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**ADVISORY BOARD ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS
Minutes
January 30, 2017**

The Advisory Board on Behavior Analysis met on Monday, January 30, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kate Lewis, MS, BCBA, LBA
Amanda Kusterer, BCaBA
Asha Patton Smith, MD
Gary Fletcher

MEMBERS ABSENT: Keri Bethune, PhD, BCBA-D

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Director, Licensure
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Christy Evanko, VABA

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Dr. Harp announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called. A quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Kusterer moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 3, 2016

Ms. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Evanko brought several bills that VABA has been tracking in the 2017 Session to the attention of the Advisory Board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Legislative Update

Ms. Yeatts reviewed legislation introduced in the 2017 General Assembly that might be of interest to the Advisory Board. No action was required.

2. HB2095 Registration of Peer Recovery Specialists and Qualified Mental Health Professionals

Ms. Yeatts discussed with the Advisory Board the accountability of the registration for Peer Recovery Specialists and Qualified Mental Health Professionals registered by the Board of Counseling. Ms. Yeatts stated that a number may have to be “grandfathered.”

3. Amended regulation 18VAC850150-90 to Increase Hours of CE

Ms. Yeatts discussed with the Advisory Board the draft regulations to increase the continuing education hours required for renewal, reinstatement or reactivation of a license. These new regulations will be published on February 6, 2017 for a public comment period and will become effective on March 8, 2017.

4. New “Registered Behavior Technician” Credential

Mr. Heaberlin made the Advisory Board aware that the BACB has received accreditation of its Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) credential by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

Dr. Harp informed the Advisory Board of the qualifications of a Behavior Technician. The Behavior Technician must be 18 years of age, possess at a minimum a high school diploma or national equivalent, complete 40 hours of training, complete a criminal background check, pass the RBT Competency Assessment, and pass the RBT exam. No further action was required.

Announcements

Ms. Mason informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 837 Behavior Analysts and 144 Assistant Behavior Analysts holding licenses with the Virginia Board of Medicine.

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Next Meeting Date

The Advisory Board's next meeting is June 5, 2017 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Kate Lewis, MS, BCBA, LBA, Vice-Chair

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

Denise W. Mason, Licensing Specialist