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North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission

Planning & Standards Committee February 15, 2017

The Planning & Standards (P&S) Committee of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission met at Wake Tech Public Safety Center, Raleigh on Feb. 15th, 2017 at 10:30am.

Committee Members Present

Commissioner Jeff Welty, Acting Chair
Commissioner Brent Herron
Commissioner Trey Robison
Commissioner Teresa Jardon
Commissioner Jay Fortenbery
Commissioner James Moore
Commissioner Richard Epley
Commissioner Robert Hassell

Guests Present

Monica Shabo, OSDT
Heidi Bonner, East Carolina University
Nathan Mizell, Nash CC
Roger Langley, Pearson VUE
Ken Zraggen, Pearson VUE

CJ Standards Staff Present

Steven Combs
Trevor Allen
Richard Squires
Charminique Branson
Dawn Suffel

Call to Order

Acting Chair Jeff Welty called the committee meeting to order and declared a quorum.

New Commission Member Swearing In

Commission Secretary Donna Byrd administered oath to Chief Robert Hassell of Reidsville Police Department. The committee welcomed Chief Hassell who represents the NC Association Chiefs of Police.

Election of Vice-Chair

Commissioner Welty explained that because former Chair Scott Cunningham has resigned from the Commission, he now serves as acting chair until a formal election is conducted by the full Commission on Friday; therefore a new committee vice-chair would need to be selected. **Motion** to nominate Commissioner James Moore as committee vice-chair was made by Commissioner Richard Epley and **seconded** by Commissioner Jay Fortenbery. **Motion carried** unanimously.

Approval of the November 16th, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Trey Robison and **seconded** by Commissioner Teresa Jardon. **Motion carried** unanimously.

Rule-Making Hearing

Under separate cover.

Proposed Rule Revision

12 NCAC 09B .0301 – Certification of Instructors

The committee reviewed two possible versions of proposed language as prepared by legal counsel addressing Commission authority to suspend or deny an instructor's certification to teach Commission courses based on misconduct or suspension/denial of law enforcement certification. The committee agreed that rule change needs to be made and voted to request rule-making authority from the full Commission. **Motion** to accept proposed language was made by Commissioner Robert Hassell and **seconded** by Commissioner Teresa Jardon. **Motion carried** 7-1. An informal request was made asking staff to look into whether and how to address instructors who lose relevant non-law enforcement certifications.

Pearson VUE Proposal

On behalf of Pearson VUE of NCS Pearson, Inc., Mr. Kenneth Zraggen made formal presentation before the committee offering third-party computer-based test delivery services, replacing paper and pencil, for Commission testing. Deputy Director Trevor Allen stated that issues persist concerning test site availability/seat capacity and price. Ms. Charminique Branson shared an analysis estimating that it will cost \$300,000+/per year if utilizing Pearson VUE services vs. \$78,000+/per year utilizing the current method of testing. The committee agreed that consideration of having to pass on the exam cost to the basic law enforcement student is decidedly detrimental. Over concerns of cost and testing availability, **motion** to stay with the current system of testing and to not pursue third-party services at this time was made by Commissioner Jay Fortenbery and **seconded** by Commissioner Richard Epley. **Motion carried**.

Recruitment & Retention Update

Dr. Heidi Bonner from East Carolina University provided a qualitative update concerning the recruitment and retention study of Adult Institutional Corrections personnel. In summary, respondents revealed that better pay, employee recognition, and proper time off as well as improved supervisory support and training could help retain staff. Copy of the package is provided on the Commission's website. <http://ncdoj.gov/About-DOJ/Law-Enforcement-Training-and-Standards/Criminal-Justice-Education-and-Training-Standards/Forms-and-Publications.aspx>

Medical Guidelines

Committee agreed to changes in the guidelines supported by legal counsel and staff and final approval will go before the full Commission on Friday.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Richard Epley and **seconded** by Commissioner Robert Hassell. **Motion carried**.