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ADVISORY BOARD ON RESPIRATORY CARE

Minutes

June 4, 2013

The Advisory Board on Respiratory Care met on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Rowley, RRT, Chair
Michael Blumberg, MD, Vice-Chair
Stan Holland, RRT
Damie Carter, JD

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Deschenes, JD, Deputy Executive Director for Discipline
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director for Licensing
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Regulatory Analyst
Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Tom Malinowski, RRT, FAARC, VSRC
Sherry Compton, JSRCC

Call TO ORDER

Daniel Rowley called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Rowley announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called. A quorum was declared. Mr. Rowley asked the public to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 21, 2012

Ms. Carter moved to approve the minutes of December 21, 2012. The motion was seconded and carried.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Holland moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Malinowski, representative of the VSRC, spoke in support of moving from requiring the CRT examination to requiring the RRT examination for initial licensure as an RCP in Virginia.

NEW BUSINESS

#1. Legislative Report

Ms. Yeatts reviewed the recommended changes to the Code of Virginia from the December 21, 2012 meeting that would change the title of Respiratory Care Practitioner to Respiratory Therapist. The Advisory Board accepted the recommended changes as written. The changes will be forwarded to the Board of Medicine for review at its June meeting.

#2. Literature Review

Mr. Rowley provided several articles as a reference point for the agenda items. No action was required.

#3. Administration of conscious sedation by Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Mr. Rowley led the Advisory Board in a discussion regarding the evolution of Respiratory Care and the expanding scope of practice. Ms. Deschenes informed the Advisory Board that, should the question be asked of Board staff, all the staff would be able to provide are the following regulatory and Code sections: 18VAC85-40-70, 54.1-2900, 54.1-2901, and 54.1-3408.

#4. Licensed RCPs inserting PICC lines under the supervision of an Authorized Prescriber

Mr. Rowley led the Advisory Board in a discussion regarding the insertion of PICC lines and the inclusion of PICC line insertion under the scope of practice for Respiratory Care. Mr. Malinowski described the current procedure for INOVA regarding RCPs and the insertion of PICC lines. Ms. Deschenes informed the Advisory Board that, should the question be asked of Board staff, all the Board would be able to provide are the following regulatory and code sections: 18VAC85-40-70, 54.1-2900, 54.1-2901, and 54.1-3408.

#5. Advancing from the CRT to the RRT credential for initial licensure as an RCP

Mr. Rowley led the Advisory Board in a discussion in support of moving from requiring the entry level CRT examination to requiring the RRT examination for initial licensure. Mr. Rowley will obtain and

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provide legislative documentation at the next Advisory Board meeting from the states that have already passed legislation making the RRT credential a requirement for licensure. Mr. Malinowski, on behalf of the VSRC, has offered to conduct research with facilities located in the Commonwealth of Virginia to determine if there is an interest in moving from requiring the CRT to the RRT for initial licensure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

October 8, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Advisory Board was adjourned at 2:23pm.

Daniel Rowley, RRT, Chair

William L. Harp, MD
Executive Director

Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist