

# JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>: VA BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

#OPPOSETRAP

Though no vote or action actually occurred on the 5<sup>th</sup>, we were there to show support for clinic regulation revision. Recently, Governor McAuliffe asked for a [review of the new abortion clinic regulations](#), calling into question the methods used to pass them during the McDonnell Administration. Click here for [current clinic regulations](#).

## What happened:

The Department of Health reported that 18 clinics in Virginia are currently licensed and are undergoing review. 25 clinic complaints have been listed since the last quarterly BOH meeting, 19 of which were unsubstantiated. All clinics are currently in compliance with regulations, and three have already had their inspections this year.

The public comment period was only 20 minutes long. 5 people spoke from the pro-choice side: ACLU of Virginia, Planned Parenthood, Alliance for Progressive Values, Richmond NOW, and independent clinic provider, Shelley Abrams. 5 comments were from anti-choice orgs such as the Family Foundation, American Life League, etc. etc.

## What's Next?

We now head into a regulatory review process, which must be completed by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Between now and then, we enter into a 45 day public comment period, where anyone can submit their opinions online. To complete the review, the health commissioner will make a determination to either: amend, repeal, or rewrite the regulations from scratch or make no changes at all. If the commissioner decides to amend, repeal, or rewrite the regulations, the Department of Health develops a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA). The Board will take a vote on whether or not to approve the Notice.

## What Can We Do?

The public comment period begins June 16<sup>th</sup>  
and ends on July 31<sup>st</sup>

Speak your mind! Comments may be submitted online to the:

[Virginia Regulatory Town Hall](#)

Or sent to Erik Bodin, Director, VDH Office of Licensure and Certification, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 401, Henrico, Virginia, 23233; Telephone: 804-367-2102, Email address: [healthcommissioner@vdh.virginia](mailto:healthcommissioner@vdh.virginia)

Comments must include the commenter's name and address (physical or email) to receive a response to the comment from the agency. Following the close of the public comment period, a report of both reviews will be posted on the Town Hall. Click here for a [quick overview of TRAP in VA](#).

