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## **ADVISORY BOARD ON RESPIRATORY THERAPY**

### **Minutes**

June 4, 2024

The Advisory Board on Respiratory Therapy met on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Shari Toomey, RRT, Vice-Chair  
Todd Zischke, RRT  
Denver Supinger, Citizen

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Santiera Brown-Yearling, RRT, Chair  
Bruce Rubin, MD

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director  
Michael Sobowale, LLM., Deputy Executive Director - Licensure  
Colanthia M. Opher, Deputy Executive Director - Administration  
Arne Owens, DHP Director  
Barbara Hodgdon, Ph.D, Healthcare Workforce Data Center  
Roslyn Nickens, Licensing Supervisor  
Janice Martin, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** None

#### **Call to Order**

Shari Toomey, RRT, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

#### **Emergency Egress Procedures**

Dr. Harp announced the emergency egress procedures.

#### **Roll Call**

Janice Martin called the roll; a quorum was declared.

#### **Introduction of Members**

Ms. Toomey asked everyone present in the room to introduce themselves.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

There were no previous minutes needing approval.

## **Adoption of Agenda**

Shari Toomey, RRT, Vice-Chair moved to adopt the agenda. Todd Zischke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None

## **Healthcare Workforce Data Presentation**

Barbara Hodgdon, Ph.D. provided a comprehensive presentation on results from the 2023 respiratory care healthcare workforce data survey. Among the key findings discussed are increases in licensees entering Virginia workforce and those working in full time employment.

## **New Business**

### **1. Report on Status of Regulatory/Policy Actions**

Dr. Harp reviewed the status of the Advisory Board's regulatory actions.

### **2. Orientation to the Board of Medicine and Advisory Board**

Dr. Harp gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Board of Medicine and its Advisory Boards.

## **Licensing Report**

Janice Martin provided the licensing statistics report for respiratory therapists. The Board has a total of 4902 licensed respiratory therapists.

## **Announcements**

### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

## **Adjournment**

With no other business to conduct, Shari Toomey, RRT, Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:17pm.

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William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director