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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE MAY 15, 2009 MEETING

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Respiratory Care met in regular session on May 15, 2009 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Conference Room 5, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

James R. Berry, L.R.T., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** James R. Berry, L.R.T., Chairperson  
Carl Haas, L.R.T., Vice Chairperson  
Randall M. Kehr, L.R.T.  
Ilene Abramson, Ph.D., Public Member

**Members Absent:** Kathleen Mutch, Public Member  
Frank R. Sprague, M.D.  
John Rinck, L.R.T.

**Staff Present:** Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division  
Amy Shell, Policy Administration Manager, Licensing Division  
Laurie VanBeelen, Board Secretary  
Starla Walter, Board Secretary

**Others Present:** Dana Earle – MSRC  
Jon Gross – Alert Medical

#### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Berry welcomed visitors to the Board meeting. Dana Earle of MSRC and Jon Gross of Alert Medical introduced themselves.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** by Haas, seconded by Kehr to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2009 meeting as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED.*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** by Haas, seconded by Kehr to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

Under **NEW BUSINESS**, add letter: D. NVRC-AARC – Licensing Meeting.

*MOTION PREVAILED.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Continuing Professional Development:**

Haas led a powerpoint presentation regarding activities of the Rules Subcommittee and Continuing Professional Development (CPD). Activity has revolved primarily around two areas: 1) reviewing the CEU process of other states and 2) reviewing the four CPD documents from the Department. Haas provided handouts to the Board.

Abramson reported that she sent letters to most state boards requesting information on their CE process and reviewed several of the responses. Haas stated that the subcommittee has gathered information from over 30 states and is entering it into a data base.

Haas stated that the subcommittee is reviewing the current CPD process of four other health care groups that have established a process similar to the reflective model they are attempting to establish: the North Carolina Board of Nursing; the College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario; the Canadian Nurses Association; and the Commission on Dietetic Registration. Haas also stated that the subcommittee will continue to work on CPD and will continue to update the Board. He stated that he welcomes questions and suggestions from the Board.

Ramsdell suggested that Department staff be kept involved with the subcommittee meetings and are available to help. Shell will coordinate a summer subcommittee meeting.

**Position Statements Related to Home Respiratory Care:**

Haas provided a handout to the Board regarding delivery of respiratory equipment. There are concerns over what an unlicensed technician can do in home care settings. Berry reported that there are some technicians who are delivering, setting up and assessing patients with no license. Berry stated that only licensed respiratory therapists are permitted to complete the set-up. Earle (public audience member) stated to the Board that the phrase "set-up" can become very involved (i.e., setting levels, education on equipment, fitting of masks).

Berry will provide specific questions to Ramsdell. Ramsdell will prepare sample FAQ's for the Board's review at the August meeting.

**Department Update:**

Ramsdell stated that the MMMP (Michigan Medical Marihuana Program) is up and running. She stated that approximately 1100 registry cards have been issued to date.

Shell updated the Board on the upcoming furlough days. Because of the state budget, state employees will receive six (6) unpaid days. It is unclear at this time if the days will be consecutive. Shell stated to the Board that the August meeting may need to be rescheduled if the furlough days are scheduled for Fridays.

**NBRC-AARC – Licensing Meeting:**

Haas discussed the agenda for an upcoming meeting for State Licensure Liaison Group, co-sponsored by the AARC and NBRC. The meeting will be held in Olathe, Kansas on September 25-26<sup>th</sup>. The NBRC covers the cost of sending one person.

***REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS***

None

***PUBLIC COMMENT***

None

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 5, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, MI.


## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Haas, seconded by Kehr, to adjourn at 11:41 a.m.

MOTION PREVAILED

  
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James R. Berry, R.T., Chairperson

25 Aug 09  
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Date Minutes Approved

  
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Starla Walter, Board Secretary

June 24, 2009  
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Date Minutes Prepared