

June 10, 2013

Meeting to discuss Cosmetology Board., Schools, Legislation

Kimberly Page, Chairperson, Susan Reynolds, Board Executive, Marcia Spangler, APL Division Director, Deborah Thompson, IDPH Policy Advisor, Barb Huey, PL Bureau Chief, Loie Leytem, Chris Fiegen, Kent Hartwig , Lobbyists, Iowa Cosmetology School Association

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**Brief:**

- Discussed taking a more pro-active approach towards transparency by making any discipline or complaints received by the Board of Cosmetology against a school available to the student before they enroll. Will discuss w/AAG (7.2.2013) about sending letter to licensee, but still remains confidential to public until Statement Of Charges. (Iowa Code § 272C.6(4))
- Discussion on tuition based on quarter hours vs semester hours. Not all schools record the education hours the same. They are guided by what is- defined through student refund polices under Iowa Code 714.23.  
Unfairness to students dependent on which school they attend.  
Need a history of 2100 hours curriculum and curriculum breakdown by profession. (Esthetics, electrology, etc)  
Can board set how school delivers education hours?
- School representatives would support braiding as a separate discipline. This would take a code change to establish braiding as a separate practice similar to nail technology so that curriculum and number of hours could be developed for this specific discipline and not require a cosmetology license. Is this something the board would take on? What about eye brow threading? Both of these disciplines are cultural practices.
- Discussed practice of cosmetology and barbering and their similarity in scope of practice. Efficiencies report completed for legislators last fall (2012) included combining the boards of barbering and cosmetology arts & sciences.
  - Cosmetology schools cannot provide barber classes. Cosmo schools would be willing to provide instruction, but are restricted by code.
  - **157.8 Licensing of schools of cosmetology arts and sciences and instructors.**
    - c. A license for a school of cosmetology arts and sciences shall not be issued for any space in any location where the same space is also licensed as a barber school.As an addendum, the barber's enabling statute Iowa Code 158.7 prohibits licensing a barber school for any space in any location where the same space is licensed as a school of cosmetology. It will require two codes changes to blend cosmetology and barber schools.
- Discussed whether board would respond to editorials in the DSM register. Cosmetology board AAG recommends the board not respond. Consensus of those present from the bureau/department agreed.
- Marcia and Deborah commented that regulatory authority is under scrutiny In this state and other states.

- The Iowa Cosmetology School Association may seek a change to Iowa Code 147.14(n) that would remove the language that prevents an owner of a school of cosmetology to be appointed to the board.

#### Follow-Up On Braiding and Threading

#### Follow-Up From the National Council of State Boards of Cosmetology and Leslie Roste on Braiding and Eye-Brow Threading:

- **From:** Debra Norton [<mailto:debranorton@sbcglobal.net>]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 27, 2013 10:59 AM

**To:** Reynolds, Susan [IDPH]

**Subject:** Re: Braiding

Yes I heard about the Utah case. I'm just not aware of any other cases. I do know many years ago some states legislated a course of study and examination requirements for a hair braiding or Natural Hair styling license. I think it was due to either threats of law suits or constituency pressure. The hourly course requirements were far less than what was required for Cosmetology. TN is one of the first states I recall that enacted such legislation. I don't know how many states followed suit but in 2003 NIC did develop a national natural hair styling examination for written and practical examinations. OH, TX & VA were the first states to use the exams (OH & TX have since left the NIC program). DC followed and most recently NC & NV have started using the exam. However in July 2012, VA ceased using the examination. Not sure if that was as a result of deregulating the practice or not.

- **From:** Roste, Leslie [<mailto:lroste@barbicide.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2013 10:00 AM

**To:** Reynolds, Susan [IDPH]

**Subject:** Re: Braiding and Threading

Susan-

Other than basic knowledge of infection control practices and Iowa law, I am not a fan of regulating braiding or threading as long as there are no other services involving chemicals offered. My concern is always that these be practiced safely, so I do believe that these practitioners should have to prove understanding of safe practices and ability to adhere to laws. Seemingly innocuous but difficult to eradicate things like ringworm and folliculitis can be spread easily in these situations, so a 4 hour course in infection control and Iowa law would make sense in my mind.

On the flip side, if a cosmetologist has completed school and proven knowledge of safe practice, I am not sure why they would not be allowed to perform these services as part of their scope.

Hopefully, I have not muddied the water even more with my response! Let me know if you have any other questions.

Regards,

Leslie Roste, RN

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