

**BOARD OF HEALTH PROFESIONS
REGULATORY RESEARCH COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 14, 2005**

TIME AND PLACE: Called to order at 8:32 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions. The purpose for the hearing was to receive public comment pursuant to its study into the need to regulate naturopathy.

PRESIDING CHAIRMAN: Michael W. Ridenhour, Au.D., Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Boehm, L.C.S.W.
David Hettler, O.D.
Damien Howell, P.T.
Alan Mayer, Citizen Member

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Mary Smith, N.H.A.
Janet Payne
Natale A. Ward, L.P.C.

STAFF PRESENT: Gail Jaspen, Chief Deputy Director
Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director for the Board
Carol Stamey, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Karen Howard, Executive Director American Association of Naturopathic Physicians
Boyd Landry, Coalition for Natural Health
Becky Hanks, President, Virginia Chapter of National Association of Certified Natural Health Professionals
Christie Fleetwood, N.D., R.Ph., Vice-President, VAANP
John Hanks
Ed Rodriguez, VAANP
Marie Rodriguez, VAANP
Becker Bowers, VAANP
Ann Furniss, ASVA
Theresa Collier, VAANP
Virginia Leeper, Association of Acupuncturists
Mary Stein, Gambro Healthcare
Melody Neal, DCA

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Howard, Executive Director for the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians presented comment in favor of licensure.

Mr. Boyd Landry, Coalition of Natural Health, presented comment in opposition of licensure.

Ms. Becky Hanks, presented comment in opposition of licensure.

Christie Fleetwood, N.D., R.Ph., Vice-President, VAANP, presented comment in favor of licensure.

A copy of the public hearing transcript is incorporated into the minutes as Attachment 1.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Hearing adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Michael W. Ridenhour, Au.D., Chair

Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D. Executive Director