

**ADVISORY BOARD ON RESPIRATORY CARE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 29, 2005**

The Advisory Board on Respiratory Care met on Tuesday, November 29, 2005 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:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED APRIL 5, 2005

Mr. Walsh moved to approve the minutes dated April 5, 2005. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Walsh moved to adopt the agenda as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment

#1. Election of Officers

Ms. McQuaid moved to elect Mr. Walsh Chair. The motion was seconded and carried. Rev. Egglehoff moved to elect Ms. McQuaid Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

#2. New Regulation on CME in place

Ms. Yeatts explained to the Board that the new CME requirements allowing courses related to respiratory care as approved by AMA for category I CME will take affect January 2006.

Ms. Yeatts presented a regulatory chart for the Board's information. She explained the possibility of a fee increase, mentioned the new regulations on Standards of Professional Conduct, and announced the regulation of licensed midwives in December 2005.

#3. Executive Order 97 Revised Temporary License

Dr. Harp explained the Executive Order to grant temporary licenses to individuals displaced by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. He stated that the license would be good for one year and issued as promptly as possible.

#4. Return to Licensure from Practice Hiatus

Mr. Walsh expressed concern of respiratory therapists who have not practiced for several years resuming practice as an RCP. After some discussion Mr. Wilson moved to request a NOIRA to review the regulations, specifically initial licensure, renewal and reinstatement requirements. The motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Wilson then moved to recommend the reduction of verification of professional activity from five years to two. The motion was seconded and carried.

5. Newsletter

Dr. Harp related that all seven Advisory Boards should have their own newsletter in order to better communicate with licensees. All licensees would be informed about the newsletter with a postcard. Dr. Harp also said that he hoped to have the first draft of this newsletter by the 7th of February 2006 at the next meeting. All newsworthy items need to be submitted to Nicole Gordon for collection.

#6. Website

Dr. Harp has asked the Board members to review the online FAQ's, update or revise and submit to Ola Powers.

Announcements

The next scheduled meeting date is February 7, 2006.

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