

Memorandum

To: Boards Subject to Review in 2011-12

From: Senator Curren D. Price, Jr.

Date: May 10, 2011

Subject: Request for Information and Issues to be Addressed for 2011-12 Oversight Review

This is to inform you that the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development (Committee) will begin its oversight review of the following boards in the fall of 2011:

- Acupuncture Board
- Board of Behavioral Sciences
- Chiropractic Board
- Court Reporters Board
- Pharmacy Board
- Physical Therapy Board
- Physician Assistant Committee
- Podiatric Medicine Board
- Psychology Board

You will receive separately by email a Report Form that should be completed and submitted to the Committee by November 1, 2011. The Report has been significantly revised from the Report used by the Committee in prior years. The revisions are intended to simplify the reporting process for the boards, and focus more clearly on issues of interest to the Committee. The first sections of the Report provide an overview of the board's current regulatory program, and gives pre-formatted tables and charts to be filled in by the board. The latter sections focus on responses by the board to

particular issues that are raised by the Committee or that are raised by the individual board.

We ask that you complete the tables and charts and provide the appropriate statistical information for the fiscal years indicated. In the event that some information may not pertain to your particular board, please note it on your response, but please be sure to include information that is relevant to your activities and programs.

In completing your Report, please note the following sections:

Section 10 – Board Action and Response to Prior Sunset Issues. This should reflect the board's response to each individual issue and recommendation that was raised by the Committee during the prior review of the board.

Section 11 – New Issues. The Committee may have additional issues that the board will have to address during this review. The board also has an opportunity to raise new issues and make recommendations to the Committee within this section. We encourage the board to request a meeting with Committee staff to review possible issues to be addressed within this document for the 2011 review.

Along with the Report Form, you are also being sent a Guide to complete the tables in the Report. Most of the tables may be completed from data in standard reports that the board already receives. If your board does not use the Department's report and data processes, please report information using the definitions given in the Guide.

Each board should submit 15 printed copies of its final Report to the Committee, and also submit an electronic copy to the Committee (you may submit a PDF version, but we also request a MS-Word copy).

Committee staff will be responsible for investigating and analyzing information provided by the board, and then preparing a background paper with issues to be addressed by the board and, when possible, preliminary recommendations for the board and interested parties to consider during our public hearings to be held early in 2012.

We expect to announce the dates for the hearings sometime in December. We would like to request that once the hearing dates are set that the board send out letters of interest (by mail or email) to your mailing list of organizations, groups, or individuals who would be interested in attending the Committee's public hearings.

If you have any questions about the attached documents or the review process, please contact G. V. Ayers of my staff at (916) 651-4104.

Attachments to be sent by email