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**ADVISORY BOARD ON GENETIC COUNSELING
Minutes
September 29, 2015**

The Advisory Board on Genetic Counseling met on Tuesday, September 29, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Jennifer Deschenes, JD, Deputy Executive Director for Discipline
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director for Licensure
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Policy Analyst
Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: James Parrish, Equality Virginia
Heather Shumaker, National Abortion Federation
Katherine Greenier, ACLU-VA
Janice Craft-Henry, NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia
Cianti Stewart-Reid, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Virginia
Kris Kennedy, MD
Katherine B. Waddell, SOC

Call TO ORDER

Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Thomas announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called. A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM JULY 6, 2015

Ms. Swain moved to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Katherine Greenier, Chris Kennedy, MD, James Parish and Heather Shumaker provided comment regarding agenda item 2.

NEW BUSINESS

#1. Selected Sections of the Code of Virginia

Ms. Yeatts discussed with the Advisory Board the specific sections of the Code of Virginia relating to genetic counseling. Ms. Yeatts reminded the Advisory Board that changes to the Code of Virginia cannot be made by the Advisory Board. No action was necessary.

#2. Draft Regulations Governing the Practice of Genetic Counselors

Ms. Yeatts, led the Advisory Board in a review of the draft regulations provided. The Advisory Board recommended that continuing education hours for renewal be increased from 25 to 50 per biennium to conform to the requirements for renewal of professional certification. Additionally, the Advisory Board recommended that portions of the language regarding 18VAC85-170-150(B), "Exercise of the conscience clause," be revised to provide more safeguards for patients/clients. Ms. Creswick moved to approve the draft regulations as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

February 1, 2016

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Advisory board was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Matthew Thomas, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist