

**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
RESPIRATORY CARE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 14, 2019
4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215, Room 100**

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: John Brown, M.D., Chair, Thomas French, BS, RRT, RCP, Joseph Rabin, M.D.

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

ABSENT: Karen Goodison, MS, RRT-NPS, RPFT, 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 10:34 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. French and seconded by Dr. Rabin, the Open Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2019 were unanimously approved.

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY UPDATES

There was nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Setting up of CPAP/BiPAP Machines – Draft FAQ

Dr. Brown presented two FAQs to the Respiratory Care Professional Standards Committee (RCPSC) to add to the Board's website for respiratory care practitioners. The RCPSC discussed both FAQs and determined that the second FAQ was unnecessary. The FAQ to be added to the website is as follows:

Question: Must delivery and setup of CPAP and BPAP devices be performed by a Respiratory Care Practitioner or Registered Polysomnography Technologist?

Answer: No. Setup of CPAP and BPAP devices are not solely limited to Respiratory Care Practitioners or Registered Polysomnography Technologists. Equipment is typically provided to patients through Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Companies. DME Companies follow guidance from their regulating authorities and are not regulated by this body.

On a motion made by Mr. French and seconded by Dr. Rabin the RCPSC unanimously voted to add the above FAQ to the Board's website.

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

Dr. Brown brought up a prior agenda item; RCPs transporting patients across state lines. After discussion of the issues involved in this topic, the RCPSC recommended that this be added to the agenda of the next meeting as “Unfinished Business”. Dr. Brown also stated that he would respond in writing to the stakeholder that asked the original question prior to the August 2019 meeting.

***CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to Maryland General Provision Article §3-305(b)(1), on a motion made by Mr. French and seconded by Dr. Rabin, the committee unanimously voted to go into Closed Session at 11:32 a.m.*

SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION:

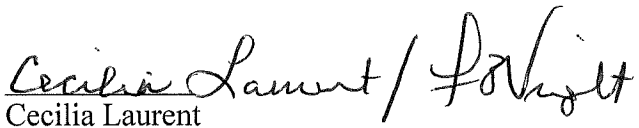
The Committee went into closed session to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned from the Closed meeting at 12:12 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 100.

Submitted by:


Cecilia Laurent
Allied Health Analyst