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Surviving a Regulatory Review: *Indiana's Experience*

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Conflict of Interest

- I am a member of the Indiana Athletic Training Licensing Board.
- I participated in this regulatory review as IATA president.
- The statements and opinions contained in this program are solely mine.
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Learning Objectives

Attendees will:

- 1) Describe the regulatory review strategy used by a large state association,
- 2) Compare and contrast the roles of membership association and licensing agency personnel participating in the regulatory review,
- 3) Assess the content used in the regulatory review to determine appropriateness for their own review, and
- 4) Use elements presented to form a review strategy that can be used in their own state.

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Indiana's Experience....

- Three regulatory reviews since 2012 (somewhat)
 - ROEC in 2012
 - ERASER in 2013
 - JCC in 2016

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Indiana's Experience....

- ROEC Review
 - Joint presentation of membership association and licensing board
 - Evaluated by committee who provided an analysis and recommendation to the General Assembly
 - Retain
 - Eliminate
 - Modify
 - Analysis/Recommendations made by assessing Risk, Consumer Choice, Ability to Self-Regulate, Legal Alternatives to Regulation, and Benefit-Cost Determinations

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Indiana's Experience....

- Taskforce created
 - Presentation team: David Craig and Scott Lawrance
- Support personnel:
 - Larry Leverenz – Licensing Board
 - Craig Voll – IATA Governmental Affairs Chair, Past President
 - John Locke – IATA Past President
 - Paul Plummer – IATA Past President
 - Rick Shaw – IATA Past President
 - Ralph Reiff – IATA Past President
 - Christine Lauber – Member

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Strategy

- Craft quality educational presentation
- Mobilize membership to activate legislative influence
- Recruit support from influential national and state organizations

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Presentation

- Corrected common misperceptions
- Workplace Settings statistics
- History of profession and licensing board
- Educational requirements
- Proactive and reactive board surveillance
- Types of Harm
- Legal considerations
- Evidence the regulatory system did not impact supply of professionals

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Presentation

- Recommendations
 - Create streamlined and easier consumer complaint process
 - Institute criminal background checks for all applicants
 - Require ATs at all high schools that sponsor athletic events

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Membership's Role

- Drafted talking points to distribute to all members
 - "Top Ten" *ala* David Letterman
- Recruited 3-5 "known" ATs in every Indiana House district to repeatedly contact their legislators

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Recruitment of External Support

- Developed template support letter and solicited support from:
 - NATA*
 - BOC*
 - Anthem*
 - Indiana State Medical Association*
 - Indiana Hospital Association
 - IHSAA*
 - NFHS*
 - NCAA*
 - Indiana Department of Education

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Initial Reactions/Outcome

- Committee voted to retain licensure, but eliminate temporary license
- Recommended resolution to have the General Assembly study financial impact of state required AT in every public high school
- As Governor office transitioned, new administration sought more aggressive review and replaced ROEC

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Licensing Board vs. Membership Association

- Whose role is it?
 - Licensing Board = regulatory actions
 - Membership association = advocacy

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What Elements Can You Use?

- Impactful Components:
 - Statistics on injuries/harm (especially concussions)
 - Advocates for Injured Athletes video
 - Letters of support
 - Correction of misconceptions and educational standards
- Less Impactful Components:
 - Legislative contacts
 - Cost-Benefit analysis
 - Board proactive and reactive actions

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Thank you!

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