

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LASER HAIR REMOVAL**

Tuesday, November 2, 2005 Department of Health Professions Richmond, VA

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Committee convened at 2:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Piness, M.D., Chair
Rich Bankowski
Suzanne Everhart, DO
Zelda Dugger
Camille Haisley-Royster, MD
Susan Rosen, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT: Algin Garrett, MD
Max Dorian, JD
Peter Vonu, MD
George Wilson, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director of Licensure
Colanthia Morton Opher, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Tyler Cox, Medical Society of Virginia
Bill Ferguson, Department of Professional
Occupation Regulations
Jillian Kerner
Olga Nicholson, Advantage Laser Hair Removal
Kathy Sheraw, Leesburg Laser Center
Laura Todd, The Virginia Panel

Dr. Jane Piness, Chair called the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Laser Hair Removal ("Committee") to order at 2:10 p.m. and asked for a roll call, whereby it was determined that a quorum was not present.

Committee members were introduced by Dr. Harp and members of the public were asked to introduce themselves to the Committee.

With the absence of a quorum, approval of the June 10, 2005 meeting minutes and the adoption of the agenda were postponed.

The Committee agreed to receive public comment on the items listed in the agenda.

Kathy Sheraw, owner of Leesburg Laser Center, expressed her concerns about how the use of laser was being depicted by the medical community and stressed that any

adverse outcomes in these procedures was related more to anesthetics than to the use of laser equipment. Ms. Sheraw advised the Committee that there was legislation being introduced in the 2006 General Assembly session that will mirror North Carolina's HB 1330.

Dr. Harp thoroughly reviewed a document prepared by staff which contained information regarding the use of lasers and gave guidance on the Committee's charge for formulation of a recommendation to the Board.

The Committee continued their discussion regarding the question of whether the use of lasers was the practice of medicine. Further comment was received from the public regarding issues identified in the discussion.

Dr. Haisley-Royster arrived at 3:45 p.m. and a quorum was established.

Dr. Everhart moved to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

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

Dr. Everhart moved to recommend to the Board for consideration that "Dermatological use of light based devices for other than hair removal that involves revision, destruction, incision or other structural alteration of human tissue is the practice of medicine. The use of light-based devices for the purpose of hair removal can be safely performed by properly trained individuals." The motion was seconded. During the discussion, Mr. Bankowski suggested that "is" be changed to "*may*" be the practice of medicine. Upon further discussion, Dr. Everhart withdrew her motion. The motion to withdraw was seconded and carried.

Ms. Dugger moved to recommend to the Board that "The use of light-based devices for the purposes of hair removal is not the practice of medicine and can be safely performed by properly trained individuals." The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Dr. Everhart moved that the Committee also present for equal consideration to the Board the recommendation that the "Dermatological use of light-based devices for other than hair removal that involve revision, destruction, incision or other structural alteration of human tissue is the practice of medicine." The motion was seconded. The vote was four members in favor and two abstaining.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Jane E. Piness, MD
Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director

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