

**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING**  
**REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Thursday, May 17, 2012**

The Regulatory Committee of the Virginia Board of Counseling ("Board") convened at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2012, at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Charles McAdams called the meeting to order.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

Charles McAdams, Ed.D, Chair  
Donnie Conner, Ph. D  
Linda Seeman, Ph.D.  
Terry Tinsley, Ph.D.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
ABSENT:**

Michael Fletcher  
Charlotte Markva

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Sharon Bowles, Administrative Assistant  
Catherine Chappell, Executive Director  
Jennifer Lang, Administrative Assistant  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Conner moved that the minutes from the April 2, 2012, Regulatory Committee meeting, be approved as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Proposed amendments to Chapter 35 of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia**

The Committee continued discussion of the possibility of amending the statute to clarify the definitions of "counseling" and the "profession of counseling" as well as to introduce a "Resident" level license. The Resident license was proposed to allow individuals under supervision to be

under Board regulation and signify that they are working towards licensure. The proposed language would be presented to the full Board on May 18, 2012, for consideration and approval.

### **Review of Proposed Amendments**

The Committee performed review of draft amendments of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy to assure that the requirements contain clear, comprehensive and appropriate changes. The proposed language along with additional clarifications made to the Regulations Governing the Practice of Professional Counseling would be presented for the Board's consideration and approval on May 18, 2012.

The Committee members and staff noted the need to continue their comprehensive reviews of regulations and would review the Regulations Governing the Practice of Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioners at their August 16, 2012, meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Charles McAdams, Ed.D, Chair

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Catherine Chappell, Executive Director