MARYLAND BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
POLYSOMNOGRAPHY PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 28, 2013, 4:00 p.m., Room 110

PRESENT: Brian Bohner, M.D., Douglas Rousseau, RRT, RPSGT, Susheel Patil, M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Douglas Smith, Manager, Allied Health and Licensure Programs, Robin Bailey, Public Policy Analyst, Julie Washington, Allied Health Analyst, Phyllis Washington, Allied Health Analyst

ABSENT: Helene A. Emsellem, M.D., Anne Harter, RPSGT, CRT, Michael DeLayo, RPSGT, Brenda McKinley, Consumer Member

GUEST: Jessica Schmidt, President of the Maryland Sleep Society

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 4:23 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee did not vote on the October 25, 2012 open meeting minutes because they did not have a quorum.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Ms. Bailey gave an update on Senate Bill #879/951 (licensure and discipline) and HB #1096 (Sunset).

The Committee discussed the respiratory care provision that allowed respiratory care practitioners who were practicing polysomnography prior to 12/31/2012, to continue practicing without being required to obtain a license in polysomnography. They were concerned that this provision would allow the respiratory care practitioner to practice polysomnography without training or experience. The Committee would like to revisit the language to see what it entails.

Email inquiry from Jessica Schmidt, President, Maryland Sleep Society

1. It is increasingly common for sleep studies to be scored remotely by polysomnographic technologist (this activity is often outsourced through cloud-based technology). If a sleep study

is performed in Maryland and interpreted by a physician in Maryland, may a RPSGT score it in another state? **No.** If so, must they hold a Maryland license?

2. Home sleep testing is becoming more common. In many cases, a unit is simply shipped to a patient's home. In the best clinical practice, patients would come to a sleep lab and be given a demonstration of how to use the equipment by an RPSGT. Do any of the regulations pertaining to sleep apply in this case?

§14-5C-13(b). A licensed polysomnographic technologist may practice polysomnography in:
> **(1) A hospital sleep laboratory; or**
> **(2) A standalone sleep center.**

After discussion, the Committee was concerned with who in the field would be dealing with the results of the sleep study and getting the patient the best advice. They were concerned that the process i.e. delivering results to the patient and giving the appropriate feedback may be misused by people that do not have experience. The Committee will discuss with stakeholders.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

State Licensure Summary – Brian Bohner, M.D.
State Licensure Requirements for:

a. California	g. North Carolina
b. Delaware	h. Oregon
c. Louisiana	i. Tennessee
d. New Jersey	j. Virginia
e. New Mexico	k. Washington, DC
f. New York	

Ms. Catalfo asked the Committee to look at what other states are doing with licensure requirements pertaining to out-of- state reciprocity, education and clinical components. **The Committee reached out to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) who provided a summary of licensure requirements for the states listed above.**

Clinical Component of an Education Program - CCBC

Ms. Schmidt worked with CCBC on an educational component which is complete. There will be a final review of the curriculum after which it will be sent to the AASM for approval. She expects a response from the AASM in four to eight weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

Expiration Dates for Committee Members

Ms. Smith informed the Committee that there are several committee members whose terms will be expiring on June 30, 2013. She asked the Committee if they had recommendations to fill their positions.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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