

# LTC Advisory Committee Meeting

1/28/19

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## Attendees

- Milena Calderari-Waldron
- Larysa House
- Leroy Mould
- Cindy Roat
- Huan Nguyen
- Yvonne Simpson
- Tim Tharp
- Ubah Warsame
- Yukie
- Lana Gunaratne-Graham
- Ann Green
- Hungling Fu
- Don Barnes
- Jim Schnellman
- Lori Melchiori
- Jodi McBride

## Membership Changes

- DES – Lana Gunaratne-Graham is replacing LeAnna Sandy on this committee

## April 6, 2019 Credential Expirations

- Concern over the coming drop off of available certified/authorized interpreters
- Still not sure what the numbers will be – many will be expiring – have heard anywhere from 15% to 50% of practicing interpreters may expire
- Larger impact on certain languages/regions
- Many whose credentials will expire have already re-tested and become re-certified
- Also new interpreters continue to test and become certified/authorized
- Many will renew on 4/6/19
- Can search and find those who have submitted all of the requirements using the CE tracking tool
  - 16 general credits
  - 4 years of ethics - listed as a date
  - Background Check Attestation Form - listed as a date
  - Signed Code of Conduct - listed as a date
- LTC can't issue the renewed certificates until after the renewal date because the must be printed out of the database

- LTC will print and mail out new certificates and authorization letters as quickly as possible
- Hiring entities should use the tracking tool to find those who are renewed/fully certified or authorized

### Temporary Credential Reinstatement

- LTC will be filing for an emergency rule/WAC
- Due to the upcoming expiration on 4/6/19 and its impact on interpreter availability LTC proposing to issue a one-time, temporary credential reinstatement
- Who? All those whose credentials will expire between 4/6/19 and 6/29/19 (expiration of the temporary reinstatement) may request this letter
- How Long? Through 6/30/19
- What will it do?
  - Allow them to continue working while they retest
  - Does not allow them to make up the missing renewal requirements (Continuing education credits/signed code/background check attestation form)
- How? Interpreters must fill out a request form
  - Available on LTC website
  - Fill out and email to LTC
- LTC will begin issuing letters in early March
- Letter will be the only way for hiring entities to determine if this has been granted – not able to search the online tool for these names – but can confirm with LTC via email requests
- Final details will go out in a letter to all of you – members of LTCAC as well as language agencies, and stake holders
- Some members worry that this will reward those interpreters who have not complied with WAC requirements, others feel the extra time to re-test will be useful for the many who need to retest and to mitigate the impact on LEP community

### Expand Testing

- Plan to expand testing for the next few months with the financial support of L&I
- Entering an inter-agency agreement DSHS/L&I
- LTC will receive funds for tests beyond what DSHS/SESA budget allows
- LTC will increase test spots starting in March through June as follows
  - Seattle
    - adding one extra day with 2 proctors and another extra day with one proctor approx. 36 oral test spots
    - In addition to regular testing – approx. (84 oral spots and 45 written)
  - Olympia
    - Adding full days of 2 proctors – approx. 48 oral spots
    - In addition to regular testing - (between 72-84 oral tests and 45-90 written)
  - Yakima
    - Adding two oral dates with one proctor (approx. 24 oral spots)

- In addition to regular testing of approx. 36 oral spots and 40 written
- Spokane
  - No additional testing – but March/June will both offer 3 days of testing – one proctor as scheduled
  - This is the regularly scheduled testing - 30 oral tests and 20 written each of those months

#### **Revocation/Decertification Appeal**

- Recent revocation request from L&I – LTC revoked at the end of December
- Appeal filed with OAH
- Awaiting notice of prehearing date – will be in a few weeks and hearing will be scheduled within a month or so