IOWA BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

Regular Meeting May 17, 2011 - 09:00 AM

4th Floor Board Room 424 Lucas State Office Building Des Moines, IA 50319

MINUTES

Call to Order:

Kerry George, Chair called the meeting to order at 09:20 a.m. The roll was called. Kerry George, RCP; Mary Tyrrel, RCP; Arlene Lee were present. Robert Zeman, RCP arrived at 10:02 a.m.

Absent: Dr. Akshay Mahadevia, MD

Staff present: Barb Huey, Bureau Chief; Tony Alden Board Executive; Kris Ensign, AAG; and Karla Hoover, Licensure Specialist

Kerry George welcomed and introduced Mary Tyrrel to the Board. Mary brings a wealth of experience to the Board and we are glad to have her.

Election of Officers

Chair Kerry George nominated to position of Chair. (MSC: Lee/Tyrrel)

Vice Chair: Dr. Akshay Mahadeyia nominated to position of Vice-Chair. Lee

Vice Chair: Dr. Akshay Mahadevia nominated to position of Vice-Chair. Lee withdrew nomination.

Vice Chair Robert Zeman nominated to position of Vice-Chair. Tyrrel withdrew nomination.

Vice Chair Mary Tyrrel nominated to position of Vice-Chair. (MSC: Lee/George)

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes of the February 15, 2011 board meeting. (MSC: Lee/Tyrrel)

Public Present: Emily Thompson

Reports:

<u>Board Chairperson</u>, Kerry George: About a year ago the Ohio Board for Respiratory Care put together a workgroup to look at making changes to the minimum requirements for licensure. Kerry has been appointed by the National Board for Respiratory Care as their representative for that workgroup. Ohio is investigating changing from the Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) to the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential as the minimum required for licensure. The CRT is designed to establish the minimal requirements, the RRT examinations are designed as higher level or achievement examinations and are not designed to determine minimal competencies. Currently there are about 5 states that license at both the CRT and RRT levels with separate scopes of practice, however they are still using the CRT to establish that minimal competency.

<u>Board Executive</u>, Tony Alden: At the last Board meeting there was discussion about a need for peer reviewers. After the meeting staff received a recommendation for a peer reviewer, that individual has not responded to our inquiries. If members of the Board have any recommendations for licensees they feel would make a good peer reviewer please let staff know.

<u>Bureau Chief</u>, Barb Huey: Barb updated the Board on the status of the AMANDA licensure software. The software will allow us to accept new license applications, reactivations, renewals, and verification requests online. Board members will be able to securely log on and review documentation related to their Board meetings.

<u>AAG</u>, Kris Ensign: Kris reviewed the guidelines for Board members, highlighting, the hearing process, her role at hearing, the importance of attendance and confidentiality.

New Business:

Emily Thompson – Request to reinstate license. Emily requested the Board reinstate her license and showed evidence and explained why she thought the reasons for her revocation did not exist anymore, and why her license should be reinstated.

Iowa Code and Administrative Rules:

The Board gave consensus to notice:

645—261.8(152B) License renewal.

261.8(1) The biennial license renewal period for a license to practice respiratory care shall begin on April 1 of an even-numbered years and end on March 31 of the next even-numbered year. The board shall send a renewal notice by regular mail to each licensee at the address on record at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license. The licensee is-responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration. Failure of the licensee to receive the a notice does not relieve the licensee of the responsibility for renewing the license.

The Board gave consensus to notice:

645—263.2(272C) Grounds for discipline.

263.2(11) Conviction of a felony <u>crime</u> related to the profession or occupation of the licensee or the conviction of any felony <u>crime</u> that would affect the licensee's ability to practice within the profession, <u>regardless of whether the judgment of conviction or sentence was deferred</u>. A copy of the record of conviction or plea of guilty shall be conclusive evidence.

Closed Session

In accordance with Iowa Code 21.5(1)" a," "d," & "f" the Board went into closed session at 10:44 a.m. by unanimous roll call vote to discuss closed session agenda items (MSC: Zeman/Lee). The Board returned to open session at approximately 12:07 p.m. The following actions were taken by the board.

The Board approved reinstatement for Emily Thompson (MSC: Zeman/Lee).

Future Board Meetings

Scheduled board meetings for 2011 will be the 3rd Tuesday of the month as follows:

August 16, 2011 November 15, 2011

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn meeting at 12:09 p.m. (MSC: Zeman/Lee)

Respectfully submitted, Iowa Board of Respiratory Care

Approved by the Iowa Board of Respiratory Care on August 16, 2011