

VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE

Ad Hoc on Implementation of SB1045

Friday, May 21, 2015

Department of Health Professions

Richmond, VA

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting convened at 10:17 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deana Buck
Christy Evanko
Cindy Gwinn
Catherine Hancock
Heidi Lawyer
Kathy Matthews

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Jennifer Deschenes, JD, Sr. Deputy Director, Discipline
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Director, Licensure
Colanthia Morton Opher, Operations Manager
Lynn Taylor, Administrative Assistant
Elaine Yeatts, DHP, Senior Policy Analyst

SUMMARY OF MEETING

After the roll call and a quorum be declared, Dr. Harp provided the emergency egress instructions.

Dr. Harp stated that the purpose of the meeting was to satisfy the requirement of SB1045 which states *“That the Board of Medicine shall post information about autism spectrum disorder developed by the Board together with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and other stakeholders, including information about diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder in adults and children, the role of health care providers in identifying and diagnosing autism spectrum disorder in adults and children, services available to adults and children with autism spectrum disorder in the Commonwealth, processes and procedures for linking adults and children with autism spectrum disorder with state and local services for individuals with autism, and other sources of information on topics related to the identification, diagnosis, and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in adults and children on a website maintained by the Board, and shall notify licensees regarding the availability of such information.”*

After the committee members introduced themselves, Ms. Evanko moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. There was no public in attendance.

The Committee discussed the history of the bill, and all agreed that whatever information is

provided that it should be concise and factual, and should capture the letter and spirit of the law.

While considering the links, Ms. Yeatts and Ms. Deschenes impressed upon the Committee that providing any perception of the endorsement of specific resources is outside the scope of the responsibility of the Board of Medicine, as the Board does not attempt to advise people on their practice or guide physicians to better practices or diagnosis. Ms. Yeatts stated that this is a unique situation and there is not a level of comfort about the role of the Board providing expertise.

The members agreed that the links should be limited to state and federal only and after review of the 47 links submitted for consideration, the following 7 were selected.

- www.vcuautismcenter.org - Carol Schall
- <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/index.html> - Deana Buck
- <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/> - Deana Buck
- www.infantva.org -- Catherine Hancock
- http://www.doe.virginia.gov/special_ed/disabilities/autism/index.shtml -- Christy Evanko
- <http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/individuals-and-families/developmental-disabilities> -- Cindy Gwinn
- <http://www.dars.virginia.gov/learnmore.htm> - Heidi Lawyer
- www.dmas.virginia.gov - Kathy Matthews

The members volunteered to provide a paragraph by May 28th describing the resource and what information could be obtained from the site.

Dr. Harp stated that once all of the submissions were received, the document will go through the mechanisms of the Board – presentation to the Advisory Board on Behavior Analysis and then to the Full Board before being posted as a guidance document on the Board’s webpage.

There were no additional announcements, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

William L. Harp, MD
Executive Director

Colanthia M. Opher
Recording Secretary