

SB 1441 REQUIREMENT

(5) Standards governing all aspects of group meeting attendance requirements, including, but not limited to, required qualifications for group meeting facilitators, frequency of required meeting attendance, and methods of documenting and reporting attendance or nonattendance by licensees.

Draft Uniform Standard # 5

If the board determines a licensee must attend group meetings or support groups, the following standards shall apply:

1. When determining the frequency of required group meeting attendance, consideration shall be given to the following:
 - the licensee's history;
 - the documented length of sobriety/time that has elapsed since substance use;
 - the recommendation of the clinical evaluator;
 - the scope and pattern of use;
 - the licensee's treatment history; and,
 - the nature, duration, and severity of substance abuse.
2. The licensee shall be required to submit to the board, at least once a month, documentation of attendance at the group meeting signed or initialed by a representative of the meeting's organizer.

If the board determines a licensee must attend a group meeting facilitated by an individual who reports directly or indirectly to the board, in addition to the requirements above, the following standards shall also apply:

3. The meeting facilitator must have a minimum of three years experience in the treatment and rehabilitation of substance abuse.
4. The meeting facilitator must not have a financial relationship, personal relationship, or business relationship with the licensee.
5. The document showing attendance must be signed by the group meeting facilitator and must include the licensee's name, the group name, the date and location of the meeting, and the licensee's level of participation and progress in treatment.
6. The facilitator shall report any unexcused absence within two (2) business days.