

Open Session Conference Call Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
February 21, 2012
Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, Iowa

Reason for Conference Call: Due to state budgetary constraints and the need to ensure the most efficient use of state resources, this board meeting will be held by conference call pursuant to Iowa Code 21.8. The meeting will be accessible to members of the public through attendance at the origination site.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Kerry George, Chairperson at 10:05 am

Roll Call:

Members Present In-Person:

Kerry George, RCP

Mary Tyrrell, RCP

Conference Call Members:

Arlene Lee, Public Member

Robert Zeman, RCP

Akshay Mahadevia, MD

Staff Present:

Tony Alden, Board Executive

Barb Huey, Bureau Chief

Karla Hoover, Licensure Specialist

Barb Christiansen, Administrative Assistant

Meghan Gavin, AAG

Rachel Gillum, Intern AAG Office

Guest Present:

Gary Smith, Iowa Society for Respiratory Care

Julie Jackson, Iowa Society for Respiratory Care

Threase Harms, Iowa Sleep Society

Abby Overton, Iowa Sleep Society

Coral Waggoner, Iowa Sleep Society/Mercy Medical Center

Review Agenda:

Tony presented a certificate of appreciation to Robert Zeman for his 9 years of service on the board.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Lee to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2011 meeting as corrected. A second was received from Zeman. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Iowa Sleep Society representatives in attendance today to discuss sleep medicine being combined with the respiratory therapy board. Discussion followed the current amendment at the legislature and what it contains. Currently there are 275 technologists in Iowa at this time. BRPT Credentialed.

Reports:

Chair – Kerry George reported that ARRC conferences are doing presentations regarding the role of Respiratory Therapists in the future including changes in minimum requirement for credentialing. Kerry attended board meetings in Ohio and California. Kerry did discuss the sleep medicine individuals becoming a part of the Iowa board. Kerry reported that most of comments had to do with technical issues, length of terms, and number of individuals to serve on the board.

Board Executive – Tony Alden reported on legislative bill that would allow a physician assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner to prescribe respiratory therapy treatments. Meghan reported regarding rule changes regarding a deferred judgment. This criminal conviction can be for any kind of crime with the exception of first degree murder. If the individual complies with conditions of conviction the individual's record will be a deferred judgment. In the current bill it prohibits licensing boards to file charges based on a deferred judgment and the board would not be able to consider the underlying facts of the crime. Tony reported that the Department of Administrative Services has increased the reimbursement rate to \$83 plus tax effective 1/1/2012.

Bureau Chief - Barb Huey reported activity on administrative rule making and changes that have been proposed. Barb personally thanked Robert for his service to the Board.

AAG – Meghan Gavin discussed deferred judgments with board members.

Old Business:

Licensees have had questions regarding awarding continuing education credits for credential RRT achievement. There is specialty credentialing for respiratory therapists. These additional specialties would take potential rule changes when someone takes the exam for a specialty they would receive half of continuing education required. Tony will work with Kerry and Mary to draft rule changes to prepare for notice and will bring back to the next board meeting.

Definition of who can set up CPAP units in the home: George reviewed other respiratory care boards and how they handle this issue. Tony recommends that get a committee of the board including Meghan to look at the wording of this and draft something for members to review at the May meeting. Kerry, Tony, Meghan, and Mary will serve on the committee.

Concurrent/unattended respiratory care – no report

New Business:

Request for 8 hours of continuing education credit for a biochemistry class. A motion was made by Tyrrel to approve the requested 8 hours of continuing education. A second was received from Lee. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Applications: None

Administrative Rules: None

A motion was made by Mahadevia to enter into closed session to discuss confidential material related to applications and complaints according to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1) a and d at 11:04am. A second was received from Zeman. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 11:09am

A motion was made by Zeman to close case #09-008. A second was received from Tyrrel. 4 ayes, opposed none, abstain – George, motion carried.

May 15 next board meeting.

A motion was made by Mahadevia to adjourn the meeting at 11:11am. A second was received from Lee. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.