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ADVISORY BOARD ON POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGY

Minutes

June 9, 2017

The Advisory Board on Polysomnographic Technology met on Friday, June 9, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Clark, RPSGT, Chair
Debbie Akers, RPSGT, Vice-Chair
Anna Rodriquez, RPSGT
Robert Vorona, M.D.
Marie Quinn

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp M.D., Executive Director
Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Director for Licensure
Colanthia Morton, Operations Manager
Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: Amy Boykins, Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters

Call TO ORDER

Mr. Clark called the meeting to order at 1:07p.m.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called by Denise Mason; a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 7, 2016

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Clark moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Amy Boykins discussed her concerns in regards to not having enough Polysomnographic Technologists to serve the public.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of “Proposal to add a Provisional Licensure for Polysomnographic Technologists”

Mr. Clark led the discussion of this item. Mr. Heaberlin stated that he thought that regulation similar to the Occupational Therapist License Applicant may be a better alternative than a provisional license or temporary authorization to practice. Ms. Yeatts said such a proposal would require a Code change and would need to be submitted as a recommendation/request to the Board of Medicine. Ms. Rodriguez made a motion to request that the Board of Medicine consider a legislative proposal to grant an exception to licensure for those who have completed training and are eligible to sit for the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists certification examination. A motion was made that such individuals may practice for up to 6 months, or until they are licensed or receive notification of failure of the examination, whichever comes first. The motion was seconded and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Vorona invited Mr. Heaberlin to speak at the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Academy of Sleep Medicine on November 3, 2017 in Richmond. Mr. Heaberlin accepted the invitation.

Mr. Heaberlin announced that there are currently 467 licensed polysomnographic technologists in Virginia.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

October 6, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Advisory Board was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Dr. Robert Vorona, Chair

William Harp, Executive Director

Denise W. Mason, Licensing Specialist