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**Advisory Board on Respiratory Therapy
Minutes
January 31, 2017**

The Advisory Board on Respiratory Therapy met on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland, Suite 201, Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Rowley, RRT, Chair
Lois Rowland, RRT
Hollie Freeman, PhD

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Rubin, MD
Sherry Compton

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Director for Licensure
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Colanthia Morton Opher, Operations Manager
Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: None

Call TO ORDER

Mr. Rowley called the meeting to order at 1:13pm.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Alan Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2016

Ms. Rowland moved to approve the minutes of October 4, 2016. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

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NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Update

Ms. Yeatts provided a legislative update for the 2017 General Assembly. No action was required.

Certification Requirements for Licensure

Mr. Rowley led a discussion with the Advisory Board regarding increasing the minimal qualifications of licensure for a Respiratory Therapist from certification as a Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) to a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT). The Advisory Board decided to leave the licensure qualifications unchanged. No motion was required.

Clarification of 18VAC85-40-66.3 Credit Courses Counting as Continuing Education

Mr. Heaberlin sought clarification from the Advisory Board regarding how it wanted to count post-licensure academic education credits towards the requirement for completing 20 hours of continuing education for license renewal. The Advisory Board determined that one credit hour of academic credit could be used for one credit hour of continuing medical education.

Rescheduling October 3, 2017 Advisory Board Meeting Date

Due to a scheduling conflict with the Advisory Board Members, this October 3, 2017, meeting date has been moved to October 10, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heaberlin stated that there are 3,898 Respiratory Therapists in Virginia with an active license and 99 with an inactive license.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

June 6, 2017 @ 1:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Advisory board was adjourned at 2:18pm

Daniel Rowley, RRT, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D.,
Executive Director

Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist