VIRGINIA BOARD OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
FULL BOARD MEETING
May 4, 2010

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 12:54 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 2, Henrico, VA, 23233

PRESIDING OFFICER: David Boehm, L.C.S.W., President

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Jennifer H. Edwards, Pharm.D
Damien Howell, MS, PT, OCS
Michael Stutts, Ph.D.
John T. Wise, D.V.M.
Mary M. Smith, N.H.A.
Paul N. Zimmet, D.D.S.
Mary Lou Argow, L.P.C.
Susan G. Chadwick, Au.D.
Billie W. Hughes, F.S.L.
Juan M. Montero, II, M.D.
Demis L. Stewart, Citizen Member

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:
John Cutler
Patricia Lane, R.N.
Fernando (Marty) Martinez, Citizen Member
Jonathan R. Noble, O.D.
Sandra Price-Stroble, Citizen Member
Vilma Seymour, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT:
Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director for the Board
Dr. Dianne Reynolds-Cane, DHP Director
Arne Owens, DHP Chief Deputy Directory
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Justin Crow, Research Assistant
Laura Chapman, Operations Manager
Diane Powers, DHP Director of Communications

OTHERS PRESENT:
Neal Kauder, Visual Research, Inc.
Kim Langston, Visual Research, Inc.
Susan Ward, VHHA
Scott Sprouse, VASA
David Jennette, VASA
Gary Bolden
Martha Kent, Legislative Aide to Senator Ticer

QUORUM: With 12 members present a quorum was established.

AGENDA: No changes or additions were made to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Susan Ward, VHHA
Ms. Ward provided written comment on April 6, 2010 regarding regulation of Surgical Techs and Surgical Assistants.

VHHA is in opposition to this regulation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Meeting minutes for November 10, 2009 and February 9, 2010 were approved.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Dr. Reynolds-Cane is very happy to be back and in the capacity of serving the Commonwealth. Being in her current capacity for only three days she did not provide a report.

LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE:

Ms. Yeatts reviewed the Legislation from the 2010 General Assembly and the Regulatory Actions in process. All studies requested of the Board of Health Professions are due to the General Assembly by November 2, 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Education Committee
Ms. Smith presented a report of the Committee's activities and discussion regarding the 2010 Workplan and involvement with a Virginia college to do a DHP communications audit.

Regulatory Research Committee
Mr. Howell presented a report of the Committee's activities and actions regarding the study of Emerging Professions and the creation of an Allied Health Board. The Committee's recommendations are listed as follows:

Polysomnographers
The Committee recommended that the Board accept the Report on the Need to Regulate Polysomnographers. The motion of the Committee carried unanimously.

Genetic Counselors
It is the recommendation of the Committee that a letter be mailed to the Genetic Counselors requesting the Sunrise Review to advise them that the study will be started in November 2010. The motion of the Committee carried unanimously.

General Assembly Studies
Mr. Howell reported that the Committee reviewed and approved workplans for studies into the need to regulate Kinesiotherapists, the need to regulate Laboratory Scientists and Technicians, and the advisability of the expansion of Medication Aides in Nursing Homes. These studies will need to be provided to the General Assembly by November 2, 2010. He also noted that a public hearing will be set in July to hear comments on the three studies in one day. Written comment will be accepted thereafter.

Community Health Workers
The Community Health Workers will be further reviewed after the May 26, 2010 public hearing.

Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists

The Committee recommended that the Board endorse the recommendation that surgical assistants be licensed and surgical technologists be mandatorily certified and that they be regulated under the Board of Medicine and overseen through the existing Physician Assistant Advisory Committee (Option 4). The motion of the Committee carried unanimously.

Allied Health Board

Mr. Howell reported that the study requires an independent researcher/organization with the commensurate policy and organizational research skills to adequately conduct this review. Staff was directed to seek sources of grant money to supplement Board funding. An RFP will be developed and budget prepared. The study will also incorporate consideration of the applicability of an Ontario Model approach. This regulatory method regulates "controlled acts," without regard to the practitioner's profession.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Key Performance Measures

Dr. Carter presented the latest results on the agency's Key Performance Measures. She noted that the agency is maintaining performance and is continuing its efforts to achieve even greater efficiencies, without sacrificing quality. The current customer satisfaction rate is at 95%.

Healthcare Workforce Data Center

Dr. Carter advised the Board of the progress being made by the Healthcare Workforce Data Center.

BHP Budget

Dr. Carter reviewed the current Board's budget.

Sanction Reference Study

Mr. Kauder presented to the Board a PowerPoint presentation regarding Sanction Referencing and the workplan for the evaluation of the project. He reported that the Agreement rate for the agency overall is at 81%. It has been six years since SRP was implemented and there has been considerable turnover; it is time for training for each Board and DHP staff overall.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Montero, the Board approved the report and workplan for the program evaluation.

NEW BUSINESS:

With two members leaving the Regulatory Research Committee two new members need to be appointed. The members were asked to please contact Dr. Carter if they would wish to join this committee.

There are six members whose terms are up June 30, 2010;

- David Boehm (Board of Social Work)
- Susan Chadwick (Board of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology)
- John Cutler (Citizen Member)

- Jennifer Edwards (Board of Pharmacy)
- Juan Montero (Board of Medicine)
- Sandra Price-Stroble (Citizen member)

Additionally, Ms. Vilma Seymour has indicated that she would be rendering her resignation soon.

Dr. Carter personally thanked each member for their dedicated service to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

David Boehm, L.C.S.W.
Board President

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