

June 26, 2018
Board Room 4
8:30 a.m.

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| ▪ Call to Order | Mr. Wells |
| ▪ Emergency Egress | Dr. Carter |
| ▪ Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ February 27, 2018 | Mr. Wells |
| ▪ Art Therapist Study Update | Ms. Jackson |
| ▪ Art Therapist Study Public Hearing | Mr. Wells |
| ▪ Policies & Procedures Update | Dr. Carter |
| ▪ Adjournment | |
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Virginia Board of Health Professions - Regulatory Research Committee

**Invitation for Public Comment on the Review of the
Need for Regulation of the Practice of Art Therapy in Virginia**

The Virginia Board of Health Professions Regulatory Research Committee has scheduled a public hearing to receive comment on the feasibility of Virginia's regulation of Art Therapists. The meeting will be held June 26, 2018 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the address listed below.

The Virginia Board of Health Professions is authorized by statute to advise the Governor, the General Assembly, and Department of Health Professions' Director on matters related to the regulation or deregulation of health care professions and occupations (see §54.1-2510 of the *Code of Virginia*).

This study is being conducted by the Board of Health Professions at the request of the Virginia Art Therapy Association. The Board assigned this study to the Regulatory Research Committee at the August 31, 2017 meeting.

The Committee requests that information provided by commenters be responsive to the seven standard evaluative criteria ("the Criteria") listed below and as further detailed in the above-referenced report.

1. The risk of harm posed by the unregulated practice of the profession must be identifiable;
2. Specialized skills and training are needed which require assurance of initial and continued competency;
3. Autonomous practice exists for the occupation which requires independent judgment and functioning;
4. The scope of practice is distinguishable from other regulated professions, despite possible overlapping professional duties, methods of examination, instrumentation, or therapeutic modality;
5. The economic cost to the public of restricting the supply of practitioners and cost of board and agency operations to regulate the occupation are outweighed by the benefit to the public;
6. There are no alternatives to regulation which adequately protect the public; and
7. If regulations are required, the least burdensome level of regulation that will protect the public will be recommended.

The written comment period will close at 5:00 p.m. on July 27, 2018. Comments should be sent to the attention of Laura L. Jackson, at the Virginia Board of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23233-1463. Comment may also be faxed to (804) 527-4434 or emailed to laura.jackson@dhp.virginia.gov. Information received after 5:00 p.m. on July 27, 2018 will not be included in the study.

The location of the hearing:

Virginia Department of Health Professions
9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Board Room #4
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463
Map and directions <http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/about/directions.htm>