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FBC Education Administrator Report

October 6, 2009

A. Provided administrative support for FBC Education POC August 4, 2009 meeting

B. Drafted minutes for FBC Education POC August 4, 2009

C. Prepared agenda for FBC Education POC meeting on October 6, 2009

D. Inquiries from the public from August 3 to October 1, 2009 as follows:

32 inquiries: 10 telephone and email; 6 telephone only; 16 email only

Category of inquirers:

5 Architect	4 Landscape Architect	5 Contractors
12 Providers	3 Building Inspector	2 Engineer
1 Consumer/general public		

Types of Inquiries:

8 Core	10 Provider question(s)
8 Advanced Course	1 New provider number matching with BCIS
3 General CE requirements	1 Obtaining permit
1 Building code administrator/inspector exam	

E. Rule 9B-70.002, Florida Administrative Code, as amended, has been approved and forwarded to the Department of State for filing. It should appear on the system (at www.flrules.org) within the next week.

F. As of October 1, 2009, the requirement to take the core course no longer applies to the affected licensees (see below for 2010 legislation). The core course still is and will remain available (for now). DBPR says that there will be no change in how the core course is handled by DBPR. It is now an elective CE course.

G. Legislation for 2010 session: starting with the last version of "building codes bill" from last year which is HB 7143 second engrossed (contact Cam at basfanswers@aol.com for a copy by e-mail). This bill includes elimination of core course requirement for the provisions in chapter 553, Florida Statutes, as well as those in the various licensure statutes. The latter passed in HB 425 last year, but the chapter 553 provisions (which were in HB 7143 only) did not.

H. An issue has been raised that needs Education POC consideration about advanced codes courses that experience only technical, correcting, or small and minor changes when the code changes. In some cases, the changes are to correct errors made in the adoption of the code itself. Under the current system and rule, any change (even the correcting change of a citation) requires the course be accredited again (costing both time and money). This is a request that the Education POC consider making some allowance (through specified criteria that would require an amendment to rule 9B-70.002) for such changes and allow, for instance, self-affirmation with specific information to update courses without need for additional accreditation and interruption of course delivery. (Please note: For these types of changes, CILB, ECLB, and BCAIB allow for notification without need for resubmitting and additional approval.)