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Memorandum

TO: ABHES - Accredited Institutions and Programs
U.S. Department of Education
Recognized Accrediting Agencies
Interested Parties

FROM: Carol Moneymaker, Executive Director

DATE: July 7, 2011

SUBJECT: Revised Bylaws and Glossary Definition Approved

The Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) recently met to consider responses to a Call for Comment issued on May 31, 2011. The revisions proposed affect the ABHES definition of Public Member. No comments to the proposed definition were received by the July 1, 2011, due date. Therefore, the following definition was approved by the ABHES Commission, effective immediately. (New language is in red with deleted language ~~struck~~.)

Bylaws

Section 4.6.1. Specific Appointed Seats and Qualifications.

(d) **Appointed Seats 5 and 6 - Public Member.** As provided for in the United State's Secretary of Education's Recognition Regulations for Accrediting Agencies, a Public Member is defined by ABHES as an individual who is not (1) An employee, member of the governing board, owner, or shareholder of, or consultant to, an institution or program that is accredited by ABHES or has applied for accreditation, ~~or~~ (2) A spouse, parent, child, or sibling of an individual identified in paragraph (1) of this definition, or a member of any trade association or membership organization related to, affiliated with, or associated with ABHES, or (3) a spouse, parent, child, or sibling of an individual identified in paragraph (1) or (2) of this definition.

Glossary Definition

Public Member – An individual who is not (1) An employee, member of the governing board, owner, or shareholder of, or consultant to, an institution or program that is accredited by ABHES or has applied for accreditation, or (2) a member of any trade association or membership organization related to, affiliated with, or associated with ABHES, or (3) a spouse, parent, child, or sibling of an individual identified in paragraphs (1) or (2) of this definition. ~~-serving on the ABHES Commission who is neither a healthcare-related practitioner nor directly affiliated with healthcare-related education.~~