

**FINAL MINUTES APPROVED**

**ADVISORY BOARD ON RESPIRATORY CARE**

**Minutes**

**December 21, 2012**

The Advisory Board on Respiratory Care met on Friday, December 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Stan Holland, RRT, Chair  
Michael Blumberg, M.D., Vice-Chair  
Daniel Rowley, RRT  
Damie Carter, Esquire

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director  
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director for Licensing  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst  
Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Don O'Donohue, JSRCC, School of Nursing and Allied Health  
John Dever, RRT, Director of Respiratory Care Johnston-Willis  
Hospital/CJW Medical Center

**Call TO ORDER**

Stan Holland called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES**

Stan Holland announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll was called. A quorum was declared.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 2011**

Mr. Rowley moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2011. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ms. Carter moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **#1. Legislative Report**

Ms. Yeatts informed the Advisory Board of legislation of interest for the 2013 Session of the General Assembly. No action was required.

### **#2. Application Supporting Documentation**

The Advisory Board and JSRCC representatives, Mr. Dever and Mr. O'Donohue, discussed the current application process for Respiratory Care Practitioners with heavy focus on verification of education. The Advisory Board stated that new graduates should apply for licensure in conjunction with registering for the National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC) examination. Mr. Heaberlin will draft a letter to forward to accredited programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia explaining the process.

### **#3. Recommendation to Change Licensure Language from "Respiratory Care Practitioner" to "Respiratory Therapist"**

Mr. Rowley discussed with the Advisory Board his interest in changing the language in the Code of Virginia and in the Regulations Governing the Practice of Respiratory Care Practitioners from Respiratory Care Practitioner to Respiratory Therapist. Ms. Yeatts informed the Advisory Board that a legislative change would need to be requested. Mr. Rowley made a motion to recommend the Board of Medicine consider a request for introduction to the 2014 General Assembly to strike Respiratory Care Practitioner and replace it with Respiratory Therapist. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **#4. Application Review**

Mr. Heaberlin presented a complete application for Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure and conducted a review with the Advisory Board.

## **#5. Polysomnography Board Update**

Ms. Yeatts briefly discussed the progress of the Advisory Board for Polysomnography. No action was necessary.

## **#6. Literature Review Regarding Unlicensed Persons Fitting Masks**

Natalie Napolitano, former Advisory Board member, submitted an article regarding the necessity for effective mask fitting for CPAP. The Advisory Board members read and discussed the article, focusing on whether or not there is a definitive line where unlicensed personnel, a licensed Respiratory Care Practitioner or Polysomnographic Technologist would be required to complete a mask fit. The Advisory Board is requesting the full Board adopt a guidance document that states the application of a CPAP mask is a discretionary act and, therefore, should be performed by a licensed individual.

## **#7. 2013 Meeting Calendar**

Dr. Harp reviewed the meeting calendar for 2013 with the Advisory Board. No action was required.

## **#8. Election of Board Officers**

Mr. Holland moved to nominate Daniel Rowley to serve as Chair. The motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Rowley moved to nominate Dr. Blumberg to serve as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **#9. Conflict of Interest**

Alan Heaberlin informed the Advisory Board that Conflict of Interest training is due in 60 days. Mr. Heaberlin provided instructions to the Advisory Board members regarding completion of the training.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

February 5, 2013

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the Advisory board was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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Daniel Rowley, RRT, Chair

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William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director

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Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist