

FINAL APPROVED

ADVISORY BOARD ON RESPIRATORY THERAPY

Minutes

May 24, 2022

The Advisory Board on Respiratory Therapy met on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Santiera Brown-Yearling, RRT, Chair
Shari Toomey, RRT, Vice-Chair
Daniel Gochenour, RRT

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce K. Rubin, MD
Denver Supinger, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Erin Barrett, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Michael Sobowale, LLM, Deputy Director for Licensure
Colanthia Opher, Deputy Director for Administration
Delores Cousins, Licensure Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Sherleen Bose

Call to Order

Santiera Brown-Yearling called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Emergency Egress Procedures

Emergency Egress Procedures were presented by Dr. Harp

Roll Call

Roll was called, and a quorum was declared.

Approval of the October 5th, 2021 Minutes

Shari Toomey moved to approve the minutes, which were seconded by Daniel Gochenour and passed.

Adoption of Agenda

Shari Toomey moved to adopt the agenda. Daniel Gochenour seconded the motion, which was approved.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

Healthcare Workforce Data Center presentation by Dr. Yetty Shobo

Dr. Shobo did her usual comprehensive presentation on demographics and answered questions from the Advisory Board members and staff.

New Business

1. Legislative Update from the 2022 General Assembly

Erin Barrett presented relevant legislation from the Session. She highlighted HB745 that authorizes new RT graduates to practice for 6 months without a license or until they get a failing score on the NBRC exam. She also covered SB317 which authorizes out-of-state licensed RT's to practice in Virginia for 90 days.

2. Discussion of Licensing Process for Respiratory Therapists

Daniel Gochenour commented on the effect of HB745 and the positive effect it will have on the respiratory care workforce.

3. Consider Amendment to Bylaws for the Advisory Board

Erin Barrett suggested the process to review and update the Advisory Board's bylaws be done in conjunction with the 10 other Advisory Boards, so one guidance document could be presented to the Board of Medicine for approval. The Advisory agreed with this approach.

Announcements:

Delores Cousins provided statistics.

- 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021 - 346 initial applications; 34 reinstatement applications

- 1/1/2022 to 5/24/2022 - 156 initial applications; 15 reinstatement applications
- License count - 2,996 Virginia current active; 83 Virginia current inactive
- License count - 1,096 out-of-state current active; 25 out-of-state current active
- License count - 1 probation current

Next Scheduled Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting will be September 20, 2022 @ 1pm.

Adjournment

Santiera Brown-Yearling adjourned the meeting @ 2:12 pm.

Santiera Brown-Yearling, Chair

William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director

Michael Sobowale, LLM, Deputy Director