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MICHIGAN BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

MAY 11, 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 May 11, 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 10:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Patrick Monks, Public Member

Staff Present: Amy Schneider, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Desmond Mitchell, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division
Kelly Hugh, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division

Others Present: Teena Culhane, MSRC
Jeremey Bainbridge, MSRC
Derek Schultz, Sparrow Hospital

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Kehr, seconded by Prins, to approve the February 10, 2012 meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Haas introduced new Board member Richard Tooker, MD. He asked the Board and staff in attendance to introduce themselves. He was obliged.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Ramsey discussed (FAQ) Facts and Questions informing Haas that she would email an updated record for his approval for questions that will be posted on the LARA Website.

NEW BUSINESS

Occupational Administrative Rules Committee-Recommendations to Governor

Mitchell discussed the (ORR) Occupational Licensing Advisory Rules Committee report regarding the recommendation to deregulate licensees for 18 Occupations and 9 Boards. The (ORR) Report recommended Respiratory Therapists should be de-regulated. These are only recommendations at this time, pending introduction of legislation that would need to be passed through the Legislature and signed by the Governor in order for such legislation to become enacted.

Chairperson's Report

Haas distributed copies of letters from the MSRC and NBRC that were sent to the Governor's office, supporting the need for licensure of Respiratory Care. Haas explained the voluntary nature of the (NBRC) National Board for Respiratory Care and described why the NBRC did not feel it appropriate for its processes to be used in lieu of licensure for any state.

Department Update

The department reported that there were 4,991 licenses.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Teena Culhane and Jeremey Bainbridge, of (MSRC) Michigan Society for Respiratory Care, expressed their concerns about the (ORR) Occupational Licensing Advisory Rules Committee report and the deregulation of the Respiratory Therapists licenses. They spoke of the MSRC role, and of submitting a letter to the Governor's office in support of non-deregulation of Respiratory Therapists.

Derek Schultz commented that he will also be writing a letter in support of non-deregulation of Respiratory Therapy to the Governor.


ANNOUNCEMENTS


The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held August 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

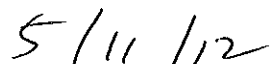
MOTION by Berry, seconded by Prins, to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

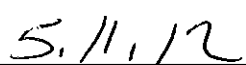
MOTION PREVAILED



Carl Haas, Chairperson


Amy Schneider, Board Secretary



Date Minutes Signed


Date Minutes Prepared