

BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

MAY 10, 2021

9:00 am - 10:00 am

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

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MAY 10, 2021 ATTENDANCE & ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBER	
Carolyn Williams - Chairperson	Present
Betty Akpan - Board Member	Present
Carla Seals- Board Member	Present
Donae Magett- Board Member	Excused Absence
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, Executive Director	Present
Emilia Moran, Board Investigator	Present
Ashley Balma, Health Licensing Specialist	Present
LEGAL STAFF:	
Christopher Boone, General Counsel	Present

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OPEN SESSION AGENDA

MAY 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0510-01	<p><u>Introductions</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at <u>10:04am</u> and a quorum was maintained.</p> <p>Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolyn Williams, Board Chair- Present • Betty Akpan, Board member- Present • Carla Seals, Board member- Present • Donae Magett, Board member- Excused Absence <p>Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present • Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer- Present • Emilia Moran, Investigator- Present • Ashley Balma, Health Licensing Specialist- Present <p>Legal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christopher Boone, Counsel- Present
OS-0510-02	<p><u>Acceptance of Meeting Agenda</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the May 10, 2021 Open Session Meeting Agenda.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>A motion was made to accept the May 10, 2021 Open Session Meeting agenda by Betty Akpan, seconded by Carla Seals</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan, and Carla Seals all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS		
OS-0510-03	<p><u>Executive Directors Report:</u></p> <p>Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director welcomed all Board members and staff to the Open Session Meeting. The mayor has extended the public health emergency order until May 20, 2021. The processing center is open by appointment only. To schedule an appointment please visit the provided link: http://appts.dcvsim.com</p> <p>DC Health employees are working remotely while still providing assistance to the community. Community members age 16 years or older in the District of Columbia are now eligible for the COVID-19 Vaccine. Please visit: https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine for further information and to sign up for the vaccine.</p> <p><u>Current Licensure Census</u> Active Respiratory Care Therapists: 686</p>	
OS-0510-04	<p><u>Board Attorney's Report:</u></p> <p>Board Attorney Christopher Boone welcomed all board members and staff to the meeting. Mr. Boone informed the Board of a new legislation recently passed by council, Removing Barriers to Occupational Licensing for Returning Citizens Amendment Act of 2020.</p>	
OS-0510-05	<p><u>Board Chair's Report:</u></p> <p>Ms. Carolyn Williams, Board chair welcomed all members to the May 10, 2021 open session meeting. Ms. Williams informed the Board of the upcoming 2021 Virtual AARC Summer Forum Live will be hosted from June 29, July 1, 7, and 9th. Attendees will have the opportunity to earn Continuing Education Units with 22 Sessions of lectures, and networking opportunities.</p>	
OS-0510-06	<p><u>Open Session Meeting Minutes:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the February 8, 2021 meeting.</p>	

	<p>Motion: A motion was made by Betty Akpan to accept the Open Session Meeting Mins from February 8, 2021. The motion was seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan, and Carla Seals all voted in favor of the motion; the motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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DISCUSSION AND AGENDA ITEMS

OS-0510-07	<p><u>Review of Respiratory Care HORA Board Composition</u></p> <p>Board Action: For Board to review the existing requirement for the Board's composition and determine if it recommends changes.</p> <p>Background: The HORA, at D.C. Official Code 3-1202.14(c), currently requires that, "Of the members of the Board, 3 shall be respiratory therapists licensed in the District; 1 shall be a physician with knowledge and experience in the practice of respiratory care; and 1 shall be a consumer member."</p> <p>Motion: <i>No Motion made</i></p>
OS-0510-08	<p><u>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Scope of Practice</u></p> <p>Board Action: For Board to review the current Respiratory Care Scope of practice and determine if it recommends changes.</p> <p>Background: (17A) "Practice of respiratory care" means the performance in collaboration with a licensed physician, of actions responsible for the treatment, management, diagnostic testing, control, and care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities associated with the cardiopulmonary system, including, but not limited to: (A) Therapeutic and diagnostic use of medical gases, humidity, and aerosols, including the maintenance of associated apparatus; As of 6/2015 30 (B) Administration of medications to the cardiorespiratory system; provision of ventilatory assistance, ventilatory control, including high frequency ventilation; postural drainage, chest physiotherapy, breathing exercises, and other respiratory rehabilitation procedures;</p>

	<p>(C) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and maintenance of natural airways, the insertion and maintenance of artificial airways and the transcription and implementation of a physician's written or verbal orders pertaining to the practice of respiratory care;</p> <p>(D) Testing techniques utilized in respiratory care to assist in diagnosis, monitoring, treatment, and research; and</p> <p>(E) Measurement of ventilatory volumes, pressures and flows, specimen collection of blood and other materials, pulmonary function testing pH and blood gas analysis, hemodynamic and other related physiological monitoring of the cardiopulmonary system.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by Betty Akpan that the HORA does recommend changes to be made, seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan, and Carla Seals all voted in favor of the motion; the motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0510-09	<p><u>Delegation of Authority Review</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the draft Delegation of Authority for Respiratory Care.</p> <p>Background: The Boards Delegation of Authority has been placed into a final document for review and final decision making.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by Betty Akpan to accept the recommendation for changes to the Delegation of Authority Review, seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan and Carla Seals all voted in favor of the motion; the motion passed unanimously.</p>

CLOSING

OS-0510-10

MOTION TO COSE

Board Action:

To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).

Background:

Upon conclusion of the open session meeting and pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.

Motion:

A motion was made to close the Open Session portion of the meeting by Carla Seals at 11:06am; seconded by Betty Akpan.

Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan and Carla Seals all voted in favor of the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

*This Ends the Board of Respiratory Care Open Session Meeting, the next meeting is scheduled for
July 12, 2021*