Product Standards Committee Call Summary February 8, 2022

Agenda Item 2. Review Survey Results

Jason Lapham went over the written comments. There was a comment that it might be more efficient to have subgroups work on some of the initiatives offline and then present options to the group. Andria Seip said this might be helpful, but it would be important to update the full group on the discussions. Jason Lapham agreed that it is important that all the work be transparent to members. There were no other comments on this item. There was another comment that the material covered in the calls was long and dense. Jason Lapham agreed, but the standards are what they are. There were no other comments on this item.

There were several comments that the committee members needed to be more engaged and needed to speak up more in both regulator and public calls. Jason Lapham said that it is hard to get robust participation, but the key is to get the best result possible. Andria Seip said that members who were not comfortable speaking up could put comments in the chat and the Chair could go over them. Jason Lapham asked that the Compact Office follow up with committee members on ways to increase participation during the meetings.

Agenda Item 3. Review and finalize Charter and 2022 Work plan

Jason Lapham asked the Compact Office to go over the Charter and Work Plan. The Compact Office reviewed the changes to the Work Plan. There were no comments on the Charter and Work Plan.

Agenda Item 4. Overview of the Current PSC Workload

The Compact Office gave an overview of the PSC workload for 2022 which will include finalization of the Five-Year Review – Phase 9; receiving comments on the Five-Year review – Phase 10; reviewing the Individual Disability Income Key Person and Buy-Sell draft standards; and planning for the panel discussions on Plain Language. There were no questions or comments.

Agenda Item 5. Any Other Matters

Jason Lapham asked if there were any other matters. Sarah Neil, Communications and Outreach Coordinator, said that several states had inquired about how the Compact handles application questions related to gender. A new regulatory hot topic on gender categories on applications was posted to the Regulator Collaboration Site. Jason Lapham encouraged members to review the posting. The Compact Office said that the PSC public call date will be changed to March 1 due to scheduling conflicts. There were no other matters.