

DRAFT
BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 8, 2005
RICHMOND, VA

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Room 3, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING CHAIRMAN: David H. Hettler, O.D.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha N. Gilbert
William T. Tillar, O.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Emily Wingfield, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D.
Carol Stamey, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: W. Ernest Schlabach, O.D.
Zelda Dugger, Board for Opticians
Betty S. Graumlich, NAOO
C. Cannaday, VSO

QUORUM: With all members of the Committee present, a quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Tillar, the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2005 meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: **Receive and consider comment from VSO, Cal Whitehead, regarding proposed amendments to the Treatment Guidelines for TPA certified optometrists, 18 VAC 105-20-46**
Dr. Hettler reported that Dr. Richard Morton had submitted additional information supporting previous documentation on the definition of "angle closure". The information is incorporated into the minutes as Attachment 1.

Upon careful review, the committee requested that a letter be drafted to Dr. Morton and Mr. Whitehead requesting further explanation as to how the proposed changes in definition affect standard of care (see documentation on definitive treatment for narrow angle as an iridectomy). Additionally, the Committee requested that a meeting be scheduled with Dr. Morton or another ophthalmologist member from VSO. Rather than to continue communicating through correspondence, with the attendant lag time for response, it is the Committee's desire to dialog

directly with someone from VSO with the clinical expertise required to adequately speak to the healthcare issues relevant to the regulatory changes VSO has requested.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at noon.

David H. Hettler, O.D., Chair

Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director