

FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION

Education Technical Assistance Committee (TAC) Report

August 12, 2002

Orlando, Florida

Members attending: Dick Browdy (Chair), Mike Rodriguez, Max Rodriguez, Collene Walter, Herminio Gonzalez, Dennis Franklin, Richard Reynolds

OBJECTIVES

- To Approve August 2002 agenda, approve the July 1 and July 27 Minutes.
- Presentation by Martin County
- Review/Discuss Option 5
- Discussion on Department of Business and Professional Regulation's (DBPR) acceptance with Options
- Summary and Review of Meeting Work Products/Action Items, Assignments, and Next Steps.

Agenda and Minutes Review and Approval

Agenda and Minutes approved

Overview

Martin County

- Presentation by Roger Osborne and Keith Holman on the concrete relocatable classrooms.
- Martin County requested \$395, 651.04 for the construction of the relocatables.

The TAC requested the following items for the next meeting:

- The TAC requested that Martin County return to the next TAC meeting with how their project complies with the TAC's statutory mandate, 553.8413, Education Technical Advisory Committee.
- The TAC requested that Martin County return to the next TAC meeting with a floor plan and how their project complies with the Florida Building Code, specifically the Accessibility Code.
- The TAC suggested that Martin County request a letter of endorsement from the Construction Industry Licensing Board.

Option 5 Review

TAC reviewed Option 5 that was developed at the July 27, 2002 meeting.

Option 5:

- Florida Building Commission (FBC) to retain Statutory Authority – Set Standards for Advanced Courses
- DBPR Approve Courses/Providers – based on FBC Standards
- DBPR – Set and collect fees (covers licensing Boards)
- DBPR – Record Keeping/Tracking Licensee Continuing Education records

- FBC – Adequate funding to support FBC functions
- Quality Assurance will be done by the Board/DBPR.]

Rick Dixon reviewed the Commission’s statutory authority as the Lead Entity for the Building Code Training Program (BCTP). Report attached.

Comments on Option 5

- The Commission as lead entity to hand off BCTP to DBPR.
- Responsible hand-off with assurances from DBPR and the Licensing Boards (Boards).
- Commission should retain authority to:
 - Identify topical areas for needed training
 - Communicate to DBPR broad recommendations for course content
 - Conduct training needs assessments in conjunction with the Building Officials Association of Florida and other interested parties.
 - Commission to transfer authority for the BCTP to DBPR.
- DBPR’s role would be the following:
 - Board’s role – Differentiate from DBPR (reference licensing laws)
 - DBPR to serve as lead entity utilizing existing delivery mechanisms (delegate to Boards).
 - Coordinate effective delivery of building code training to licensees, unlicensed superintendents and entry level workers.
 - Transfer Education TAC to DBPR with funding resources.
 - Board’s role – Differentiate from DBPR (reference licensing laws).

Education TAC Proposal

The Florida Building Commission (FBC) will transfer statutory authority and the Education TAC (F. S. 553.8413) resources for the Building Code Training Program to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR). DBPR would be responsible to coordinate and administer effective delivery of building code training to licensees, superintendents and entry level workers. DBPR would delegate the appropriate statutory functions to the Licensing Boards in accordance with Florida Statute 455.

In addition DBPR will be requested to establish an Educational Advisory Committee (EAC) that consists of members of the construction trade industry, licensed professionals and a representative from the Florida Building Commission to make recommendations to DBPR and the Licensing Boards on construction training needs.

The FBC with the assistance of Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF) and other interested parties will conduct an annual needs assessment to determine the specific education topics that would be beneficial for the construction industry and make recommendations to DBPR. The FBC will have statutory authority, if necessary, to conduct such an assessment.

The Florida Building Commission will create a course accreditation process (CAP) to be available on a volunteer basis to course providers. The FBC will provide a list of approved entities to review courses for quality and accuracy and to accredit courses on its behalf. A fee

will be charged for this service.

Committee Actions

Motion- Approve Agenda, Mike Rodriguez, Second by Dennis Franklin – Unanimous

Chairman called the Education Program Oversight Committee to order at 10:10
It was a combined meeting with the TAC. Members present: Dick Browdy, Diana Richardson
and Carl Thorne.

Motion- Defer the Martin County request to the September meeting and the County return with
the above requested items. Mike Rodriguez, Second by Richard Reynolds – Unanimous

Motion – Approve the Education TAC Proposal, - Unanimous

Requested Action of the Commission

Approve the Education TAC Proposal

Next Steps

None