

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
RESPIRATORY CARE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 8, 2019
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215, 4th Floor, Room 100**

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

- PRESENT:** John Brown, M.D., Chair, Karen Goodison, MS, RRT-NPS, RPFT,
Thomas French, BS, RRT, RCP
- STAFF PRESENT:** Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor, Cecilia Laurent, Allied Health
Analyst, and Noreen Rubin, Board Counsel
- ABSENT:** Joseph Rabin, M.D., Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director and Wynce
Hawk, R.N., J.D., Manager, Policy and Legislation
- GUESTS:** Andrew Garrison, Analyst, Department of Legislative Services

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Brown called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Goodison and seconded by Mr. French, the Open Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2019 were unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Setting up of CPAP/BiPAP Machines - Revised Position Statement - John Brown, M.D.

Dr. Brown presented the committee members with a revised position statement regarding the setup of CPAP and BIPAP devices for Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA). The first noted change in the document was the use of the generic term Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) as opposed to CPAP/BiPAP, which are subsets/vendor names of PAP devices. Dr. Brown also stated that the term "Monitoring" was added to the title. The revision was developed with guidance from Dr. Collen, the Chair of the Polysomnography Professional Standards Committee, and Dr. Patil, the president of the Maryland Sleep Society. After a thorough discussion the committee concluded that a position statement was not warranted to address questions of the setup of PAP devices, but rather a succinct FAQ to address the following questions:

1. Does the delivery and setup of the CPAP and BiPAP machines have to be done by a licensed Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP) or Polysomnographic Technologist?; and
2. What constitutes setup?

The committee will develop this FAQ for review at the next meeting on November 14, 2019.

Response to Letter from Tom Striplin, President of the Maryland/DC Society for Respiratory Care regarding NBRC Credential and Licensure – Karen Goodison, MS, RRT-NPS, RPFT

Dr. Brown provided background on the original issue regarding Mr. Striplin's letter which recommended that current regulations be changed to mandate NBRC credentialing as part of licensure renewal. Ms. Goodison drafted the Committee's response to Mr. Striplin's letter based on the Committee's May 9, 2019 discussion. After having heard the drafted response, the Committee revised the response to state that this issue does not rise to the level of a regulatory change, but is essentially an employer issue. The committee also discussed current issues of credentialing through NBRC and its impact on practice and continuing education. The committee reviewed and unanimously approved the final draft of the letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion – NBRC and use of the terms RRT vs. RCP

This issue was discussed under the second topic of "Unfinished Business" - Letter from Tom Striplin, President of the Maryland/DC Society for Respiratory Care regarding NBRC Credential and Licensure

Discussion – Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCPs) Transporting Across State Lines

The current law does not provide an exception to licensure for RCPs transporting patients across Maryland state lines, so they must be licensed in Maryland. A statutory change would need to take place in order for RCPs to be able to transport patients into Maryland without a Maryland license. This type of exception to licensure would need to be taken to the legislature for a change in current law.

Board Member Training

The committee agreed to set aside time after the next scheduled meeting to complete "Board Member Training" on November 14, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 100.

Submitted by:



Cecilia Laurent
Allied Health Analyst