

ADVISORY BOARD ON RESPIRATORY CARE
Minutes
June 2, 2015

The Advisory Board on Respiratory Care met on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lois Rowland, RRT, Chair
Sherry Compton, RRT, Vice-Chair
Daniel Rowley, RRT
Bruce Rubin, MD

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hollee Freeman

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

GUESTS PRESENT: None

Call TO ORDER

Ms. Rowland called the meeting to order at 1:14pm.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2014

Mr. Rowley moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2014. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

#1. 2015 Legislation Affecting Respiratory Therapists

Ms. Yeatts informed the Advisory Board that as of July 1, 2015, Respiratory Care Practitioner will be changed to Respiratory Therapist in the Code of Virginia. Additionally, the professional designation will change from RCP to RT. Mr. Rowley thanked Ms. Yeatts on behalf of the Advisory Board for the help she provided to make this change for the profession.

#2. Discussion of Fee Reductions for Renewal

Ms. Yeatts informed the Advisory Board that there will be a renewal fee reduction for the 2016-2017 biennium. Ms. Yeatts was unable to state what the reduction will be, but that it will most likely mirror previous fee reductions. Dr. Harp informed the Advisory Board that the current reduction averages 14% across all professions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Heaberlin informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 3903 licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners. Mr. Heaberlin also stated that 191 have been licensed this fiscal year ending June 30, and 260 were licensed last fiscal year. Additionally, Mr. Heaberlin informed the Advisory Board that licensure is available for Polysomnographic Technologists.

Mr. Rowley requested that item number 4 from the last meeting, Respiratory Care Practitioner licensure requirements, be presented at the next meeting. Additionally, it was suggested that a discussion regarding ethics hours for continuing education be placed on the agenda for October's meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

October 6, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Advisory board was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Daniel Rowley, RRT, Chair

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

Bradley Verry, Licensing Specialist