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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
REGULATORY RESEARCH COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING-GENETIC COUNSELORS
April 5, 2011

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room #4, Henrico, VA, 23233.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Damien Howell, MS, PT, OCS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Damien Howell, MS, PT, OCS
Jonathan Noble, OD

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Marty Martinez, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director for the Board
Justin Crow, MPA Research Assistant
Laura Chapman, Operations Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Christine Seward Allred, Myriad Genetic Laboratories
Susan Ward, VHHA
Emy Morris, VSCLS

QUORUM: With two members present a quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Christine Seward Allred, Myriad Genetic Laboratories
Certified Genetic Counselor, Arlington, Virginia
Member of the Virginia Association of Genetic Counselors (VaAGC)
Ms. Allred testified regarding the level of regulation required for genetic counselors in the state of Virginia. The VaAGC believes that licensure will in fact address many of the activities creating harm currently. Licensure will lead to increased visibility of the profession. Licensure will show physicians, nurses and consumers that there are minimum training qualifications that should exist in order for a person to call himself a genetic counselor and claim to be able to provide genetic counseling services.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Damien Howell, P.T., D.P.T., O.C.S
Chair

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