State Board of Health Orientation for New Members
Minutes
June 4, 2014 – 2:00 p.m.
Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive
Richmond, Virginia 23233

Board of Health Members present: Bruce Edwards and Tommy East

VDH Staff present: Joe Hilbert, Director of Governmental and Regulatory Affairs and Catherine West, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Edwards and Mr. Hilbert welcomed Mr. East to the State Board of Health. Mr. Hilbert gave a brief overview of VDH's mission and goals as well as an overview of the role the State Board of Health has in the regulatory process. Mr. Hilbert also discussed the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and how it pertains to the Board of Health members and meetings. Ms. West discussed the process for reimbursement of travel expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

State Board of Health Nominating Committee
Minutes
June 5, 2014 – 8:30 a.m.
Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive
Richmond, Virginia 23233

Members present: Eric Deaton; Dr. Cathy Slusher; and Amy Vest

VDH staff present: Joe Hilbert, Director of Governmental and Regulatory Affairs

The members discussed the slate of officers to recommend to the Board. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

State Board of Health
Minutes
June 5, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.
Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive
Richmond, Virginia 23233

Members present: Bruce Edwards, Chair; Brad Beall; Theresa Brosche; Eric Deaton; Tommy East; Dr. Steven Escobar; Megan Getter; Linda Hines; Hank Kuhlman; Faye Prichard; Dr. John Seeds; Dr. Cathy Slusher; and Amy Vest

Members absent: Dr. Benita Miller

VDH staff present: Dr. Marissa Levine, State Health Commissioner; Richard Corrigan, Deputy Commissioner for Administration; Bob Hicks, Deputy Commissioner for Community Health

Services; Dr. David Trump, Chief Deputy Commissioner; Joe Hilbert, Director of Governmental and Regulatory Affairs; Catherine West, Administrative Assistant; Maribeth Brewster, Risk Communications Manager; Gary Brown, Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services; Erik Bodin, Director, Office of Licensure and Certification; Dr. Laurie Forlano, Acting Director, Office of Epidemiology; Steve Harrison, Director, Office of Radiological Health; Allen Knapp, Director, Office of Environmental Health Services; Jim Bowles, Environmental Health Coordinator, Office of Environmental Health Services; Dwayne Roadcap, Director, Division of Onsite Sewage, Water Services, Environmental Engineering and Marina Programs; Marcia Degen, Technical Services Administrator, Division of Onsite Sewage, Water Services, Environmental Engineering and Marina Programs; Preston Smith, Marina Program Manager, Division of Onsite Sewage, Water Services, Environmental Engineering and Marina Programs; Keith Skiles, Acting Director, Division of Shellfish Sanitation; Dr. Adrienne McFadden, Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity; Sherry House, Business Manager, Three Rivers Health District; and Kim Kelly, Accountant, Office of Financial Management

Others Present: Cindy Bailey; Karri Atwood; and Robin Kurz, Office of the Attorney General

Call to Order

Mr. Edwards called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Escobar led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions

Following introductions, Mr. Edwards welcomed Tommy East (nursing home industry representative), Linda Hines (managed care health insurance plans representative), and Faye Prichard (local government representative) as new members of the Board of Health. Mr. Edwards recognized the large turnout for members of the public at the meeting. He also reminded members of the audience to maintain appropriate decorum during the meeting. In particular, Mr. Edwards asked the audience to be polite during the meeting, and to refrain from waving of hands and/or signs. Mr. Edwards said that members of the audience would be given an opportunity to display their signs during the public comment period.

Mr. Hilbert then reviewed the agenda and the items contained in the Board's notebooks. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the draft minutes of the March 20, 2014 Board meeting. No corrections were noted. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Commissioner's Report

Dr. Levine gave the Commissioner's report to the Board. She began with the introduction of the "agency stars" for the meeting: Kim Kelly with the Office of Financial Management and Sherry House with the Three Rivers Health District.

Dr. Levine provided the Board with an update concerning infectious diseases. This included information about a multi-district measles investigation and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome caused by a coronavirus (MERS-CoV.) Dr. Levine also told the Board that VDH is planning to send out a new communication to clinicians about tick-borne disease and Lyme disease.

The next item in the Commissioner's report concerned the VDH response to the recent CSX oil tank train derailment in Lynchburg, along the banks of the James River. Dr. Levine explained that there was no impact on drinking water.

Dr. Levine also updated the Board concerning VDH's investigation of a milk spoilage incident involving milk produced by Marva Maid. The investigation is ongoing.

Next, Dr. Levine described VDH's recent efforts to establish partnerships for HIV/sexually transmitted disease prevention. A new CDC cooperative agreement for sexually transmitted infection (STI) prevention requires collaboration with non-profit organizations serving at risk populations. VDH was recently approached by Planned Parenthood as a potential partner. Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) have been established with several Planned Parenthood organizations for the provision of HIV screening and STI services. The MOAs do not involve the expenditure of any state or federal funds. Entities under an MOA with VDH qualify to apply to the U.S. Health Services and Resources Administration for consideration of acceptance into the 340B Federal Drug Pricing Program.

Dr. Levine then provided the Board with some follow-up information concerning an issue raised during the March 2014 meeting, when it was stated by a member of the public during the public comment period that VDH – in administering abortion facility licensure regulations – had failed to comply with statutory reporting requirements pertaining to minors. Dr. Levine said that she has requested, but not yet received, an opinion from the Attorney General with respect to the underlying issues. Dr. Levine told the Board that legal counsel from the Office of the Attorney General were present to try to respond to any questions. Dr. Levine told the Board that she expects to be able to report back to them with respect to this issue at the next meeting.

Dr. Levine then provided an update on the following recent personnel changes:

- Dr. Lilian Peake, new Director for the Office of Family Health Services;
- Dr. Charles Devine, new acting Director for the Thomas Jefferson Health District; and
- Dr. Jody Hershey, new Director in the West Piedmont Health District.

<u>Report of the Nominating Committee</u>

Mr. Deaton provided the report of the Nominating Committee. The committee was comprised of Mr. Deaton, Dr. Slusher, and Ms. Vest. The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of Board officers for the year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015:

Chair – Bruce Edwards
Vice-Chair – Dr. Steve Escobar
Executive Committee Member – Dr. Cathy Slusher
Executive Committee Member – Amy Vest

Mr. Edwards opened the floor for other nominations. Hearing no other nominations, the Board received the Nominating Committee report as a motion to approve the slate of officers. The slate of officers was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Matrix of Pending Regulatory Actions

By unanimous consent, the Board moved the VDH Regulatory Actions Currently in Progress ahead on the agenda, in front of the Abortion Facility Licensure Status Report.

Mr. Hilbert reviewed the summary of all pending VDH regulatory actions. Since the March 2014 meeting, there has been one regulatory action that the Commissioner has taken on behalf of the Board while the Board was not in session. This action was the approval of proposed amendments developed as the result of a periodic review of the Regulations Governing Vital Records (12VAC5-550).

Mr. Hilbert gave an overview of the periodic review process. All agencies are required to review their regulations once every four years. The results of the periodic review can be a decision either to retain the regulation as is, amend the regulation, or repeal the regulation. The periodic review process is governed by the Administrative Process Act (APA) and Executive Order 14 (EO14) issued by former Governor McDonnell in 2010 (which expires on June 30, 2014). With a total of 60 regulations, VDH typically has many periodic reviews in process at any given time. EO14 also states that the Governor may request a periodic review at any time as appropriate and at that request, the agency shall follow the periodic review process as stated in EO14 and the APA.

Mr. Hilbert then advised the Board that on May 12, 2014, Governor McAuliffe issued Executive Directive 01 which directs the Board to initiate a periodic review of the Regulations for Licensure of Abortion Facilities (12VAC5-412). Following the issuance of that directive, the Commissioner initiated a periodic review in accordance with VDH's normal process. Mr. Hilbert advised the Board that a notice of periodic review had been posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website, which is scheduled to be published in the Virginia Register of Regulations on June 16, 2014. Upon publication, a 45 day public comment period will start. VDH has an October 1 deadline by which to complete the periodic review. Pursuant to the APA, the Office of the Attorney General is required to provide input during the periodic review.

Ms. Getter inquired whether the Board has any discretion to discuss the periodic review requested by the Governor. Mr. Hilbert responded that the Board has the discretion to have such a discussion. Mr. Hilbert also told the Board that the periodic review notice is scheduled to be published in the Virginia Register of Regulations on June 16, and that edition of the Virginia Register of Regulations is scheduled to be sent to the printer tomorrow (June 6, 2014). Mr. Edwards told that Board that normally the Board does not make decisions on whether or not to initiate a periodic review of a regulation. He also told the Board that it would have ample time to review and consider any proposed regulatory changes that might result from the period review.

Abortion Facility Licensure Status Report

After a brief break, Mr. Bodin provided the Board with the abortion facility licensure update. All 18 existing facilities that had applied have been licensed. The VDH Office of Licensure and Certification (OLC) is currently in the biennial survey process; three facilities have been surveyed. Mr. Bodin explained that the regulations allowed for an initial two-year grace period for compliance with building specific requirements. For each facility, that two-year period began on the date of its initial license. Initial licenses were issued between late July 2012 and October 2012. When the grace period ends, all facilities will need to be compliant or obtain a temporary variance, which the regulations allow the Commissioner to issue if warranted. There is a protocol and specific requirements for the variance request process. Any variances that the Commissioner may grant in 2014 would expire in 2015. Each request that is received will be reviewed by VDH staff and a recommendation will be made to the Commissioner whether to grant or deny the request. To date, VDH has received two requests which are being evaluated by OLC.

Just prior to the March Board meeting, one complaint had been received which has now been investigated. That complaint was substantiated and the facility has submitted a plan of correction. No new complaints have been received.

There was a brief discussion about the details of the three surveys that have been completed. Mr. Bodin advised the Board that two of the facilities that had been surveyed had deficiencies. Both of the facilities submitted a plan of correction and both are now in compliance.

Public Comment

Mr. Edwards discussed the rules and procedures by which the public comment period would be conducted. Pursuant to the Board's public participation policy, each individual has a maximum of two minutes in which to address the Board. All of the individuals that spoke during the public comment period talked about the Regulations Governing Licensure of Abortion Facilities. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Shelley Abrams – She spoke in support of revising the regulations.
Victoria Cobb – She supports the regulations that are in place. She urged VDH to close abortion centers operated by Stephen Brigham and that the only way to expose operators like Dr. Brigham is through the inspection process and the regulations currently in place.
Chris Freund – He spoke in support of the regulations currently in place.
Frances Bouton – She spoke in support of the regulations currently in place.
Jessica Cochran ceded her time to Leslie Blackwell – She was accompanied by Martha Cassell. Ms. Blackwell spoke in support of the regulations currently in place.

At this time, Mr. Edwards reminded the speakers that pursuant to the Board's public participation policy, only one speaker for each two minute slot can address the Board at a time.

Scott Price – He spoke in support of revising the regulations.
Vickie Yeroian – She spoke in support of revising the regulations.

Cianti Stewart Reid – She spoke in support of revising the regulations.
Frank Knaack – He spoke in support of revising the regulations.
Maggie Disney – She spoke in support of the regulations currently in place.
Louantha Kerr – She spoke in support of the regulations currently in place.

Mr. Edwards then told the members of the audience that the public comment period had ended and thanked the members of the audience for their input.

Regulatory Action Items

Virginia Radiation Protection Regulations (12VAC5-481) – Final amendments

By unanimous consent, the Board moved the Virginia Radiation Protection Regulations ahead on the agenda, in front of the State Emergency Medical Services Plan and Virginia Emergency Medical Services Regulations.

Mr. Harrison presented the final amendments which will bring the Virginia regulations into alignment with the Suggested State Regulations (SSRs) issued in 2009 from the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors and endorsed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The SSRs reflect the current practices and devices used in the x-ray field. Virginia's regulations were last updated in 2006 to conform with the SSRs. The final amendments protect the health and safety of Virginians by conforming with the SSRs. Dr. Slusher made a motion to approve the final amendments. Dr. Escobar seconded the motion. The final amendments were approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Board Action Items

State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Plan

Mr. Brown presented the state EMS plan. The Code of Virginia requires that the Board review and approve the state EMS plan every three years. The plan is comprised of four core strategies with each key strategy including several key initiatives. Mr. Edwards advised the Board that the EMS community is very thorough and that any action that comes before the Board has been well vetted by the State EMS Advisory Board. Mr. Deaton made a motion to approve the State EMS Plan. Mr. East seconded the motion. There was a discussion regarding obtaining email addresses for EMS agencies automatically when they are licensed rather than obtaining that information during the inspection process.

There being no further discussion, the final plan was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Regulatory Action Items

Virginia Emergency Medical Services Regulations (12VAC5-31) – Fast Track Amendments

Mr. Brown presented the fast track amendments. The amendments make certain technical changes in order to improve the clarity of the regulations by better defining the purpose,

eligibility criteria, and approval process for certain grant applications. Ms. Brosche made a motion to approve the fast track amendments. Ms. Prichard seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion concerning the removal of the consideration for geographic location in the geographical section and the fact that this is duplicative language that is contained in another section of the regulation.

There being no further discussion, the fast track amendments were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Rabies Regulations (12VAC5-105) – Final regulations

By unanimous consent, the Board moved the Rabies Regulations and the Regulations for Disease Reporting and Control ahead on the agenda, in front of the Guidelines for General Assembly Nursing Scholarships and the working lunch.

Dr. Forlano presented the final regulations. These regulations will implement the provisions of legislation that became effective on July 1, 2010 that revised certain rabies-related sections of the Code of Virginia. This legislation also added a new rabies-related section to the Code of Virginia. Exposure to rabies for most people is due to domestic animals and most domestic animal exposure is due to wild animals. The regulations will protect public health by ensuring that human and animal exposures are addressed promptly and correctly. Dr. Escobar made a motion to approve the final regulations. Ms. Brosche seconded the motion. The final regulations were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Regulations for Disease Reporting and Control (12VAC5-412) – Proposed amendments

Dr. Forlano presented the proposed amendments which pertain to two topic areas: testing children for lead and testing donated gametes for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The amendments incorporate testing children to detect elevated blood lead levels by inserting a new section into the Regulations for Disease Reporting and Control. This same action would repeal the existing regulations (12VAC5-120) pertaining to testing children for lead. Moving the testing and reporting requirements into the current Regulations for Disease Reporting and Control will make the process clearer than having those requirements in a separate regulation. The amendments also propose language to align Virginia testing requirements for gamete testing for HIV with regulations of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Dr. Forlano indicated that there were several changes that needed to be made to the regulations contained in the Board's notebooks. With regard to lead testing, the Office of the Attorney General advised changing three sentences. The first suggested change was that the word "indicated" be changed to "required" in the paragraph of 12VAC5-90-215 B that begins "A child does not meet any of the above criteria. . ." so that the sentence reads "A child who does not meet any of the above criteria is considered to be at low risk, and testing is not required but may be conducted at the discretion of the health care provider." Second, in the next sentence of that same paragraph, the words "can also" should be changed to "shall" so that the sentence reads "The testing requirement shall be waived if the parent, guardian or other person standing in loco parentis of a child objects to the testing on the basis that the procedure conflicts with his

religious tenents or practices." Third, the phrase "up to 72 months of age" in 12VAC5-90-215 D should be deleted so that the first sentence of that section reads "Information to be provided. As part of regular well-check visits for all children, the health care provider shall make available. . . ."

With regard to HIV testing of gametes, the Office of the Attorney General recommended changes to 12VAC5-230 B with regard to gamete donors to resolve a conflict between the FDA regulations and Virginia law. Dr. Forlano recommended that VDH staff work with the Office of the Attorney General for wording for the specific changes that need to be made to this section.

Ms. Brosche made a motion to approve the proposed amendments as amended by Dr. Forlano. Dr. Slusher seconded the motion. There was a discussion about the Board approving the proposed amendments as amended by the recommendations of VDH staff without having the exact language of the changes. There was further discussion about the changes to the lead portion of the regulations.

There being no further discussion, Dr. Slusher made a motion to postpone indefinitely action on the proposed amendments. Dr. Seeds seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Guidelines for General Assembly Nursing Scholarships (12VAC5-510) – Final amendments

Dr. McFadden presented the final amendments. The final amendments establish a more comprehensive and up-to-date regulatory framework for administering the nursing scholarship program. Ms. Brosche made a motion to approve the final amendments. Dr. Seeds seconded the motion. There was a discussion on how the scholarships are advertised, on how participants notify VDH when changing jobs, and amounts of scholarships awarded.

There being no further discussion, the final amendments were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Working Lunch

After a brief break, the Board continued the meeting with the presentation of the next agenda item.

Sewage Handling and Disposal Regulations (12VAC5-610) – Proposed amendments

Mr. Knapp presented the proposed amendments. The amendments are specific to gravelless material and drip dispersal. Mr. Knapp told the Board that there will be a public hearing on this action after executive branch approval. Emergency regulations were approved in September 2013 by Board of Health, and approved by the Governor in January 2014. This regulation will replace the emergency regulations. Dr. Seeds made a motion to approve the final amendments. Ms. Prichard seconded the motion. There was a discussion concerning what gravelless material and drip dispersal entail within the field of onsite sewage disposal.

There being no further discussion, the final amendments were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Sanitary Regulations for Marinas and Boat Moorings (12VAC5-570) – Final amendments

Mr. Knapp presented the final amendments. The final amendments change the size of holding tanks to be based on the number of slips based on suggestion made during public comment. The definitions section has been updated with regard to slips. There are provisions to ease the financial burden on smaller establishments. There are also provisions for unisex bathrooms. Finally, there is language that clarifies when construction permits are needed. Dr. Seeds made a motion to approve the final amendments. Mr. East seconded the motion. There was a discussion about the time frame for compliance with the new regulations, and that the regulations apply to new facilities only even though facilities are re-certified every five years.

There being no further discussion, the final amendments were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Regulations Governing Application Fees for Construction Permits for Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems and Private Wells (12VAC5-620) – Final amendments

Mr. Knapp presented the final amendments. 12VAC5-620 was first adopted in 1988 and the final amendments are the first revisions to be made to the regulations. The amendments focus on incorporating into regulation guidance policies that VDH already has in place. VDH convened an ad hoc stakeholder group; however, there was a division in the group between those that want VDH to be involved and those that want private sector only so there was no real progress from the group. There was no consensus on what to do with fees. Most of the fees are the maximum as authorized by the General Assembly in the Appropriation Act. The two exceptions are the reduced fee of $100 for applications to modify an existing system and the $135 fee for filing an appeal. VDH has a long-standing policy that if a permit is denied, the applicant can reapply within 90 days of the denial. An individual can receive a refund if an application is voluntarily withdraw before a site visit is done. There is a renewal process for construction permit for an additional 18 months at no additional fee. By practice, for private wells, when applying for a replacement well, the current well is abandoned. The application fee will be refunded after the current well is properly abandoned.

Ms. Getter made a motion to approve the final amendments. Mr. East seconded the motion. There was a discussion that the authority for the fees is set by the Code of Virginia and the General Assembly so the Board does not have authority to change the fees.

There being no further discussion, the final amendments were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Alternative Discharging Sewage Treatment Regulations for Single Family Home Dwellings (12VAC5-640) – Final amendments

Mr. Knapp presented the final amendments. Wastewater from a single family home can be discharged into surface waters as permitted by VDH and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). In order to do this, certain criteria must be met and provided that the option for an onsite sewage system has been ruled out. These systems are seen as having a slighter higher risk for public health than an onsite sewage system. There has to be a suitable discharge point. The design has to comply with these regulations and DEQ criteria. The regulations were last updated in 1992. The current regulations do not recognize new technologies. The final amendments also provide for changes in administrative processes.

Ms. Hines made a motion to approve the final amendments. Ms. Brosche seconded the motion. There was a discussion about the licensure of inspectors, how systems are maintained, the failure rate of systems, and that the regulations will require a stoppage in the system in the case of system failure.

There being no further discussion, the final amendments were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Regulations for the Repacking of Crab Meat (12VAC5-165) – Final amendments

Mr. Knapp presented the final amendments. The final amendments are the result of a periodic review of the regulations. The regulations were initially adopted in 2000. These regulations, dealing with repacking of crab meat, work in conjunction with the regulations that govern the picking and packing of crab meat. The product is highly perishable and is marketed as "ready-to-eat". The amendments are intended to respond to changes in the industry as well as changes in federal regulatory requirements. The final amendments also bring the regulations into alignment with federal requirements. There are changes to the lot number requirement so that meat can be traced back to the company that repacked the meat. The labeling also includes country of origin.

Dr. Escobar made a motion to approve the final amendments. Dr. Slusher seconded the motion. There was a discussion about product labeling and temperature requirements for product storage.

There being no further discussion, the final amendments were approved unanimously by voice vote.

After a short break, Dr. Levine was recognized by Mr. Edwards. Dr. Levine advised the Board that since there are several new Board members who may have questions about VDH's administrative policies and processes for the abortion facility licensure and inspection program, it might be appropriate for the September meeting to include an overview of the program.

Mr. Beall stated that there has been public comment on both sides of the abortion facility licensure issue, including comments concerning inspections and variances. Dr. Slusher

requested that VDH provide pictures to go along with information, particularly with regard to buildings and structures

Member Reports

Theresa Brosche – Virginia Nurses Association (VNA). The VNA is working with the nursing leaders from the associate degree and baccalaureate degree nursing programs across the state to create a seamless educational progression that will assist Virginia nurses in obtaining a BSN (this is one of the strategies the VNA is doing address the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) recommendation that 80% of nurses should have a minimum of a BSN by 2020). To do this, the VNA organized two summits, established partnerships, and looked at policies that need to be put into place to help with academic progression. Currently, 51% of nurses in the state hold a baccalaureate level degree, which mirrors the rest of the nation.

The Virginia Action Coalition continues to be a leader in addressing IOM's Future of Nursing recommendations.

Ms. Brosche thanked Dr. Brooke Rossheim, the medical director for the Rappahannock Area Health District, and his staff for sharing their knowledge and skills with her. She has been visiting with the health district over the past two months so she can learn about what they do.

Dr. John Seeds – Medical Society of Virginia (MSV). Dr. Seeds told that Board that he will defer to Dr. Slusher's report for MSV.

Linda Hines – Managed Care Health Insurance Plans. She informed the Board about managed care providers actively working with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Department of Medical Assistance Services to evaluate options to close the coverage gap.

Dr. Catherine Slusher – Medical Society of Virginia. She briefed the Board that MSV is engaged in reviewing proposals from its membership for the fall MSV general assembly meeting as well as for the General Assembly session next year. She also informed the Board that the push for providing TDAP vaccine is working.

Tommy East – Nursing Home Industry Representative. He briefed the Board about working on a new payment structure for residents who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

Eric Deaton – Hospital Industry. He told the Board that Medicaid expansion plans continue to be an issue. There is a need to close the coverage gap. Mr. Deaton also briefed the Board on efforts to recruit more health care providers to Virginia particularly in rural areas, and to establish new medical schools and residency programs in Southside Virginia. These efforts are starting to produce results. He told the Board that he has spoken with Ms. Vest about patient medications that are thrown away by hospitals post-discharge that could benefit patients if a process could be worked out.

Dr. Steven Escobar – Virginia Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA). He told the Board that the VVMA is working with VDH concerning rabies awareness week. Dr. Escobar also told the

Board that he had the opportunity to represent the Board at press conferences celebrating legislation that established coordination between VDH and DMV for the issuance of vital records at DMV customer service centers.

Faye Prichard – Local government. She informed the Board that local government does not have a position on Medicaid expansion.

Amy Vest – Virginia Pharmacists Association. Ms. Vest told the Board the story of a local pharmacist killed in the line of duty in a private pharmacy. She said that the murder suspect was in the grips of addiction. She said that this incident illustrates the problem of prescription drug abuse in Virginia and the U.S. She briefed the Board on the recent DEA Prescription Drug Take Back day, sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. It was the most successful Take Back day to date, exceeding 2000 tons of drugs. Another Take Back day will be held in the fall. She also updated the Board on legislative issues pertaining to prescription monitoring and drug compounding.

Hank Kuhlman – Consumer Representative. No report

Brad Beall – Consumer Representative. No report.

Megan Getter – Public Environmental Health Representative. She told the Board that the field of public environmental health is growing. Several universities and colleges have programs. She also commented concerning the recent coal ash spill in the Dan River. Dr. Levine told the Board that she, along with DEQ, will be briefing the State Water Commission concerning the coal ash spill.

Bruce Edwards – Emergency Medical Services Representative. He updated the Board concerning the topic of community paramedicine. The Office of the Attorney General opined that community paramedicine would be considered home health care and would have to be licensed through VDH. The scope of practice for paramedics is limited. The Model Interstate Compact allows all levels of emergency medical technicians to cross state lines to provide care.

<u>Other Business</u>

Dr. Escobar requested that VDH work with the VVMA to request that the Governor issue a proclamation for Lyme disease awareness week. The request was approved by unanimous consent.

Ms. Vest requested that Dr. Levine send copies of all clinician letters to the Board members. Dr. Levine said she would do so, and asked the Board members to distribute the letters widely. Dr. Levine said that an upcoming letter to clinicians would address Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases.

Mr. Hilbert informed the Board that the September Board meeting is currently scheduled for September 11 which conflicts with a meeting Dr. Levine is expected to attend for the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. VDH is requesting that the Board reschedule the

meeting for either September 19 in board room 2 or September 18 for board room 1 (both rooms are located at the Perimeter Center). There was a discussion about the size of board room 1 and the number of attendees from the public. By unanimous consent, the Board adopted moving the meeting to September 18 in board room 1 at the Perimeter Center.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:12 p.m.

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