

Open Session Meeting Minutes  
IOWA BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE  
November 19, 2013  
Lucas State Office Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room #526  
Des Moines, Iowa

**Chairperson – Call to Order:**

The Meeting was called to order by Chair, Mary Tyrrel, at 9:02a.m.

**Introductions:**

Members Present:

Mary Tyrrel, RCP

Gene Lilla, RCP

Arlene Lee, Public Member

Lisa Kingery, RCP

Staff Present:

Tony Alden, Board Executive

Barb Huey, Bureau Chief

Laura Cathelyn, AAG

Barb Christiansen, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present:

Julie Weidemann – Palmer Home Medical Supply & MAMES

Terry Flatt – Hammer Medical & MAMES

Unsure of Spelling - Lund Fraher, A-1 Home Health Care & MAMES

Mike Coakley – Philips/Respironics

Anne Stark – Iowa Society for Respiratory Care

**Review Agenda:**

**Approval of Open Session Minutes:**

A motion was made by Kingery to approve the August 20, 2013 meeting minutes as amended. A second was received from Lilla. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

The public comment centered on Iowa Code section 152B “Respiratory care as a practice” and administrative rule 645-265.4 Setup and delivery of respiratory care equipment.

Julie Wiedemann asked why the board felt the interpretation/clarification needed to be addressed regarding who can supply the training and fitting of a CPAP mask. Ms. Wiedemann reported

that MAMES will probably bring this issue to the legislature. The guests ensured the board that those individuals who are fitting CPAP equipment are fully trained and competent. Mike Coakely stated that Philips offers very extensive education and training. Feels they are already in compliance with the law and they feel the administrative rule is overkill. It was asked that the information that AAG Cathelyn provided at the last meeting be revisited at this meeting. AAG Cathelyn gave a review of the rule and why it was enacted. The Board offices were receiving regular calls asking for clarification of the code section. It was asked, how are sleep able to fit masks? The Board has an Iowa code section that allows unlicensed individuals to practice certain respiratory therapy procedures if they have passed an examination approved by the Board. The Board has accepted the registered polysomnographic exam. Asked if members of MAME could receive an exemption, Tony answered by saying that if there is an exam and the board approves that exam then they would be able to provide respiratory care services that were covered in that approved exam. When reviewing an exam for approval the Board feels it is important that the exam is recognized by an accrediting body. To present an exam for approval, submit a letter and any other documentation at least 14 days before the next board meeting so it can be placed on the agenda.

### **Reports:**

Chair – Mary Tyrrel - no report

Tony attended the NBRC meeting in Olathe KS. 28 states were represented. Topics of discussion included accreditation, legislation, upcoming changes to certification exams, and how the affordable care act may affect the profession.

Arlen Lee dropped from the meeting at 10:25a.m.

Barb Huey reported that the financial reports will be presented in 2014. AMANDA is scheduled to go live on December 9, 2013.

Arlene Lee joined the meeting at 10:29a.m.

AAG – Laura Cathelyn – open and closed session minutes will both be approved in an open session motion. Closed session meeting minutes will be reviewed in closed session.

### **Old Business:**

Iowa Code section 152B “Respiratory care as a practice” and administrative rule 645-265.4 Setup and delivery of respiratory care equipment.

The Board and public in attendance finished discussion on this issue that was started during the public comment period. The public in attendance were concerned that the rulemaking would negatively affect their business. The Board maintained the consensus that fitting the masks

directly to the patients is patient care and would not meet the exemption for setup, delivery, and demonstration.

**Administrative Rules:**

Concurrent/Unattended Therapy - The consensus of the Board was to let this rulemaking sunset.

Discuss continuing education rules – clarification of IAC 645-262.3(2)a. definition of clinical continuing education. The Board gave consensus to notice.

Discuss Practice chapter rules – new rule clarifying scope of respiratory therapy practice. The Board gave consensus to notice.

Tony explained the rule making process for the guests.

**Closed Session:**

Motion to enter into closed session at 10:47a.m. 21.5 1 a. Tyrrell/Lilla

Roll call taken

Mary – Aye

Gene – Aye

Lisa – Aye

Arlene – Aye

Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 10:54a.m.

**Finalize Action from Closed Session:**

**Approval of Closed Session Minutes:**

A motion was made by Tyrrel to approve the closed session meeting minutes as amended for August 20, 2013. A second was received by Lilla. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Tyrrel to adjourn the meeting at 10:55a.m. A second was received from Lilla. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

**Future Board Meeting:**

February 18, May 20, August 19, and November 18, 2014.

These minutes were approved by the Board on February 18, 2014.