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MICHIGAN BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2008

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 February 22, 2008 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa Street, Conference Room 1, Upper Level Parking, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Randall M. Kehr, R.T., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:21 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

James R. Berry, L.R.T., Vice Chairperson
Randall M. Kehr, L.R.T., Chairperson
Carl F. Haas, R.T.
Frank R. Sprague, M.D.

Members Absent:

Malita L. Barrett, Public Member
Kathleen Mutch, Public Member

Staff Present:

Brooke Parmalee, Board Secretary
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division

Others Present:

Richard Weiler, Mid-Michigan Medical Center
Jan Field, Muskegon Community College
Deb Smith, Gratiot Medical Center
Gail Lynch, Mid-Michigan Medical Center - Gladwin
Julia Prins, Wright & Filipis

INTRODUCTIONS

A. New Members Carl Haas and Kathleen Mutch

Mutch was unable to attend today. Haas is an Education Research Coordinator at the University of Michigan and is the new professional member to the board. He has been attending the meetings for quite some time as an interested party.

Kehr offered the opportunity for the public attendees to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Sprague, seconded by Berry to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2007 as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Sprague, seconded by Haas to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

A. Continuous Professional Development Update

A number of boards have expressed interest in participating in the CPD model. The staff is putting together a model for the board to look at and decide how they want to customize that model to fit this specific board. A set of rules to work with will also be brought to the board. The board has the final decision in determining what the minimum and maximum numbers will be regarding continuing education. Recommendations that have been given to the board do not have to be implemented. The department would like to offer a variety of activities and options for Respiratory Therapists to complete their continuing education requirements.

Kehr asked when that will be given. Ramsdell stated that they have a draft and she is hoping they will have a model ready to present to the board in the summer.

Haas asked about the web-based component. Ramsdell stated that it will be a part of the model if funds are available.

Kehr stated that licensees are very interested in what is going to count towards their CE. Ramsdell stated that the process will take quite some time, possibly two years or more.

A rules committee can be set up when the time comes to define what the model would be for the board. Once that model is complete it would come to the full board for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Elections

MOTION by Berry, seconded by Sprague to nominate Kehr for chairperson.

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Sprague, seconded by Haas to nominate Berry for vice chairperson.

MOTION PREVAILED

B. Resolutions

David Zobeck, R.T. and Frank J. Couckuyt have been replaced. They are being recognized for their service to the board.

C. Department Update

House Bill No. 5571 was introduced and has gone to the committee on health policy. In lieu of a two-year degree, an individual may become licensed by completing the equivalent training through the military. The board must decide what military training would be deemed equivalent to the degree. Kehr asked if the bill becomes law, would the board's rules have to be opened up. Ramsdell stated that the board would determine the policy for that and once the rules needed to be opened up, that policy would be added to the rules.

Ramsdell stated that the department tracks and monitors the bills that are being introduced that may affect the Public Health Code.

Ramsdell asked if the board felt that equivalent military training would be an issue. Kehr stated that he is not sure how they train people. Haas understands that they do extensive training to become Certified Respiratory Therapists. The equivalency is **ONLY** for the two year degree requirements, not for the certification requirements.

Kehr asked about the licensure of sleep technologists and whether or not Ramsdell had heard anything about that in Michigan. Ramsdell has not heard anything about that. Haas stated that the bill was written so that they were not excluded from doing what they do.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Weiler stated that the CPD is well formulated but as a manager he is concerned about the amount of event based CE. The work that is involved with event based categories comes out to once every three months. If that is the expectation to put that type of responsibility on the licensees, it is unrealistic to complete in two years. Hands on experience is definitely the best way to get it, but he feels that they need to balance that experience with the demands of the job. He was curious as to whether or not the model will be implemented in other professions if it is successful.

Lynch feels the same about the event based concerns. Small facilities would not have the opportunities that a large facility would have with regard to event based CE.

Prins' concern is that in the home care realm it would be beneficial to have a more defined scope of practice. There are quite a few home care companies that have varied levels of experience setting up home care equipment. Some people that work for these companies have no experience setting up this equipment. That is not defined in the scope of practice at all at this point. She feels a more proactive outline would be a better approach rather than a whistle blowing technique in which the AGs office would eventually investigate. There should be guidelines rather than consequences once something has already occurred. She would like to see the board address the opportunity to have the scope of practice better defined. Ramsdell stated that the more defined the scope of practice, the more limited it becomes. Ramsdell indicated that the Board and Department could create some frequently asked questions to be placed on the website regarding home health or other related issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kehr appointed Haas to the Disciplinary Subcommittee. Mutch was appointed to the committee as well and she was also appointed as the chair to that committee.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 1, Upper Level Parking, Lansing, MI.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sprague, seconded by Haas to adjourn at 11:15 a.m.

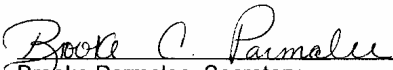
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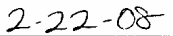
Randall M. Kehr, R.T., Chairperson



Date Minutes Approved



Brooke Parmelee, Secretary



Date Minutes Prepared