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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

### AUGUST 12, 2011 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 August 12, 2011, 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 10:05 a.m.

#### ***ROLL CALL***

***Members Present:*** Carl Haas, LRT, Chairperson  
John Rinck, LRT, Vice-Chairperson  
Ilene Abramson, PhD, Public Member  
James Berry, Jr, LRT  
Patrick Monks, Public Member  
John Darin, LRT (arrived at 10:12)  
Randall Kehr, LRT  
John Rinck, LRT  
Frank Sprague, MD  
Julia Prins, LRT

***Members Absent:*** John Hyka, LRT

***Staff Present:*** Kristen Kinney, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Rae Ramsdell, Acting Director, Bureau of Health Professions  
Desmond Mitchell, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Nancy Short, Office of the Governor

**Others Present:** Tim Hatt, Wright & Filippis

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION* by Sprague, seconded by Kehr, to approve the May 6, 2011 meeting minutes as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*MOTION* by Sprague, seconded by Berry, to approve the agenda with the following changes:

Add *INTRODUCTION of NEW BOARD MEMBERS* before *OLD BUSINESS*  
Add *NBRC CONFERENCE* to *DEPARTMENT UPDATE*

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **INTRODUCTIONS of NEW MEMBERS**

New Board member, Patrick Monks introduced himself to the Board. Chairperson Haas asked the Board to do the same. He was obliged.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Update on Continuous Professional Development Process**

Mitchell informed the Board that the request for rulemaking had still not been approved and explained the delay was related to the mandated review of existing rules. Ramsdell provided additional information regarding reasons for the review of existing rules and the Advisory Committees that have been formed to review the various professions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Respiratory Therapist Transport Exemption**

Kehr reported a recent communication from a licensee that had concerns regarding coverage by the State of Michigan when transporting patients from state to state. Ramsdell stated that the issue arises periodically and has been researched in the past. She advised that a person is covered on a temporary basis and that the time frame varies from state to state. Current Public Health Code does state that one is automatically covered in times of disaster and emergency situations. Ramsdell advised that changes are being suggested to Code that would list transport issues in its own category. Further discussion was held.

## Department Update

Ramsdell stated that with the new members, the Board is still short one (1) public member. She advised that in December 2011, the Board will have two (2) members whose terms will expire. She noted that the Governor's Office is aware of the expiring terms and will be working on replacements for Sprague and Darin.

Ramsdell advised that she will be attending the National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC) Meeting in Kansas City, Kansas in September. She advised other members that if they should be interested in attending to contact her or Haas.

Haas asked Ramsdell to address the Respiratory Therapist Transport Exemption topic at the NBRC.

## REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

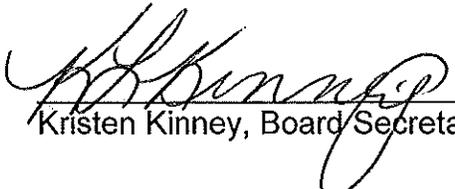
## ADJOURNMENT

*MOTION* by Darin, seconded by Sprague, to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

  
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Carl Haas, Chairperson

10/28/2011  
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Date Minutes Signed

  
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Kristen Kinney, Board Secretary

August 16, 2011  
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Date Minutes Prepared