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MICHIGAN BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

FEBRUARY 10, 2012 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Respiratory Care met in regular session on February 10, 2012 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Carl Haas, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Carl Haas, LRT, Chairperson
John Rinck, LRT, Vice-Chairperson
James Berry, Jr, LRT
John Darin, LRT
Randall Kehr, LRT
Patrick Monks, Public Member
Ilene Abramson, PhD, Public Member
Beverly Cherwinski, Public Member

Members Absent: Richard Tooker, MD, Professional Member
John Hyka, LRT
Julia Prins, LRT

Staff Present: Kristen Kinney, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Norene Lind, Policy Manager, Health Regulatory Division
Desmond Mitchell, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division

Others Present: Jackie Blessing, Wright and Fillipis

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Rinck, seconded by Darin, to approve the October 28, 2011 meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Rinck, seconded by Kehr, to approve the agenda as presented.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Haas introduced new public member, Beverly Cherwinski. He asked the Board and staff in attendance to introduce themselves. He was obliged.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

Haas gave Cherwinski a quick description of CPD.

Mitchell advised the Board that the Department is waiting for Regulatory Reinvention (ORR) to approve the CPD model. He mentioned that the Department has met with the ORR but yet have had an answer as to whether or not they will approve the CPD model. He noted that Ramsdell will follow up on the issue within the next week and will report back to the Board.

Lind stated that the ORR 's mission is to reduce regulatory barriers for Michigan businesses and professionals. She also stated regulatory practices in others states must be reviewed. She added that there are many policy issues that must be decided on in response to the final report that was sent to the Governor by the Occupational Administrative Rules Committee.

Mitchell pointed out to the Board that the statute is permissive, not mandatory, in the allowance of CPD.

National Board of Respiratory Care State Licensure Liaison Group Extranet Website

Lind advised that all members have been added to the website. She noted that test scores will not be available on the site. Lind asked to be contacted once the website is up.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Kehr asked about respiratory therapists (RTs) practicing across state lines. Mitchell advised that licensees must abide by individual state law. He stated that RTs from other states coming into Michigan will be covered by MCL 333.16171 (c) in the Public Health Code. Mitchell announced that FAQ will have the transportation issue added to it. Mitchell made it known that every licensee is responsible for knowing the laws in every state he/she wishes to transport to.

Mitchell told the Board that Ramsdell had received a list of FAQs from the Attorney General's office. They will compare to what the Board has and will post what will help the greatest population.

Mitchell stated that he will be working with Ramsdell to research FAQ issue on home health care.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson's Report

Haas distributed a copy of a page from the BHP 2009/2010 annual report that pointed out how many licenses and applications were processed in that time period.

Haas spoke about the AARC conference in November. He reported that an Open Forum presentation described a project conducted by the state of North Carolina Respiratory Care Board. They issued a survey to over 4,300 RTs throughout their state, asking for their opinion on safety issues related to non-therapists making adjustments to mechanical ventilators. He advised that there is a survey tool available and asked Kinney to send scanned copies of the research abstract and survey tool to the Board.

Haas reported that committee assignments will be made after the meeting.

Department Update

Lind reported that there were 4,857 licenses at the end of 2010 and that currently there are 5,137 licensees and 28 temporary licenses. Haas inquired about the 28 temporary licenses, as they should be expired.

Elections

MOTION by Berry, seconded by Abramson, to reelect Haas as Chairperson.

A unanimous voice vote was called.

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Berry, seconded by Abramson to reelect Rinck as Vice-Chairperson.

A unanimous voice vote was called.

MOTION PREVAILED

Resolutions

Haas read the resolution that was issued by the Department to acknowledge the work of Frank Sprague, MD on the Board of Respiratory Care.

MOTION by Rinck, seconded by Haas, to accept the resolution as presented.

A unanimous voice vote was called.

MOTION PREVAILED

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kehr, seconded by Monks, to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

MOTION PREVAILED

Carl Haas LAT-RST
Carl Haas, Chairperson

Kristen Kinney
Kristen Kinney, Board Secretary

5/11/12
Date Minutes Signed

Feb 14, 2012
Date Minutes Prepared