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**ADVISORY BOARD ON GENETIC COUNSELING
MINUTES**

January 29, 2018

The Advisory Board on Genetic Counseling met on Monday, January 29, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Quillin, PhD, MPH, MS, Chair
Matthew Thomas, ScM, CGC
Heather Creswick, MS, CGC
Marilyn Foust, MD

MEMBER ABSENT: Lori Swain, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director,
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director
Colanthia Morton Opher, Operations Manager
Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Quillin called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Alan Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Instructions.

ROLL CALL

Denise Mason called roll, and a quorum was declared.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2017

Ms. Creswick moved to approve the minutes of October 2, 2017. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Foust moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Legislative Update

Ms. Yeatts reviewed legislation that had been introduced in the 2018 General Assembly that might be of interest to the Advisory Board. No action was required.

2. Proposal to Reintroduce Legislation to Amend Section 54.1-2957.19(C) of the Code of Virginia

Ms. Yeatts suggested that the Advisory Board consider asking the full Board to reintroduce the Bill to Amend the Code of Virginia by Amending Section 54.1-2957.19. This bill would allow genetic counselors that graduated from programs accredited by predecessor organizations of the American Board of Genetic Counseling to be licensed. Ms. Creswick moved to request the bill be reintroduced. The motion was seconded and carried.

3. Discussion of Possible Regulatory Action

The Advisory Board discussed revising Section 18VAC85-170-60 of the Regulations Governing Genetic Counseling due to a concern that the language regarding the “expiration of active candidate status” could be confusing. Mr. Thomas moved to strike the language “expiration of active candidate status” and replace it with “failure of the ABGC Board Certification Examination.” The regulation would read, “An applicant for a temporary license shall provide documentation of having been granted active candidate status by the ABGC. Such license shall expire 12 months from issuance or upon ~~expiration of active candidate status~~, failure of the ABGC Board Certification Examination, whichever comes first.” The motion was seconded and carried.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alan Heaberlin informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 92 Genetic Counselors holding licenses with the Virginia Board of Medicine. During FY2018, 89 licenses have been issued.

Ms. Opher told the Advisory Board members that they would now be receiving a \$50.00 per diem payment if not employed by the Commonwealth.

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 4, 2018 at 10:00a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

John Quillin, PhD, MPH, MS Chair
Director

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive

Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist