

FINAL APPROVED

ADVISORY BOARD ON RESPIRATORY THERAPY

Minutes

October 6, 2020

Electronic Meeting

The Advisory Board on Respiratory Therapy held a virtual meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 hosted at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shari Toomey, RRT, Chair
Daniel Gochenour, RRT, Vice-Chair
Bruce Rubin, MD
Santiera Yearling-Brown, RRT
Denver Supinger, Citizen Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Michael Sobowale, LLM, Deputy Director, Licensing
Colanthia Morton Opher, Deputy Director, Administration

GUESTS PRESENT: Brian Walsh, PhD, RRT

Call to Order

Shari Toomey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Emergency Egress Instructions

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress instructions.

Roll Call

The roll was called, and a quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2019

Denver Supinger moved to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019. The motion was seconded by Daniel Gochenour. By roll call vote, the minutes were approved as presented.

Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Rubin moved to approve the adoption of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Daniel Gochenour. By roll call vote, the agenda was adopted as presented.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

Special Guest Presentation

Dr. Brian Walsh appeared as a special guest to make a presentation to the Board on steps being taken in the profession to establish an advanced practice respiratory therapist (APRT) designation. He discussed that, so far, Ohio State University has developed an APRT curriculum, and there is an APRT regulation declaratory ruling in North Carolina. The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) has completed the development of standards of accreditation for advanced practice programs in respiratory care. There has also been an advanced practice provider scope of practice published.

Dr. Walsh suggested placing the APRT designation on the agenda for the next meeting to be discussed with additional information, including what other states are doing to implement this initiative.

This report was for the Advisory Board's information. No action was required.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Regulatory Update and Report of the 2020 General Assembly

Mrs. Yeatts provided a regulatory update and report of the 2020 General Assembly. She discussed bills that were of interest to members.

2. Approval of 2021 Meeting Calendar

Daniel Gochenour moved to approve the 2021 proposed meeting dates of the Advisory Board as presented. The motion was seconded by Santiera Yearling-Brown. By roll call vote, the schedule of meetings for 2021 was approved.

3. Election of Officers

Santiera Yearling-Brown nominated Daniel Gochenour for Chair. Dr. Rubin seconded. Denver Supinger nominated Santiera Yearling-Brown as Vice-Chair; Ms. Toomey seconded. By roll call vote, Daniel Gochenour was elected Chair, and Santiera Yearling-Brown was elected Vice-Chair.

Announcements

Next meeting date: January 26, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Daniel Gochenour, RRT, Chair

William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director

Michael Sobowale, LLM, Recording Secretary