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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2009

### 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 November 20, 2009 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. 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 10:02 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Frank R. Sprague, M.D.  
Ilene Abramson, Ph.D., Public Member  
Randall M. Kehr, L.R.T.  
John Rinck, L.R.T.  
Kathleen Mutch, Public Member (arrived 10:10 a.m.)  
Carl Haas, L.R.T., Vice-Chairperson  
James R. Berry, L.R.T., Chairperson

**Staff Present:**

Bonnie Curtis, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Health Regulatory Division  
Desmond Mitchell, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Pam Millben, Analyst, Enforcement Section  
Susan Affholter, Paliative Care Coordinator, Professional  
Practice Section

**Others Present:**

Julia Prins, Wright & Filipis  
Jill Thompson, Sheldon Medical Supply  
Debbie Elliott, Sheldon Medical Supply  
Joe Gross, Alert Medical

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** by Sprague, seconded by Haas, to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2009 meeting as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** by Sprague, seconded by Kehr, to approve the agenda with the following addition:

Under **NEW BUSINESS**, add **C. Update on NBRC State Licensure Liaison Group Meeting – Haas**

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Rinck provided members with a copy of a power point presentation which included: background process; emerging patterns; critical analysis of the proposed plan; CPD evolution; subcommittee draft rules; board approved education and work to be done.

Mitchell reviewed the rules promulgation process.

Discussion followed.

### **FAQS REGARDING DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

Berry provided members with a copy of a letter he received from the president of the MSRC regarding questionable practices and requesting position statements from the Board regarding delivery of respiratory care equipment. Board members reviewed letter and discussion followed.

Berry appointed Mutch, Kehr and Sprague to a committee to develop frequently asked questions regarding this issue.

**UPDATE ON NBRC STATE LICENSURE LIAISON GROUP MEETING – HAAS**

Haas provided members with material he received at the meeting and summarized issues presented at NBRC State Licensure Liaison Group Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Ramsdell introduced Affholter who gave a brief overview of her position and provided members with copies of the book "Responsible Opioid Prescribing".

**REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gross stated his opinion regarding the Public Health Code and Administrative Rules not being clear about what duties a respiratory therapist can perform in a home health care setting.

Elliott also stated her opinion on this issue.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

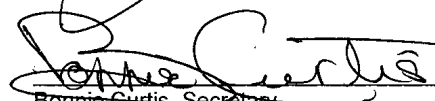
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 19, 2010 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 5, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

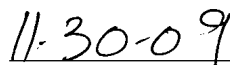
**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Sprague, seconded by Haas, to adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

  
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James R. Berry, L.R.T., Chairperson

  
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Date Minutes Approved

  
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Bonnie Curtis, Secretary

  
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Date Minutes Prepared