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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

### NOVEMBER 9, 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 November 9, 2012 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Carl Haas, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Carl Haas, LRT, Chairperson  
James Berry, Jr., LRT, Professional Member  
Beverly Cherwinski, Public Member  
Randall Kehr, LRT, Professional Member  
Ilene Abramson, PhD, Public Member  
Richard Tooker, MD, Professional Member  
John Hyka, LRT, Professional Member  
John Darin, LRT, Professional Member  
Julia Prins, LRT, Professional Member

**Members Absent:** John Rinck, LRT, Vice-Chairperson  
Patrick Monks, Public Member

**Staff Present:** Celia I. Lowe, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Amy Schneider, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Bureau of Health Professions  
Norene Lind, Board Manager, Health Regulatory Division  
Desmond Mitchell, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Pamela Millben, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division

**Others Present:** Steve Hamick, LRT, Respiratory Care HPRC Representative

## ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

*MOTION* by Kehr, seconded by Berry, to approve the August 10, 2012 meeting minutes as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

*MOTION* by Prins, seconded by Tooker, to approve the agenda as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS***

None

## ***OLD BUSINESS***

None

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

### **HPRP Report**

Hamick directed the Board to the HPRC Annual Report for the Michigan Board of Respiratory Care and provided a verbal highlight of same.

### **HPRP Appointment**

*MOTION* by Prins, seconded by Darin, to appoint Richard Zahodnic, LRT, as a member of the HPRC. A voice vote was held.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

### **Chairperson's Report**

The most significant item this past year was the release of the Office of Regulatory Reinvention (ORR) report which, among other things, recommended that respiratory therapists be de-licensed and that the Board be dissolved. Indiana considered a similar

proposal and their Regulated Occupations Evaluation Committee (ROEC) voted 5-0 to retain RCP licensure at their Oct 24 meeting.

Highlights of committee activities this year include:

- **Rules Subcommittee** (Chair-Haas):

The major project of this committee has been the development of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program. Unfortunately, the ORR report recommendations have stopped all work on this project until it is determined whether Respiratory Therapists will continue to be licensed, and if so, whether we can proceed with the CPD rules development process, or whether we need to wait to be given legislative authority to do so.

- **Professional Practices Subcommittee** (Chair-Darin):

Ramsdell reported that questions were drafted a year ago that dealt with unlicensed home health care. Most questions were resolved and did not require their inclusion on the Department's website as Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs); however Ramsdell will share the original questions/answers with the Committee.

- **Disciplinary Subcommittee** (Chair-Monks):

There were 3 cases heard; 1 case resulted in a fine and recertification in BLS, and the 2 other cases resulted in dismissal of previous consent orders. There were 3 cases for consideration at today's DSC meeting.

Board members may attend the State Licensure Liaison Group Meeting sponsored by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) and the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC). The NBRC pays for 1 person from each state to attend, but encourages more to attend if desired. Board member Julia Prins attended this year's event. As an NBRC Board member and chair of the sponsoring committee, Haas was also in attendance.

Haas thanked Kehr and Abramson, whose terms of office will end on December 31, 2012, for their committed service on the board.

### **Department Update**

Lind informed the board that two current bureaus will be combined as the new Bureau of Health Care Services (BHCS), effective Tuesday, November 13, 2012. Lind will update the board with additional information as it is known.

Lind reported that there are currently 5,178 Respiratory Care Therapists licensed in Michigan.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*None*

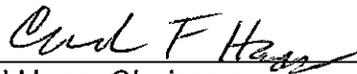
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held February 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

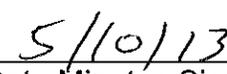
## **ADJOURNMENT**

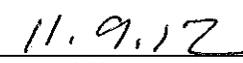
*MOTION* by Prins, seconded by Tooker, to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

  
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Carl Haas, Chairperson

  
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Celia I. Lowe, Board Secretary

  
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Date Minutes Signed

  
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Date Minutes Prepared