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Department of Health Professions
Board of Health Professions
REGULATORY RESEARCH COMMITTEE
May 20, 2014

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 4, Henrico, VA, 23233.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Irene Farquhar, Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Irene Farquhar
Yvonne Haynes
Charlotte Markva

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Maureen Clancy
Allison Gregory

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director for the Board
Justin Crow, Deputy Executive Director for the Board
Laura Jackson, Operations Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: There were no individuals signed in.

QUORUM: A quorum was established with three members in attendance.

AGENDA: There were not edits made to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Ms. Haynes and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting. All committee members were in favor, none opposed.

DENTAL HYGIENIST REVIEW Dental Hygienist Review Update
Mr. Crow advised the Committee that work on the collaborative study with the Joint Commission on Health Care (JCHC) is ongoing and there are no updates at this time. The Committee will be updated at the July 8, 2014 scheduled meeting.

MILITARY CREDENTIALING REVIEW Dr. Carter provided the Committee with an overview of the Military Credentialing Review's progress. Virginia's participation in the National Governors' Association Veterans' Licensure and Certification Demonstration Policy Academy's has been focusing on the Commonwealth's existing veterans-related data sources and on improvements that could be made to better inform policies across agencies and states.

The review is also exploring existing efforts to streamline medic credentialing to civilian Emergency Medical Technician (EMT),

the new Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT), and Paramedic. Virginia already has reciprocity for those seeking state EMT certification if they hold a current national EMT registry. There is also an expedited pathway for those who do not currently hold the national registry. They may sit for certain exams after completing a 36 hour refresher course (rather than 156 hours of training usually required. Paramedic certification education can be completed through a 22 week program at Tidewater Community College.

Tidewater Community College also has a 19-day EMT certification course that veterans may take if they are not eligible for the above pathways. Tidewater has advised that these students often continue into the accelerated Paramedic program.

Finally, the NGA review is also exploring the development of coursework to help “bridge the gap” between military education and training and graduation from civilian Licensed Practical Nurse and Physical Therapy Assistant programs. Gateway Community College in Arizona has developed a model bridge program for LPNs that Virginia is reviewing. Illinois has completed a gap analysis for Physical Therapy Assistants with the help of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.

Virginia’s NGA Site Visit is scheduled for May 28, 2014 to include discussions with Virginia’s project Leadership Team and Data, Education and Licensure and Implementation Workgroup members. The final report will be prepared by NGA staff for review by Congress. This meeting marks the mid-way point of the policy review. The Regulatory Research Committee and full Board of Health Professions will be updated as progress is made.

MID LEVEL PROVIDER:

A letter was received from the Joint Commission on Health Care (JCHC) on determining if a mid-level provider license in Virginia is needed. Dr. Carter stated that, nationally, some medical school graduates are having difficulty finding residency slots matches. With the recent growth in medical schools, without a concomitant increase in residencies, the fear is that there will be medical school graduates who will not be able to complete required residency training for licensure. DHP will be inviting a host of stakeholder participants to discuss the matter. A public hearing will be scheduled in September. The final report is due to JCHC in 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

A public hearing on HB1235, pertaining to physician owned distributorships for medical implants, was held prior to the Committee meeting. Written public comment will be received until June 20, 2014. An update on the review and summary of all comment will be presented at the next Committee meeting in July.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Irene V. Farquhar
Chair

Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D.
Executive Director for the Board