

ADVISORY BOARD ON RESPIRATORY CARE

MINUTES

MAY 19, 2004

The Advisory Board on Respiratory Care met on Wednesday, May 19, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions. Ms. McQuaid, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie McQuaid, RRT
Brian Wilson, RRT
Brian Walsh, RRT
Rev. William Egelhoff

MEMBERS ABSENT: John P. Osborn, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director, Medicine
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director-Licensing,
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst,
Nicole Gordon, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Deborah W. Johnson, RRT
Tom Malinowski, RRT
Scott Dralle, RRT, VSRC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2004

Mr. Walsh moved to approve the minutes dated February 11, 2004 with one correction. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Wilson moved to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Malinowski had commented on agenda item number 5, petition for rule-making.

#1. Review of Legislation from the 2004 Sessions of the General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts provided the Advisory Board with current legislation and highlighted bills relevant to the practice of respiratory care, or of interest to the profession. There was no action necessary.

#2. Consideration of proposed regulations for standards of practice/professional ethics

Ms. Yeatts presented the draft regulations regarding standards of professional conduct. After a lengthy review and agreement on proposed changes, Mr. Walsh moved to adopt the proposed regulations. The motion was seconded and carried.

#3. Consideration of emergency regulations for delegation to an agency subordinate

Ms. Yeatts explained the emergency regulations for delegation to an agency subordinate. There was no action necessary.

#4. Amended by-laws

Ms. Yeatts provided the Advisory Board with the current amended by-laws. There was no action necessary.

5. Petition for rule-making

Ms. Johnson, respiratory therapy manager at a Richmond hospital, submitted a request for rule-making to include courses approved for category 1 CME by the American Medical Association. She had concerns that non AARC members would not be able to obtain the CEU'S required that would be cost beneficial to the respiratory therapist. Ms. Johnson asked for the Advisory Board to approve the AMA Category 1 hours. After much discussion Mr. Wilson moved to accept the petition. The motion was seconded with one abstaining member. The vote carried 3-to-1.

#6. VSRC Legislative Proposal for 2005

The VSRC recommended that the Virginia Drug Control Act be amended to authorize licensed respiratory therapists to administer controlled substances and devices within their scope of practice pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice in any setting. Mr. Walsh moved to move forward the matter to Legislative Committee. The motion was seconded and carried.

#7. Announcements

The Advisory Board members were asked if they would mind changing future meetings from Wednesdays to Tuesdays. They agreed. The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2004.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried.

Bonnie McQuaid, RRT
Chair

William L. Harp, MD
Executive Director

Nicole Gordon
Recording Secretary