

## **BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS**

### **SUMMARY OF MEETING**

**June 2, 2015**

**The following is a summary of the June 2, 2015 Meeting:**

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Randy Moore, Chairman. Members present were Randy Moore, Phillip Hale, Douglas Deel, Ricky O'Quinn and Bennie Johnson. Also present were Bradley Lambert, DMME Deputy Director, Mary Gibson, Regulatory Boards Administrator and Patty Varner, DMME Administrative Specialist.**
- II. Opening statement delivered by Randy Moore, Chairman.**
- III. Motion made and seconded to accept June 2, 2015, meeting agenda and approve May 5, 2015, meeting summary. All members were in favor to approve.**
- IV. Review of Virginia Substance Abuse Cases (Closed Session)**

**Of the cases that resulted in hearings, evidence was taken by the Board in closed session, pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-3711(A)(4) and 45.1-11.35(E). In the closed session, the Board worked out agreements, allowing individuals to return to work conditionally, and took other disciplinary actions including revocation of all certifications held by miners.**

**V. Open Agenda**

**Board Administrator Mary Gibson reported on the remaining funds from the grant from the Attorney General's (AG) office (Purdue Pharma L.P. – oxycontin settlement) with \$37,882.88 for use for drug services and \$15,243.94 for use in education. The number of cases before the Board due to substance abuse to date is 786; 1,800 miners have been reported from Kentucky. Virginia Division of Mines has not received any reports from West Virginia.**

**Due to the declining number of new substance abuse cases, Randy Moore suggested that the Board consider ways of helping the cases with additional financial aid for those in need of it. Mary Gibson said she can set up a meeting with the providers group for the purpose of advice on increasing financial aid to best benefit the clients, i.e. assisting with cost such as those the client is now responsible for as part of the treatment program. The grant funds would be paid to the providers through an itemized invoice. For use of educational funds, a suggestion was reproduction of the video produced by the providers on the drug**

**epidemic. Contact with the AG's office may be necessary to determine the flexibility of use of the grant funds.**

**VI. Next Meeting**

**Next meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2015.**

**VII. Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.**