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**ADVISORY BOARD ON GENETIC COUNSELING
MINUTES**

November 14, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Thomas opened the floor for comments at 1:02 p.m.

Ms. Thornton, representing Planned Parenthood, urged the Advisory Board to adopt the regulations previously drafted and approved by the Full Board.

Ms. Craft, representing NARAL, also encouraged the members to adopt the proposed regulations as drafted.

The floor closed at 1:08 p.m. n

The Advisory Board on Genetic Counseling met on Monday, November 14, 2016, and was called to order at 1:09 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

MEMBER ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Jennifer Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director
Colanthia Morton Opher, Operations Manager
Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst

GUESTS PRESENT:

Sara Thornton, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Virginia
Janice Craft, NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Thomas announced the Emergency Egress Instructions.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2015

Dr. Foust moved to approve the minutes of December 16, 2015. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Creswick moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No other public comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and Approval of the Draft Regulations Governing the Practice of Genetic Counselors

Ms. Yeatts led the Advisory Board in a discussion regarding the proposed regulations stating that all the comments received are in support of the adoption of the current language by the Board of Medicine. Ms. Yeatts also addressed the comments received from those concerned about the now expired date for grandfathering of individuals without a Master's degree. Ms. Yeatts noted that this was a statutory issue and not a regulatory one, and that she has suggested those affected approach their legislators and request a change in the date for grandfathering.

After discussion, Dr. Foust moved to recommend adoption of the proposed regulations as written to the Executive Committee of the Board of Medicine at its December 2nd meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Foust moved to have Mr. Thomas and Ms. Creswick continue to serve as Char and Vice-Chair respectively. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

3. 2017 MEETING CALENDAR

The members unanimously agreed to the meeting dates set for the 2017 calendar. It is anticipated that the development of an application for licensure and associated forms will be on the agenda of the January 2017 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

NEXT MEETING DATE

January 30, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Matthew Thomas, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist