

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
GENETIC COUNSELING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
140 E. Front Street, Trenton , NJ  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room One

**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**  
**APRIL 7, 2011**

A meeting of the New Jersey Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee (G.C.A.C.) was held on April 7, 2011 at the Board of Medical Examiners' Office, located at 140 East Front St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room , Trenton , NJ. The meeting commenced at 10:00 am.

Primary purpose of the meeting was to continue to develop the Regulatory scheme for Genetic Counseling .

**I. ROLL CALL :**

**Present:**

Elena Ashkinadze, M.S. (Chair)  
Kathleen Barnes, M.S. , C.G.C. ( Secretary)  
Dr. Allan Fisher, M.D.

**Also Present :**

Sandra Dick , Senior D.A.G. ( via Conference Call )  
Charles Manning , Regulatory Analyst G.C.A.C.  
Ian Orr, Executive Director, G.C.A.C.

**Excused :**

Erynn Gordon-Fishman, M.S., C.G.C. (Vice-Chair)

**II. MINUTES :**

**(i) Announcements :**

The Committee was informed that Ms. Deborah Shane-Held Esq. , who served as initial Regulatory Analyst to the Committee had been reassigned within the Division of Law to Tort Litigation. The Committee welcomed Mr. Charles Manning, Esq. to serve as the Regulatory Analyst for the Committee.

**(ii) Correspondence :**

The Committee reviewed a written submission signed by several members of the genetic counseling community who were expressing concerns regarding registered professional nurses and advanced practice nurses providing genetic counseling. Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst, offered to draft a response to be signed by Mr. William Roeder in his role as Exec. Director of the Board of Medical Examiners.

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**(iii) Discussion of Draft Rules/Regulations :**

Regulatory Analyst Manning provided the Committee with a ‘rough draft’ of rules/regulations proposed under Chapter 13:35- 14.1 thru 13:35-14.20 , as a means to consolidate all previous Committee discussion and to lay the foundation for additional rules to be considered within the Regulatory scheme for Genetic Counselors.

1)Sandra Dick S.D.A.G., and Charles Manning noted they would follow up to provide a response to the question re. whether authority for Genetic Counselors rules/regulations rests with the Committee or Board of Medical Examiners.

2)The Committee reviewed and held detailed discussion pertaining to the draft language for the following ‘sub-chapters’of the draft rules :

13:35-14.1 —Purpose and Scope

13:35-14.2 —Definitions

13:35-14.3 —Application for Licensure

13:35-14.4 —License without examination based on licensure in another State

Using the draft provided by Mr. Manning as a discussion guide, the Committee modified the suggested language tailored to the profession of genetic counselors and genetic counseling . Discussion included the agreement to omit certain language/sections considered redundant to language already included in the statute. In addition, it was agreed to omit language re. ‘Automatic reciprocity’ for out of state licensees.

It was further agreed that Mr. Manning would draft separate rules covering issues such as (i) Temporary Licensure and (ii) requirements to be met for “graduates” in practice.

It was also proposed that Mr. Manning develop draft language to better define “ limitations” and “occasional services” as it would pertain to ‘out of state’ licensed genetic counselors to be exempt from licensure in New Jersey. The Committee suggested that “occasional services” should focus on direct or indirect patient counseling .

3) The Committee agreed to review the National Society for Genetic Counselors’ definition for “Genetic Counseling” to ensure the proposed regulatory definition is complete and current.

