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ADVISORY BOARD ON POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGY

**Minutes
May 24, 2019**

The Advisory Board on Polysomnographic Technology met on Friday, May 24, 2019 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Clark, RPSGT, Chair
Debbie Akers, RPSGT, Vice-Chair
Raid Mohaidat, Citizen Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anna Rodriguez, RPSGT
Abdul Amir, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior policy Analyst
Colanthia M. Opher, Deputy Director for Administration
Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Clark called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress procedures.

ROLL CALL

Denise Mason called the roll; a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 5, 2018

Ms. Akers moved to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of the 2019 General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts reviewed the Report of the 2019 General Assembly and provided historical background on the bills that were of interest to the members.

Ms. Yeatts also provided a brief update on the status of the Board’s emergency regulations, APA regulatory actions, and future policy actions.

Both of these reports were for information only and did not require any action.

2. Respiratory Therapists Performing Polysomnographic Technology

Mr. Clark opened discussion in regards to the education of respiratory therapists to practice as polysomnographic technologists. Should respiratory therapists follow the same educational program as a polysomnographic technologist? Mr. Clark also asked at what point in his/her polysomnographic technology training should a respiratory therapist be able to practice on their own? Dr. Harp pointed out that a respiratory therapist could practice polysomnographic technology by the authority of his/her license. He further stated that the employer/supervisor should ensure that a respiratory therapist, by knowledge and training, is safe and competent to practice to be able to work independently.

3. Regulations Governing the Practice of Polysomnographic Technologists *(for reference only)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Mason informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 485 Polysomnographic Technologists licensed by the Virginia Board of Medicine; 114 of which are out of state.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

September 30, 2019 @ 1 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

William Harp, Executive Director