

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Minutes of the  
**Occupational Licensing Reform (OLR) Workgroup**  
Thursday, July 30, 2020 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

### TEAMS Conference Call

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**Members present:** Michelle Kommer, Katie Ralston, Adam Martin, Senator Burckhard, Senator Meyer, Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck, Matt Gardner, Senator Judy Lee, Major Jay Sheldon.

**Members absent:** Jace Beehler, Phil Davis, Rick Gardner, Senator Kristin Roers, Dirk Wilke

**Public:** Sandra DePountis, Jack McDonald, Kimberley Tomanek, Mark Hardy, James Tatum

**Staff:** Sherri Frieze

### Welcome and Introductions

Katie Ralston opened the meeting at 1:30 p.m., welcoming members and guests via the Microsoft TEAMS video conferencing platform.

### Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** It was moved by Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck and seconded by Senator Judy Lee to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 24th, and the July 10<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes of the OLR workgroup meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

### Overview of Subcommittee Purpose and Goals

#### Kati Ralston

While first assembled in February 2020, the overall goal of the workgroup has been to identify opportunities to remove unnecessary barriers to employment while preserving the health and safety of North Dakotans and promoting competition. To accomplish this, the workgroup has studied North Dakota's schema for occupational licensing in order to develop a thorough understanding of licensing in our state, discover best practices, engage licensing boards and commissions, and identify opportunities for reform.

Katie discussed the timeline and accomplishments:

- *March through June* – gathering of information with the help from the Council on Licensure Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) and presentations from subject matter experts.
- *July* – identify priorities based on past meetings and CLEAR study; and compose a drafted list of opportunities.
- *August* – finalize opportunities, and lastly, engage with licensing boards and commissions in listening sessions.

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#### **Identify Priorities, Opportunities, Barriers** **Katie Ralston & Michelle Kommer**

The workgroup provided suggestions and commentary to the Draft List that was presented and discussed by Michelle and Katie. The list will be refined and brought forward for final consideration at the next meeting in August, before being presented to the Workforce Development Council.

- **Populations with Barriers**
  - Justice involved
  - Veterans & Military Spouses
- **Geographic Mobility**
  - Universal recognition
- **Processes**

#### **Next Steps & Listening Sessions Planned**

The next TEAMS Conference call has not been set, but tentatively being planned for August where the refined list will be reviewed.

Virtual listening sessions with licensing boards/commissions are being planned for August, that will provide education around the concepts the subcommittee has studied. Members of the OLR workgroup are encouraged to attend at least one session out of the three. The sessions will be recorded for future listening.

#### **Adjourn**

Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:30 p.m.