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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

### NOVEMBER 8, 2013 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 8, 2013 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

John Rinck, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** John Rinck, LRT, RRT, Chairperson  
John Darin, LRT, RRT, Vice-Chairperson  
Carl Haas, LRT, RRT, Professional Member  
Jeremy Bainbridge, LRT, RRT, Professional Member  
Beverly Cherwinski, Public Member  
Debra Dix, LRT, RRT, CPFT, Professional Member  
Richard Tooker, MD, Professional Member  
Helene Wiltse, Public Member

**Members Absent:** John Hyka, LRT, RRT  
Patrick Monks, Public Member  
Julia Prins, LRT, RRT, Professional Member

**Staff Present:** Amy Schneider, Board Secretary Policy, Rules and Board Support Section  
Norene Lind, Board Manager, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section  
Elaine Barr, Policy Analyst, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section  
Carole Engle, Director, Bureau of Health Care Services

**Others Present:** None

## ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

*MOTION* by Haas, seconded by Tooker, to approve the May 10, 2013 meeting minutes as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

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

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***INTRODUCTION OF CAROLE ENGLE, BHCS DIRECTOR***

Engle introduced herself as the Bureau Director and explained the purpose and the functions of the Bureau of Health Care Services. During her time with the bureau, process improvements and efficiencies have sped up license renewal and application procedures.

Engle also discussed the abundance of health-related bills being introduced by the Legislature during this session, noting SB 514, in particular.

Finally, Engle discussed how difficult it is to increase licensing fees, since there are limits created in statute, as well as challenges with obtaining legislative approval.

Haas asked if Engle would share with the Board accounting and budgeting numbers that might help determine which boards are paying for themselves through licensing fees.

## ***REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS***

None

## ***OLD BUSINESS***

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Senate Bill 514**

Lind provided Board members with "Senate Bill No. 514" for Board members to review. This bill would repeal the respiratory care provisions of the Public Health Code. She informed that Board members can research and track any bill at the Michigan Legislature website: [www.mileg.org](http://www.mileg.org).

Lind informed that Michigan House Bill 4688, a bill to deregulate Dietetics & Nutrition, had passed out of Committee and was sent to the Senate for consideration.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Rinck reported that Richard Zahodnic, LRT, representing respiratory care therapists on the Health Professional Recovery Committee (HPRC), is working with a subcommittee on a project to convert paper reporting to electronic reporting. Zahodnic has asked Board members to consider what information should be included in an electronic report. Rinck will invite Zahodnic to a future Board meeting, so that the Board may discuss specific report elements for inclusion.

### **NBRC/AARC Update – SLLG Meeting**

Haas and Lind attended the State Licensure Liaison Group (SLLG) meeting hosted by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). The meeting was held in Olathe, Kansas on September 21, 2013. Haas and Lind summarized presentations from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoArc), the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC), and they informed the Board about the updated NBRC credentialing exams and scoring methodology.

Haas encouraged Board members to participate in the annual meeting, which is typically held at the NBRC home offices in the fall. The NBRC will pay for one Board member representative (Board member or Board administrator) to attend the event.

### **Department Update**

Lind introduced Elaine Barr as the new Policy Analyst and attorney who will be working with the Board of Respiratory Care.

Lind reminded the Board that if members are contacted by the media or people who want to discuss allegations or complaints, they should politely defer all such requests to the Department immediately.

Lind informed that the Michigan Public Health Code is being reviewed by a committee appointed by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), and chaired by Lawrence Burns, a Grand Rapids attorney, to determine what revisions are needed. The committee will provide its recommendations to the MDCH by late January, 2014. Lind has shared the Board member's contact information with the Department of Community Health, so that their names will be added to the distribution list.

## ***PUBLIC COMMENT***

*None*

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held February 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 1, Lansing, Michigan.

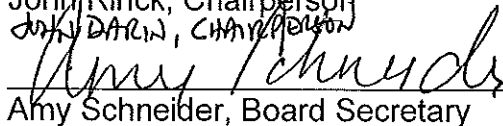
## ***ADJOURNMENT***

*MOTION* by Haas, seconded by Wiltse, to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

*MOTION PREVAILED*



John Rinck, Chairperson  
*John Rinck, Chairperson*



Amy Schneider, Board Secretary

2/7/14

Date Minutes Signed

11.8.13

Date Minutes Prepared