

## LTC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

05/17/2023

### Attendees

- Michael Abate
- Joanna Gaffney
- Karen Jost
- Yvonne Simpson
- Quan Tran
- Milena Calderari-Waldron
- Antoinette Wynne
- Katherine Templet
- Kathleen Prieto
- Helen Marge Henera

### LTC Updates

- Testing
  - LTC opened testing schedules on May 16 for June 2023.
  - Overview of preparations for SSB5304 Language Access Work was provided by Malia Wallace-Mello, Project Manager.
    - In the process of determining participants.

### Roundtable discussion:

- Feedback to inquiry regarding number of candidates who took third-party tests from 08/01/2022 – 04/01/2023:
  - LTC does not have the data as we do not track the total number of test takers. LTC only accepts passing scores of required tests.
  - When LTC issues credentials based on third-party tests, we do not identify test provider the candidate went with. Between 08/01/2022 – 04/01/2023, there are 16 Medical Interpreter – Recognized credentials issued. This includes only interpreters who have checked the “Publishable” box option in their Gateway profile.
- Clarification on SSB5304 section 9 that says, “No testing or certification authority may be awarded to a private entity with a financial interest in the direct provision of interpreter services.” ALTA, which is still listed as a third-party testing entity, does not provide interpreter services to DSHS or any other state agency.
- Clarification on SSB5304 section 4 pertaining to “completion of oral and written tests in accordance with established standards” – LTC accepts passing written test scores from approved third-party testing entities, CCHI and NBCMI. The screening documentation that these two entities require from test candidates as proof of oral proficiency replaces the need for a separate oral test.

### Housekeeping

- Next meeting will be on June 21, 2023 at 10:00 am.

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