

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
RESPIRATORY CARE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 9, 2019
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215, 4th Floor, Conference Room 1**

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: John Brown, M.D., Chair, Karen Goodison, MS, RRT-NPS, RPFT,
Thomas French, BS, RRT, RCP, and Joseph Rabin, M.D.,

STAFF PRESENT: Felicia Wright, Allied Health Supervisor, Cecilia Laurent, Allied Health
Analyst, and Noreen Rubin, Board Counsel

ABSENT: Christopher Franklin, M.D., Carroll Reese, RCP, RRT, MBA, Ph.D,
Ellen Douglas Smith, Deputy Director and Wynnee Hawk, R.N., J.D.,
Manager, Policy and Legislation

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Brown called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Goodison and seconded by Mr. French, the Open Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2017 were unanimously approved.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Ms. Rubin stated that there was nothing unusual pertaining to the committee from the last legislative session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Setting up of CPAP/BiPAP Machines

- Follow up from attendance at the August 24, 2017 Polysomnography Professional Standards Committee

Dr. Brown presented the committee members with a position statement regarding the setup of CPAP and BIPAP devices for obstructive sleep apnea (OSA). The document will be amended to reflect the feedback the committee members provided. Dr. Brown stated that he will also seek guidance from Dr. Collen, the Chair of the Polysomnography Professional Standards Committee, and Dr. Patil, the president of the Maryland Sleep Society. The committee will review the revised statement at the next meeting on August 8, 2019. The final draft will be reviewed with the Polysomnography Professional Standards Committee on August 22, 2019.

Letter from Tom Striplin, President of the Maryland/DC Society for Respiratory Care regarding NBRC Credential and Licensure

- Follow up to discussion at the August 10, 2017 meeting

The committee discussed this issue and determined that a response to Mr. Striplin in the form of a letter should be written. Ms. Goodison agreed to draft a letter to be reviewed at the next meeting on August 8, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Disclosure Statements

Ms. Wright reminded the committee members that the Financial Disclosure Statements were due by April 30, 2019. She advised the committee members who had not yet completed their Financial Disclosure Statements to do so immediately.

Discussion – Karen Goodison, MS, RRT-NPS, RPFT

- Issue Paper: Entry to Respiratory Therapy Practice 2025

Ms. Goodison informed the committee that there is a push to advance the minimum, educational requirements for a respiratory therapist from an Associate degree to a Baccalaureate degree and the minimum certification from a CRT to a RRT.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:40a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 100.

Submitted by:


Cecilia Laurent