

ADVISORY BOARD ON RESPIRATORY CARE

MINUTES

SEMPTEBER 11, 2003

The Advisory Board on Respiratory Care met on Thursday, September 11, 2003 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
John Osborn, MD
Brian Walsh, RRT
Rev. William Egelhoff

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: JoLynn Hamelman, RRT
Edward Robinson, President VSRC
Tom Trentis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED MAY 8, 2003

Mr. Walsh moved to approve the minutes dated May 8, 2003. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Robinson had concerns about the CEU requirement date in regulation being changed from 2005 to 2007.

#1. Proposed Regulations Regarding Continuing Education

Ms. Yeatts shared with the Advisory Board the reason for the proposed regulation change. She suggested the option of keeping 2005 as the submission date and granting additional time to those who did not have a full two years to collect their CEU's. Ms. Powers and Ms. Yeatts will work together to come up with language to inform licensee's of this change. Rev. Egelhoff moved to recommend a six month extension to practitioners who renew in 2005 and have not met the requirement for CEU. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried.

#2. NOIRA on Ethics

Dr. Harp explained to the Advisory Board the need to promulgate professional ethics for all licensees of the Board of Medicine, including respiratory care practitioners. The members reviewed the code of ethics provided and prepared their recommendations for Dr. Harp.

#3. Proposed changes to the Drug Control Act

Ms. Scotti Russell, Executive Director of Board of Pharmacy, talked about the current Drug Control Act with respect to administration of drugs by respiratory care practitioners. After much discussion, Ms. Russell made several suggestions. It was decided that Ms. Russell, Dr. Harp and Ms. Yeatts will look into the concerns the Advisory Board had on clarification of drugs administered by routes other than inhalation in a hospital under the supervision of the prescriber, provided the respiratory care practitioner has received training in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board of Medicine.

#4. Communication Regarding Ventilator Settings

A question was posed to Dr. Harp from an Advisory Board member regarding orders to make a ventilator change. Dr. Harp shared his response with the other Board members. The issue was discussed and no action was taken.

#5. Review of Bylaws

A review of the bylaws resulted in several changes that will be incorporated and brought back to the Advisory Board at their next meeting for approval.

#6. Election of Officers

Mr. Wilson moved to keep Ms. McQuaid as the Chair and Mr. Walsh as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded, discussed and carried.

#7. Announcements

The next meeting date has not been decided, but is tentatively scheduled for February 2004.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Bonnie McQuaid, RRT
Chairman

William L. Harp, MD
Executive Director

Nicole Gordon
Recording Secretary