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**ADVISORY BOARD ON GENETIC COUNSELING
MINUTES**

October 2, 2017

The Advisory Board on Genetic Counseling met on Monday, October 2, 2017, at 1:00 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
Lori Swain

MEMBER ABSENT: Marilyn Foust, MD

STAFF PRESENT: Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director
Colanthia Morton Opher, Operations Manager
Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Thomas announced the Emergency Egress Instructions.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and a quorum was declared.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF June 5, 2017

Ms. Swain moved to amend the minutes of June 5, 2017 to correct Dr. Quillin's title. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Swain moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Expiration of Active Candidate Status and Temporary License

Mr. Thomas led the Advisory Board in a discussion regarding the terminology of active candidate status expiration and the temporary license. He noted there may have been an oversight in the statute in that it does not allow for an applicant with a temporary license to continue working if he or she fails the first attempt of the ABGC certification exam. No action was required.

2. Discussion of Student Exemption and License Applicant Status

Mr. Heaberlin led the Advisory Board in a discussion of student status and license applicant status legislation that is pending for the Polysomnography Technologists and noted that other Advisory Boards are discussing these items as well. The Advisory Board agreed that having temporary licensure in place is sufficient. No action was required.

3. Bill to Amend the Code of Virginia by Amending Section 54.1-2957.19

Ms. Yeatts stated that the terminology *or its predecessor organization* that was requested to be included into Section 54.1-2057.19(C) by the Advisory Board was not approved by the agency. Mr. Thomas and Dr. Quillin both noted that there should be an extension of time for the temporary license to allow these license holders to continue working during the intermediate period of receiving their board scores, board certification and licensure.

Lori Swain moved to request Board staff to contact the American Board of Genetic Counseling and ask that it extend the Active Candidate Status for 90 days after receiving a passing score report. The motion was seconded and carried.

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John Quillin moved to request that Section 54.1-2957.19(C) be amended to reinstate the “or its predecessor organizations,” and to amend Section 54.1-2957.19(E) “...An applicant shall not be eligible for a temporary license ~~renewal~~ upon expiration of Active Candidate Status as defined by the American Board of Genetic Counseling or after 90 days of passing a licensure examination whichever occurs first.” The motion was seconded and carried.

4. Meeting Calendar of 2018

Mr. Heaberlin informed the Board of the calendar for 2018. The Board members were advised that if any changes needed to be made, now would be the time. Ms. Swain stated that she would be unable to attend the January 29, 2018 meeting.

5. Election of Officers

Mr. Thomas nominated Dr. Quillin as Chair. The motion was second and carried. Ms. Swain was nominated as Vice-Chair by Mr. Thomas. The motion was second and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heaberlin told the Advisory Board that they would now be receiving a \$50.00 per diem payment if they are not employed by the Commonwealth.

There are new regulations effective 10/4/2017 which change the grandfathering application date from 7/1/2016 to 12/31/2018. He also announced that the Board currently has 46 genetic counselors licensed, 36 which are in Virginia and 10 out-of-state. There are 38 pending applications.

NEXT MEETING DATE

January 29, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory board meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Matthew Thomas, Chair

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

Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist