

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 9, 2007**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. on Monday, April 9, 2007 at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 W. Broad St., 5th Floor, Room 3, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Mary Smith, NHA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynne Cooper, Citizen Member
Mary Gregerson, Ph.D.
Joanne Taylor, Citizen Member
Pia Trigiani, Esquire
John Wise, DVM

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: All committee members were present.

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director for the Board
Amy Marshean, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Carol Stamey, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Susank, Chair of AARP Health Care Task Force
Gerri Holmes, State Volunteer Coordinator for Advocacy, AARP Virginia
David Swankin, Consultant on Continued Competency, AARP
Madge Bush, Director of Advocacy, AARP Virginia
Dick Lindsay, MD, Professor emeritus, Gerontology UVA
Amy Gilbody, Advocacy Coordinator, AARP Virginia

QUORUM: With six members present, a quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Wise, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2006 meeting as presented.

AARP PRESENTATION: Mr. Susank presented key developments since the Board's last meeting on January 18, 2007. The developments are incorporated into the minutes in the Attachment. Additionally, the following issues were

discussed:

- defining continued competence for each profession and determining how it should be measured;
- who should bear the costs associated with reviewing relevant policy issues and implementing recommendations;
- need for legislative changes;
- usefulness of private credential re-certifications;
- usefulness of self-assessments;
- concerns over the confidentiality of self-assessments; and
- barriers to maintaining competency.

On properly seconded motion by Ms. Cooper, the Committee voted unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board of Health Professions request the member boards to report on the issues and problems relating to continuing competency being addressed by the respective boards as well as what information on the actions and studies being undertaken by national professional organizations and associations of state regulatory boards relating to continued competency.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Dr. Carter informed the Committee that Ms. Betty Jolly will be updating the Health Professions Communication Plan and forwarding for review through e-mail.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Trigiani suggested that the issue of continuing competency and educational tools should be placed on the Committees agenda for each meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Committee adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Mary Smith, NHA
Chair

Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D.
Executive Director

**AARP Virginia
Agenda
Virginia Board of Health Professions – Education Committee
Monday, April 9, 2007
10 am
Room 3 5th floor**

Developments since our meeting on January 18th

A conversation and questions about:

Need for a new Practitioner Competence Model

- Medical errors/patient safety
- Consumer expectations
- Initial competence does not assure career competence
- Complexities and compartmentalization of modern medicine

Shortfalls of traditional Continuing Education for health practitioners

- Didactic methodology
- No assessment of cognitive & clinical skills
- No gap analysis or personal improvement plan
- No demonstration of competence

Potential role of the Board of Health Professions

- New public policy mandate
- Encourage member boards to develop standards of competence
 - Evidence based
 - Patient focused

AARP Virginia Task Force on Health Care Reform

- How can we help
- Next steps

A Conversation about how we get there...