

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS  
POLYSOMNOGRAPHY PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
Thursday, August 24, 2017  
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, Room 100**

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Theresa Banks, RRT, RPSGT, Angela Dawson, RPSGT, Jacob Collen, MD, Adil Degani, MD

**STAFF PRESENT:** Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor, Noreen Rubin, Esq., Board Counsel, Sandi Van Horn, Policy Analyst, Linda Monroe, Allied Health Analyst, Cecilia Laurent, Allied Health Analyst

**ABSENT:** Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director, Ashura Williams Buckley, MD, Norman Schubert, RPSGT, Brenda McKinley, Consumer Member, Stacy Darin, Esq., Board Counsel

**GUESTS:** John Brown, M.D., Chair, Respiratory Care Professional Standards Committee (RCPSC), Thomas French, BS, RRT, RCP, RCPSC member, Julie Washington, Allied Health Analyst RCPSC Administrative Support

**CALL TO ORDER**

In the absence of a Chair, Theresa Banks called the meeting to order at 4:28 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Dr. Collen and seconded by Ms. Dawson, the Committee approved the June 22, 2017 Open Meeting Minutes.

**BOARD COUNSEL REPORT**

Nothing to Report

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Ms. Van Horn presented on the Board's redesigned website, which features a new look and easier navigational options.

### **Nomination and Election of a new Chair**

On a motion made by Dr. Adil Degani and seconded by Ms. Banks, the Committee unanimously voted to table the nomination and election until the October 2017 meeting.

### **Introduction of Guest Committee Members**

The Respiratory Care Professional Standards Committee members and Polysomnographic Professional Standards Committee members in attendance introduced themselves to each other.

### **Discussion: Development of Position Statement for the setting up of CPAP/BIPAP Machines**

Dr. Brown explained the current state of patient care for CPAP/BIPAP setup and whether statements from the Board reflect current practice. He stated that in the past the Board's website identified this task solely under the scope of practice of respiratory care practitioners. There was a consensus from all of the Committee members present that the setup of a CPAP/BIPAP device also falls under the scope of practice of other healthcare practitioners such as polysomnographic technologists.

The both Committees determined that the devices are consumer grade Durable Medical Equipment (DME's) and consumers can also setup the equipment on their own; however, they may require assistance. The topic of DME companies using trained staff or technicians to complete the setup of CPAP/BIPAP machines was discussed at length with consensus being that employing adequately trained staff/technicians is an acceptable way to provide services to consumers.

In conclusion, the Committees agreed that setup of CPAP/BIPAP equipment goes beyond the scope of practice of respiratory care practitioners and that a position statement should be developed to provide basic guidelines on this issue. Dr. Brown agreed to work on a draft of this statement.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Submitted by,

*Linda Monroe*

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Allied Health Analyst