

# LTC Advisory Committee Meeting

4/29/19

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## Attendees

- Milena Calderari-Waldron
- Larysa House
- Leroy Mould
- Huan Nguyen
- Yvonne Simpson
- Tim Tharp
- Ubah Warsame
- Yukie
- Lana Gunaratne-Graham
- Kathy Templet
- Hungling Fu
- Don Barnes
- Jim Schnellman
- Sadie Willis

## Temporary Credential Reinstatement

- LTC filed emergency rule to temporarily reinstate all credentials
- Applies to all those whose credentials set to expire between 4/6/19 and 7/28/19
- They remain credentialed through 7/29/19
- Retesting is required for new certification/authorization
  - [Online search tool](#) shows how many interpreters are currently credentialed (excluding the temporary credential): 3700 current credentials

## Aftermath

- How to determine impact of 4/6/19 expirations?
- LTC working on a process to determine how many interpreters have re-tested already and how many will do so in the future from our records – but no easily available means at this time
- Would like to collect information from community partners as well

## Renewed Certifications/Authorizations

- Renewed certificates and authorization letters will be mailed out between April 22 and May 6, 2019.
- Renewed credentials will keep the previous certification/authorization number except for old certificate numbers (with 6 digits and no letters) which have been converted to new numbers in line with the new numbering system (old 6 digit numbers remain on the records for reference)

- As always, new certificates are mailed out the first or second week of the month following certification/authorization. New certifications/authorizations will have new numbers.

### **Expand Testing through June**

- L&I funding additional testing March through June
- About 650 additional tests in the 4 months
- In April, LTC limited registration to screened languages for the first two weeks of April – Seattle filled up almost completely in those 2 weeks, Olympia about 20%; and Yakima less than 10%
- We may occasionally do this in future but due to the high volume of certified language candidates seeking to re-test perhaps not until after June

### **LTC Communication Plan**

- Our goal is to have current e-mail contact information to send updates to people in the future.
- Interpreters and translators should still be in the habit of checking the LTC website regularly to stay informed.
- Current interpreters can check the online tool to see if we have up to date contact information and email us at [dshsct@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:dshsct@dshs.wa.gov), with their new contact information – always include your certification number(s) so we can find the records to update.

**WAC Revision** - WAC changes will be sought in the coming year (possibly around June 1 for CR101 filing. Topics to address might include 388-03:

- 050 Code of Conduct:
- 060 LAPL/EMPLOYEES
- 126 Pretest Packet – online only
- 152 Score letters are emailed
- 160 CE credits – annual ethics
- 162 Background check
- 170 Revocation
- 172 Revocation/Appeal procedure

### **Revocation Appeal**

- In late December 2018, LTC revoked credentials after reviewing application for revocation submitted by L&I
- Interpreter appealed
- LTC has requested AG representation in this appeal and future appeals where the appellant is represented by counsel
- Will share an update after the conclusion of the appeal

### **Discussion/Questions**

- Fill rates – at this point HCA data dashboard shows Russian fill rates over 90%
  - LTC will base initial limiting (if needed) on data from June 1, 2018 through July 1, 2019

- It will take several months for data to mature and also for LTC to develop a method to limit languages and allow exceptions required by RCW

### **Housekeeping**

- Next meetings for 2019
  - June 17
  - October 14
- Agenda Items - please send ideas any time