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## **MICHIGAN BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE MEETING OF MAY 14, 2010**

### **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 May 14, 2010 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa Street, Conference Room 5, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

### ***CALL TO ORDER***

James R. Berry, L.R.T., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

### ***ROLL CALL***

***Members Present:***

James R. Berry, L.R.T., Chairperson  
Carl Haas, L.R.T., Vice-Chairperson  
Ilene Abramson, Ph.D., Public Member  
Randall M. Kehr, L.R.T.  
Kathleen Mutch, Public Member  
John Rinck, L.R.T.  
Frank R. Sprague, M.D.

***Staff Present:***

Bonnie Curtis, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Health Regulatory Division  
Desmond Mitchell, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
(left 10:18 a.m.)

***Others Present:***

Steve Hamick – Health Professional Recovery Committee

### ***INTRODUCTIONS***

None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** by Mutch, seconded by Sprague, to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2010 meeting as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** by Kehr, seconded by Sprague, to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

Under **OLD BUSINESS**, add **A. Continuing Professional Development Update** and **B. MSRC Convention**; under **NEW BUSINESS** move **D. HPRP Annual Report – Steve Hamick, HPRC Representative** to **A.** and move all other items down; add **E. NBRC State Licensure Liaison Meeting – Haas**

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Haas reported the committee met after the last board meeting and reviewed suggestions to make to the rules. He stated that the MSRC Pilot Program has submitted a report of key points of the program. Haas reported that the committee will meeting today following the board meeting and should have a rules draft ready for the board's review at the next meeting.

### **MSRC CONVENTION**

Berry reported that the convention was held in March and that board members and staff who attended and served on the discussion panel were able to answer all questions asked by visitors.

Berry inquired about appointments of new board members. Ramsdell stated that the bill to increase the number of board members to eleven (11) was passed by the Senate, is awaiting the Governor's signature and should take effect July 1, 2010.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **HPRP ANNUAL REPORT – STEVE HAMICK, HPRC REPRESENTATIVE**

Hamick gave a brief overview of the purpose and function of the Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP). Hamick provided members with the annual report for 2009 and reviewed some key points. He then took questions from members.

## **STUDENTS AS THERAPISTS**

Berry reported that he received correspondence regarding facilities using students to work night shifts as full Respiratory Therapists and inquiring if it is legal to do so. Ramsdell stated that she would respond to this inquiry. Extensive discussion followed.

## **DSC RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBJECTIVES/ ALLEGATION PROCEDURE**

Berry inquired if there would be a conflict if a board member received correspondence regarding possible allegations against a licensee. Ramsdell stated that such correspondence should be forwarded to the Department.

Berry inquired if a board member can file an allegation. Ramsdell stated that a board member may do so but must recuse themselves from future discussions and any decisions regarding that licensee. Discussion followed.

## **NBRC STATE LICENSURE LIAISON MEETING – HAAS**

Haas reported that the meeting was held in April and that the annual meeting of the NBRC and AARC will be held in August. He stated that he will be making a presentation at the meeting on CPD in State Licensure.

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

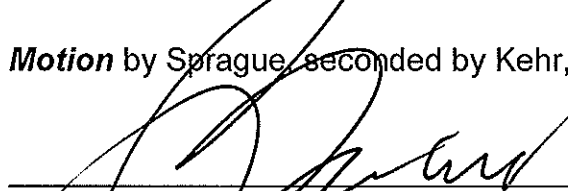
Hamick commented on the board's discussion of students working as respiratory therapists.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Sprague, seconded by Kehr, to adjourn at 11:28 a.m.

  
James R. Berry, L.R.T., Chairperson

  
Bonnie Curtis, Secretary

  
February 11, 2011  
Date Minutes Approved

  
5-14-10  
Date Minutes Prepared