

ADVISORY BOARD ON RESPIRATORY CARE

MINUTES

APRIL 5, 2005

The Advisory Board on Respiratory Care met on Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions. Ms. McQuaid, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bonnie McQuaid, RRT
Brian Wilson, RRT
John P. Osborn, M.D.
Rev. William Egelhoff

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Walsh, RRT

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director, Medicine
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director-Licensing,
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst,
Nicole Gordon, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Tom Malinowski, RRT, VSRC
Jolynn Hamelman, VSRC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED MAY 19, 2004

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes dated May 19, 2004. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Wilson moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of #5 Letter from Tara Modisett; #6 CE Providers and #7 students and employment. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment

#1. Review of Legislation in the 2005 Session of the General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts presented and explained new legislation affecting the Department of Health Professions, the Board of Medicine and the Occupational Therapy Board. She reminded the Board that this is the time to consider legislation for next year.

#2. Comments on the Proposed Regulations on Standards of Conduct

Ms. Yeatts gave the board a brief background of the regulations on Standards of Conduct. She explained the changes made to the proposed regulations and asked for comments. Dr. Osborn moved to recommend adoption of the proposed regulations to the full Board with the suggested amendment to 18VAC85-40-86 E. (1) (a). The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

#3. Regulations Governing the Practice of Respiratory Care

Ms. Yeatts presented a chart showing the status of regulations. No action was necessary.

#4. Routine/Types of Medication

Information only.

5. Letter from Tara Modisett

A question was asked on behalf of Virginia Association of Durable Medical Equipment Companies by Ms. Modisett asking if a non-licensed person can practice or perform duties of a respiratory therapist. After a brief discussion it was agreed upon that the practice described required a license. The Advisory Board asked that a response be provided to Ms. Modisett.

#6. CE Providers

A company from California requested recognition of their continued education. The Advisory Board has no authority to approve but Ms. McQuaid offered to contact them and see why they are not recognized or approved by AARC.

#7. Students and Employment

The issue of respiratory care students practicing outside of their respiratory care program was discussed. The consensus was that students could not legally function in that capacity without a full unrestricted license.

#8. Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried.

Bonnie McQuaid, RRT
Chair

William L. Harp, MD
Executive Director

Nicole Gordon
Recording Secretary