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ADVISORY BOARD ON GENETIC COUNSELING

Minutes

June 3, 2024

The Advisory Board on Genetic Counseling met on Monday, June 3, 2024, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lydia Higgs, GC, Chair
Martha Thomas, GC, Vice-Chair
Tahnee Causey, GC
Lori Swain, Citizen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Lucidi, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LLM, Deputy Executive Director - Licensure
Roslyn Nickens, Licensing Supervisor
Matthew Novak, DHP Policy and Economic Analyst
Colanthia M. Opher, Deputy Executive Director - Administration
Janice Martin, Licensing Specialist
Kelly Smith, DHP Director of Communications

GUESTS PRESENT: None

Call to Order

Lydia Higgs, GC, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

Emergency Egress Procedures

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress instructions.

Roll Call

Janice Martin called the roll; a quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes

There were no previous minutes needing approval.

Adoption of Agenda

Lydia Higgs, GC, Chair moved to adopt the agenda. Lori Swain seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

New Business

1. Report on Status of Regulatory/Policy Actions

Matthew Novak reviewed the status of the Advisory Board's regulatory actions.

2. Orientation to the Board of Medicine and Advisory Board

Dr. Harp gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Board of Medicine and its Advisory Boards.

Licensing Report

Janice Martin provided the licensing statistics report for genetic counselors. There are 20 genetic counselors with a temporary license of which 10 are current active in Virginia and 10 are current active out- of-state. A total of 591 genetic counselors have been fully licensed, of which 138 are current active in Virginia, 449 are current active out of state, and 4 are current inactive out of state. From September 19, 2022 to date, the Board has licensed a total of 134 new genetic counselors.

Announcements

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 7, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

Adjournment

With no other business to conduct, Lydia Higgs, Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:23 pm.

William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director