

STATE BOARD FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

MINUTES

December 13, 2007

The Wyoming State Board for Respiratory Care met via telephone conference call on Thursday, December 13, 2007. Public access was made available at 1800 Carey Avenue, 4th Floor, Cheyenne WY.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The meeting was brought to order by Chair Rena Piper, at 9:05 a.m. In attendance were Board Members Joseph B. Burke, Wanda Hult, and Rena M. Piper. Also present were Executive Director Veronica Skoranski; Kennard Nelson, Senior Assistant Attorney General; and visitors as reflected on the attached sign in sheet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Hult the minutes of April 13, 2007 were approved as submitted.

INFORMATION

Skoranski presented the financial report through December 2007. The report is attached to these minutes. The reports reflect that the Board is in sound financial standing.

Skoranski presented a report showing new licenses issued from April 12, 2007 through December 3, 2007. The report is attached to these minutes.

Skoranski presented a report showing licenses which expired on October 31, 2007. The report is attached to these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board will work on calling a health care symposium with health care regulators and other interested parties regarding allied health professionals performing respiratory care and other regulated services. Burke will contact Mary Beth Stepan, Executive Director for the Board of Nursing. Skoranski to contact U.S. Senator Dr. John Barrasso and Wendy Curran, Policy Analyst with the Governor's, office to see if either office or both would be interested in co-sponsoring a symposium and to work around their schedules. The Board will wait to contact the Wyoming Hospital Association until they have scheduled a date.

NEW BUSINESS

Burke discussed an issue that came up during this last renewal period. He reported to the Board Members that he was not allowing CE credit towards renewal for academic classes in other health professions, and not specifically in respiratory care. The Board Members were in agreement.

Skoranski notified the Board that there is one person who holds the Temporary License allowed as “grandparenting” language when licensing was initiated. This person was notified by certified mail that the Temporary License expires on June 30, 2008 rather than October 31, 2008.

Burke asked a question about a practitioner at the Star Valley Medical Center in Afton WY. The specific issue if a former EEG Tech, whose national credentials had lapsed several years ago, would be able to score the sleep studies. Consensus was that as long as this person did not have hands on with the patient they would not be practicing respiratory care as defined in the Act.

Burke asked if providing tobacco cessation education services was within the scope of practice of a Licensed Respiratory Care Provider. Consensus was that although tobacco cessation is included in the scope of practice of W.S. 33-43-102(a)(ii)(O), it is not exclusive to the practice of respiratory care.

Hulit reported that there was a request made during the Wyoming Society for Respiratory Care meeting for the Board to consider pro-rating the licensure fee for those who are licensed just prior to the renewal date, and reducing all licensing fees. Skoranski and Hulit will review licensing and financial data and report back to the Board Members at the next meeting for further discussion.

The Board agreed to modify the process for assigning complaints. Skoranski will send a copy of the base complaint to each Board Member to ascertain if anyone may have a perceived conflict in fully participating with the complaint resolution. Based on the responses, Skoranski will then assign one Board Member as the Investigative Board Member (IBM). The IBM will work with Skoranski and the Prosecutory Attorney General on resolving the complaint.

Burke asked about the proposed legislation which would require the licensing boards to issue temporary licenses to persons in case of an emergency. Skoranski will get a copy of the bill and send it to each Board Member for review.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was called.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Hulit, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by the Board

Veronica Skoranski, Executive Director

Rena M. Piper, Board Chair

Approved by the Board on August 15, 2008.