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MICHIGAN BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE MAY 6, 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 May 6, 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
John Darin, LRT
Randall Kehr, LRT
John Rinck, LRT
Frank Sprague, MD

Members Absent: Julia Prins, LRT

Staff Present: Sue Insko, Division Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Rae Ramsdell, Acting Director, Bureau of Health Professions
Desmond Mitchell, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division
Stephanie Rosenthal, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division

Others Present: None

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Kehr, seconded by Rinck, to approve the February 11, 2011 meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed CPD Rules Update

Mitchell distributed current copies of the rules and explained that due to the department transition, the rule-making process has been slowed down, putting many things on hold. He is submitting the Request for Rulemaking and hopes to have a version ready for the Board to vote on at the next meeting. He then highlighted the few minor changes/updates that were made and answered questions from the board members.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Assignments

Haas advised that the following committee assignments have been made:

Disciplinary Subcommittee: Ilene Abramson (Chairperson); James Berry, Randy Kehr, Frank Sprague, John Rinck (alternate)

Rules Subcommittee: Carl Haas (Chairperson), John Rinck, John Darin, Ilene Abramson

Professional Practice Subcommittee: Randy Kehr (Chairperson), Julia Prins, Frank Sprague, James Berry

MOTION by Sprague, seconded by Kehr, to approve the committee assignments as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

Therapist-to-Ventilator Patient Ratio

Berry noted that he has received several requests from therapists regarding large workloads and their concerns regarding liability for their patients. Ramsdell advised that the board's job is to set rules, not ratios. That is an employer issue. Discussion within the board members agreed that it's not their function as a board to set the ratios. There are many differences in positions across the state and many factors involved in setting guidelines that would be appropriate in any given circumstance. Ratios, if set, should be by law established by the Legislature.

Department Update

Michigan Provider Credentials Center

Ramsdell provided a synopsis of the "paperless" licensing application and renewal process the Bureau is transitioning to. She advised that it is the intention that all documents relating to the application for licensure be received by the Department electronically. Ramsdell advised that an information packet is being prepared for the convenience of the various medical schools which will provide additional guidance to future licensees. She also answered questions from members of the Board.

Ramsdell also advised that Governor Snyder issued an executive order that moves the Bureau of Health Professions to the newly-created Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). She advised that this will not affect the day-to-day operations of the Bureau nor will it affect the Board. Ramsdell also advised that the Bureau has had recent changes in staffing. Along with the vacancy of the policy administration manager, which Amy Allen previously held, the Bureau's Director, Melanie Brim, has accepted a position with the Department of Community Health and will not be transitioning to LARA. She advised that a bureau director had not yet been named and that she is currently acting as interim Bureau Director.

Extended Temporary License Issue

Ramsdell explained that the issuance of the extended temporary licenses was due to a computer mishap and will not be an issue in the future. The mistake was caught, corrected and will not happen again.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held August 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

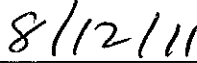
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kehr, seconded by Berry, to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

MOTION PREVAILED



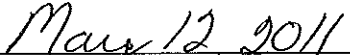
Carl Haas, Chairperson



Date Minutes Signed



Sue Insco, Division Secretary



Date Minutes Prepared