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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 12, 2004**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. on Monday, January 12, 2004, at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 W. Broad St., 5th Floor, Room 3, Richmond, VA.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Terone B. Green

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joanne Taylor, Pia Trigiani

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

QUORUM: With three members present, a quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was presented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On properly seconded motion by Ms. Taylor, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

DETERMINATION OF TOPIC FOR NEXT ISSUES FORUM OR EXCHANGE: Ms. Yeatts reviewed the issues forums that have been sponsored by the Board of Health Professions in past years, as follows:

Date: November 13, 1998
Topic: Professional Regulation in a Changing Health Care Climate
Speaker: Dr. Robert E. Hurley, professor at MCV, Department of Health Administration, author of *“Approaching the Slippery Slope: Managed Care as Industrial Rationalization of Medical Practice”*

Date: November 9, 1999
Topic: Utilization of Unlicensed Personnel in Healthcare
Speaker: Panel – Dr. Lissa Power-DeFur (Dept. of Education); Mary Ann Bergeron (Va. Assn. of Community Service Boards); B. J. Bartleson (VP for Nursing, Winchester Medical Center); Scott Burnette (CEO, Community Memorial Hospital) – moderated by Senator Jane Woods

Date: November 15, 2000
Topic: Role of Health Regulatory Boards in Reduction of Medical Errors – responding to the IOM Report

Speaker: Panel – Dr. Lois Kercher (VP & Nurse Exec. at Va. Beach General; Dr. Richard Hamrick (President of Richmond Academy of Medicine; co-chair of Statewide Coalition of Virginias Improving Patient Care and Safety); Dr. Craig Kirkwood (Manager of Pharmacy Services at MCV); and Mr. Robert Nebiker (DHP) – moderated by Senator Bill Bolling

Ms. Yeatts presented information about the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) and informed the Committee that the Department is applying for a federal grant that, among other things, will provide funding for a conference on the different subjects surrounding the PMP. The conference is being planned for early to mid-October 2004 for approximately 100 people. Among the groups that will be invited to attend are legislators, identified interest groups and personnel from various state agencies. The Department is planning to begin the conference on a Thursday afternoon and conclude on Friday afternoon with seven topics to be presented. The proposed topics are: overview of prescription drug abuse; pain management, prescription monitoring program model law; effect of PMP on prescribing; surrounding states' experience with prescription monitoring programs; clinical use of data; and a session on promoting regional cooperation.

DHP will identify hotel and conference space in the Richmond area by March 2004. Speakers will be confirmed in May 2004 and topics for the conference finalized. Registration packets and “scholarships” will be sent out in July with the deadline for registration expected to be September 1, 2004. Compilation and printing of programs, handouts and other items for the conference will be completed in September 2004. Participants will be asked to evaluate the conference and this information will be included in the interim report of the PMP to be given to the 2005 General Assembly.

On properly seconded motion by Ms. Taylor, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the full Board that the Issues Forum for Fall of 2004 be combined with the PMP Conference and that the Board support that effort.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no other new business considered.

ADJOURNMENT:

On properly seconded motion by Ms. Trigiani, the Committee adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Terone B. Green, Chair

Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D.
Executive Director for the Board