FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION

Education Technical Assistance Committee (TAC) Report
Education Program Oversight Committee (POC)
October 28, 2002
Miami Beach, Florida

TAC Members attending: Dick Browdy (Chair), Max Rodriguez, Collene Walter, Herminio Gonzalez, Henn Rebane.

POC Member attending: Dick Browdy (Chair), Peggy Patterson, Dan Shaw, Diana Richardson, Karl Thorne

OBJECTIVES

- To Approve October 2002 agenda and September report.
- Presentation/Discussion on Martin County Shelter Proposal
- Discuss Advance/Specialized course options
- Discussion on continuing the Core Courses
- Summary and Review of Meeting Work Products/Action Items, Assignments, and Next Steps.

A TAC quorum was not established.

Agenda and Minutes Review and Approval
Agenda and Minutes approved

Overview

Martin County
- Martin County asked to be removed from the agenda.

Discuss Advance/Specialized course options
Ila Jones presented a matrix of estimated costs for reimbursement for advanced course development. See attached matrix.

A straw poll was taken.
- The members present agreed the best proposal was the Flat Fee proposal.

- Discussion focused on the fee to be charged providers for the advanced courses.

The TAC meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

The POC meeting came to order at 11:21. Quorum was achieved.

The POC agenda was modified to include discussion on the continuation of the core course.
The POC discussion focused on the fee to be charged providers for the advanced courses.

**Discussion on continuing the Core Courses**
- Chairman Browdy informed the group in attendance that the discussion of the core course would not yield any decisions at this meeting but there would be a noticed discussion for December.
- Jim Richmond provided a legal synopsis of the education statute. He concluded that the statute supports continuation of the core course.
- Rick Dixon provided a brief history of the education program starting with the Governor’s Building Code Study Commission. He concluded that the core was part of a long range plan for educating construction professionals on the building code.
- Peggy Patterson commented that contractors must be familiar with the code in order to bid on projects. They are expected to know the code.
- Dan Shaw commented that there should be a pamphlet that is required to be purchased when contractors take their test for licensure.
- Henn Rebane commented that the Board of Engineers supports the continuation of a core course.
- Lorraine Ross commented that the core should be an updated Administrative Core and the Transition/Comparison Core courses should be eliminated.

**Committee Actions**
- **Motion** – DCA/Commission will charge providers $300 per credit hour and that DCA will submit courses for Licensing Board approval in advance of sale to private providers. Unanimous vote. Motion by Peggy Patterson, second Karl Thorne

- **Motion** – Amend POC agenda to include discussion continuing the core course. Unanimous vote – Motion by Peggy Patterson, second Dan Shaw.

- **Motion** – Reaffirm the continuation of a core course. Unanimous vote – Motion by Peggy Patterson, second Dan Shaw.

**Requested Action of the Commission**
Affirm the POC’s vote that DCA/Commission will charge providers $300 per credit hour and that DCA will submit courses for Licensing Board approval in advance of sale to private providers.

**Next Steps**
None

**Code Training**
- Licenses trained - 55,122
- Licensees trained- 44,048
- Online training
  - Registered 1460
  - Completed 911