

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
MINUTES
ADVISORY BOARD – ART THERAPY
Friday, April 23, 2021**

TIME AND PLACE: Consistent with Amendment 28 to HB29 (the Budget Bill for 2018-2020) and the applicable provisions of § 2.2-3708.2 in the Freedom of Information Act, the Committee convened the meeting virtually to consider such regulatory and business matters as are presented on the agenda necessary for the committee to discharge its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Gretchen Graves, ATR-BC, CDATA

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Brenda Bonuccelli, LCSW
Elizabeth Anne Mills, LPC, ATR-BC (attended until 12:00 p.m.)
Lelia Saadeh, LPC, ATR-BC
Holly Zajur, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director-Licensing
Sharniece Vaughn, Licensing Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Graves welcomed the Board members and staff and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. After completing introductions, Ms. Hoyle indicated that with 5 members of the Advisory Board present a quorum was established.

MISSION STATEMENT: Ms. Hoyle read the mission statement of the Department of Health Professions, which is also the mission statement of the Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Ms. Mills made a motion, which was properly seconded, to approve the October 9, 2020 Advisory Board meeting minutes as presented.

NEW BUSINESS: **Recommendation to Adopt Proposed Regulations Governing the Practice of Professional Art Therapy – Elaine Yeatts**
Ms. Yeatts thanked Ms. Hoyle for her hard work developing the draft of regulations presented for review. Ms. Yeatts briefly

discussed the Code of Virginia and its authorization for the Board of Counseling, in consultation with the Art Therapy Advisory Board, to create regulations to set requirements for licensure, fees, requirements for renewal and standards of practice. Ms. Yeatts discussed the executive summary report from the Board of Health Professions, Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) notice and the comments related to the NOIRA on Virginia Regulatory Town Hall. Ms. Yeatts indicated that the comments were all in support of the Art Therapy license.

Ms. Yeatts discussed the regulatory process and the threshold for licensure which would include the requirements for an examination.

Ms. Yeatts reviewed and the Board discussed each section of the proposed draft of the Art Therapy regulations. Board members and staff made suggestion for changes.

Ms. Mills stated that she has concerns that the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB) may not provide a pathway for foreign education applicants or individuals who were educated decades ago. Ms. Yeatts indicated that there were no such provisions in the Code of Virginia regarding Grandfathering. Staff will contact the Office of the Attorney General for a decision on the Board's authority to grandfather or approve persons who do not meet the proposed licensure qualifications.

Ms. Lang indicated that ATCB does have a pathway for foreign education applicants to apply for certification.

After some discussion, the Board reached a consensus to add a section related to the requirements for Art Therapy Associates to the proposed regulations.

Board staff will compile all the suggestions and thoughts from the Advisory Board and create a redraft to be sent out individually to each of the Board members for their feedback.

Ms. Graves moved, which was proper seconded, that the Advisory Board approve a consensus draft with recommendations to the Board of Counseling to adopt the proposed regulations. With four members in favor, the motion passed.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

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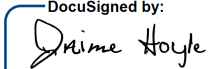
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