

360-236-2750 | PO Box 47866 | Olympia, Washington 98504-7866 | Medical.Commission@WMC.wa.gov

IMG Implementation Workgroup

February 6th, 2024 Meeting Agenda

* 1. Workgroup rollcall and welcome back
     1. Yulia Sledneva
     2. Luoana Leyes
     3. Judith Pauwels
     4. Gabrielle Pett
     5. Matt Hollon
     6. Hala Naseer
     7. Mohammed Khalif
     8. Micah Matthews
  2. ECFMG Portal Update
     1. Intealth’s Recognized Accreditation Policy 2024 Implementation
        1. ECFMG portal went down for a couple of months, was upsetting for many IMG’s
        2. DOH undergoing long database upgrade, HELMS facelift to touch WMC licensing first on April 24th
  3. USMLE Integrity Discussion
     1. Testing scandal in Nepal: 800 USML test takers in Nepal had their scored invalidated, testing proctors were taking pictures of their exams, USMLE bought the pictures and discovered un the compromised questions. Have currently offered test takers a chance to retake. No compromised applicants in Washington state thus far.
  4. SPEX Exam Update
     1. Still looking at SPEX exam as an option for the hardship waiver. If this were to go forward, we would expect 20-40 test taking applicants yearly.
  5. Final Report and Wrap-Up Procedures
     1. Career track Policy Recommendation
  6. Other Business
     1. Legislative update: Micah has met with Senators on policy recommendations, currently finding a better way to get funding through this bill
  7. Adjourn