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Dear Bob,

In 1995 a subcommittee of the Department's advisory committee, the CLTAC, made recommendations for amendments to Title 17 California Code of Regulations Section 1035, Training Schools. Because of other commitments, Laboratory Field Services has not been able to take action on those recommendations. However, with a number of major projects behind us, we are confident that we can work on these amendments in the next year. Therefore, we are asking that the advisory committee resume work initiated before, and in a manner that will complement changes already underway to Title 17.

The regulations that will need to be updated include Section 1032, Examination for CLS License and Section 1035, Training Schools. Please do not be concerned that you do not fully understand all the actions underway since you have not been able to review the regulations being reviewed now by legal counsel. Because of changes made to these sections unbeknownst to you, this may be confusing.

We have changed the name of Section 1032 (R-1-99) to "Licensure of Clinical Laboratory Scientists", and would ask the subcommittee to advise on educational requirements that should be required of a person eligible for CLS licensure. Please be advised that we have added a new Section 1032.5 (R-1-99) entitled "Licensure of Medical Laboratory Technicians." We anticipate that Section 1032 will have a similar format.

We have changed the name of Section 1035 (in R-1-99) to "Clinical Laboratory Scientist training standards". We have added a section 1035.1 (in R-16-99E) entitled "Phlebotomy training standards" and added a section 1035.2 (in R-1-99) entitled "Medical laboratory technician training standards". We anticipate that you will be able to see these new sections soon when they become available for public review. We would anticipate that the amended Section 1035 for CLS training programs would have a similar format.

The charge to the reinstated subcommittee on Education and Training Standards for Clinical Laboratory Scientists is to:

- (1) Review authority given in BPC Sections 1261, 1262, 1263 and 1264, review current standards in 17 CCR Section 1032, and
 - (a) Recommend number of hours of specific coursework and college degrees appropriate for candidates for licensure as a CLS in California and
 - (b) Recommend any alternative pathways, if appropriate.

- (2) Review authority given in BPC (above), review current standards in 17 CCR Section 1035, and
 - (a) Recommend the type of program eligible for CLS training,
 - (b) Recommend who should direct and instruct,
 - (c) Specify duration and scope of training,
 - (d) Specify type of training in analytical skills,
 - (e) Specify training in pre- and post-analytical activity, including phlebotomy,
 - (f) Make any other recommendations necessary to insure standards of training.

Do not attempt to write these recommendations in regulatory language. Just make your recommendations in brief, clear and concise language that is readily interpreted. We will convert to proper language, consistent with current changes underway in the regulations.

What you are proposing will have a major impact on the licensure requirements for Clinical Laboratory Scientists. We will provide any help possible to you in this assignment. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (510)-873-6360 if you have any questions. We anticipate that it will take you about a year as you develop these recommendations. Good luck!

Sincerely,

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