

311.699 Powers of board regarding genetic counselors -- Administrative regulations -- Kentucky Genetic Counselors Advisory Committee -- Duties.

- (1) The board shall exercise all the administrative functions of the state in the prevention of empiricism and in the regulation of genetic counselors, which shall include but not be limited to promulgation of reasonable administrative regulations enabling the board to regulate the conduct of genetic counselor licensees. The board shall also:
 - (a) Promulgate reasonable administrative regulations establishing moral, physical, intellectual, educational, scientific, technical, and professional qualifications of applicants for licensure or permits that may be issued by the board; and
 - (b) Prescribe and collect reasonable fees and charges for the issuance and renewal of licenses.
- (2) There is hereby created the Kentucky Genetic Counselors Advisory Committee, composed of seven (7) members appointed by the board from a list of nine (9) names submitted by the Kentucky Association of Genetic Counselors or its successor. The committee shall review and make recommendations to the board regarding all matters relating to genetic counselors, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Applications for licensure;
 - (b) Licensure renewal requirements;
 - (c) Disciplinary investigations or action, when specifically requested by one (1) of the board's panels established under KRS 311.591; and
 - (d) Promulgation of administrative regulations.
- (3) Members of the committee shall be appointed by the board for four (4) year terms, except for initial appointments, and shall consist of:
 - (a) Four (4) practicing licensed genetic counselors who shall each be selected for each vacancy from a list of at least six (6) licensed genetic counselors submitted by the Kentucky Association of Genetic Counselors or its successor;
 - (b) One (1) supervising physician;
 - (c) One (1) member of the board; and
 - (d) One (1) citizen at large.
- (4) The chair of the committee shall be a licensed genetic counselor elected by a majority vote of the committee members and shall preside over meetings. Meetings shall be held quarterly at a time and place within the Commonwealth as designated by the chair. Additional meetings may be held at the call of the chair or upon the written request of three (3) committee members.
- (5) Initial appointments shall be for staggered terms. Three (3) members shall serve a four (4) year term, three (3) members shall serve a two (2) year term, and one (1) member shall serve a one (1) year term.
- (6) Members of the committee shall not be compensated for their service but shall receive reimbursement for expenditures relating to attendance at committee meetings, consistent with state policies for the reimbursement of travel expenses for

state employees.

- (7) A committee member may be removed by the board for good cause or if he or she misses two (2) consecutive committee meetings without good cause.
- (8) Upon the death, resignation, or removal of any member, the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by the board in the same manner as the original appointment.
- (9) The quorum required for any meeting of the committee shall be four (4) members. No action by the committee or its members shall have any effect unless a quorum of the committee is present at the meeting where the action is taken.
- (10) The board shall not be required to implement or adopt the recommendations of the committee.

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