questions, obtained information and clarified additional informational needs with school officials from AUA via teleconference
7/12/2010	Staff e-mailed school a summary of questions from 6/22/10 discussion
7/15/2010	Staff e-mailed school a copy of Consultant's preliminary report
7/21/2010	Staff received information from school dated July 20, 2010
7/29/2010	Staff received information from school dated July 28, 2010
7/30/2010	Board voted to begin site visit process after school submits all requested information
8/11/2010	Staff e-mailed analysis of AUA's 7/28/10 binder to management and Medical Consultant
8/12/2010	Staff e-mailed Medical Consultant's reply to management
9/16/2010	Meeting with Medical Consultant at MBC -update on status of review
10/12/2010	Draft out of state/country travel request to management
10/14/2010	Staff mailed and e-mail letter to school requesting additional informatior

16 CCR § 1314.1(f)

Cal. Admin. Code tit. 16, § 1314.1(f)

Barclays Official California Code of Regulations
 Title 16. Professional and Vocational Regulations
 Division 13. Medical Board of California
 Chapter 1. Division of Licensing
 Article 4. Schools and Colleges of Medicine

For disposition of former Sections 1370-1375.45, see Table of Parallel Reference, Chapter 13.2, Title 16, California Code of Regulations.

§ 1314.1 (f). International Medical Schools.

(f) If an institution wishes to retain the board's determination that its resident course of instruction leading to an M.D. degree is equivalent to that required by Sections 2089 and 2089.5 of the code, or if it is currently being evaluated for such equivalency, it shall do the following:

(1) It shall notify the board in writing no later than 30 days after making any change in the following:

(A) Location including addition or termination of any branch campus;

(B) Mission, purposes or objectives;

(C) Change of name;

(D) Any major change in curriculum, including but not limited to, a change that would affect its focus, design, requirements for completion, or mode of delivery, or other circumstance that would affect the institution's compliance with subsections (a) and (b).

(E) Shift or change in control. A "shift or change in control" means any change in the power or authority to manage, direct or influence the conduct, policies, and affairs of the institution from one person or group of people to another person or group of people, but does not include the replacement of an individual administrator with another natural person if the owner does not transfer any interest in, or relinquish any control of, the institution to that person.

(F) An increase in its entering enrollment above 10% of the current enrollment or 15 students in one year, whichever is less, or 20% or more in three years.

(2) Every seven years, it shall submit documentation sufficient to establish that it remains in compliance with the requirements of this section and of Sections 2089 and 2089.5 of the code.

(g) The documentation submitted pursuant to subsection (f)(2) shall be reviewed by the board or its designee to determine whether the institution remains in compliance with the requirements of these regulations and of Sections 2089 and 2089.5 of the code. The board may require a site visit as part of this review. It may also require a site visit at any other time during the seven-year period if it becomes aware of circumstances that warrant a site visit, including any change described in subsection (f).

(h) The board may at any time withdraw its determination of equivalence when any of the following occur:

(1) An institution is no longer in compliance with this section;

(2) The institution submits false or misleading information or documentation regarding its compliance with this section;

(3) Institution officials submit fraudulent documentation concerning a former student's medical curriculum; or

(4) The institution permits students to engage in clinical training in California facilities that do not satisfy the requirements of section 2089.5(c) and (d) of the code and, where applicable, section 1327 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.

Prior to withdrawing its determination of equivalence, the board shall send the institution a written notice of its intent to withdraw its determination of equivalence, identifying those deficiencies upon which it is proposing to base the withdrawal and giving the institution 120 days from the date of the notice within which to respond to the notice. The board shall have the sole discretion to determine whether a site visit is necessary in order to ascertain the institution's compliance with this section. The board shall notify the institution in writing of its decision and the basis for that decision.

(i) The board may evaluate any institution described in subsection (a)(1) to determine its continued compliance with Sections 2089 and 2089.5 of the code if, in its sole discretion, the board has reason to believe that the institution may no longer be in compliance.

Note: Authority cited: Section 2018, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2018, 2089, 2089.5, 2102 and 2103, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY

1. New section filed 11-13-2003; operative 12-13-2003 (Register 2003, No. 46).
2. Amendment filed 12-9-2009; operative 1-8-2010 (Register 2009, No. 50).

16 CCR § 1314.1, **←16 CA ADC § 1314 →. ←1 →**

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