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Subject: Licensing Committee Update

The Licensing Committee (Committee) last met on October 27, 2023. The Board formed the Licensing Committee to conduct an in-depth discussion about several topics related to the licensing process.

At previous meetings, the Committee has been discussing short-term and long-term goals for its workforce development action plan. The workforce development plan includes a short-term goal of reviewing the current licensing pathways to identify any unnecessary barriers that may exist. The long-term goal is to develop solutions to reduce those identified barriers. Because it is expected that the workforce development action plan will guide the Committee's agendas moving forward, at its October meeting the Committee voted to change its name to the Workforce Development Committee.

Agenda items discussed during the October meeting were as follows:

- A draft of a consumer outreach document designed to explain the Board's regulated professions to the public.
- A presentation by the Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA's) Office of Professional Examination Services on the purpose and validity of professional licensure examinations.
- A voluntary demographic survey for candidates taking Board-developed exams.
- A presentation on barriers to licensure and suggested solutions by the California Alliance of Child and Family Services.

The next meeting of the newly renamed Workforce Development Committee will be held on January 19, 2024.