

BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

February 8, 2021

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0208-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The February 8, 2021 Meeting was called to order at 9:08am 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 Maggett, Board Member - Present <p>Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present • Phillip Husband, General Counsel- Present • Christopher Boone, Board Attorney- Present • Emilia Moran, Investigator- Present • Ashley Balma, Health Licensng Specialist- Present <p>Visitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Calli Johnson, Respiratory Therapist • Mr. JJ Valdez, Respiratory Therpaist
OS-0208-02	<p><u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the February 8, 2021 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>A motion was made to accept the February 8, 2021 Open Session agenda by Carla Seals, seconded by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan, Carla Seals, and Donae Maggett all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-0208-03	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Mrs. Walker welcomed all board members, staff and guests to the February 8, 2021 meeting. The District of Columbia is still under a public health</p>
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	<p>emergency order which is set to expire on March 31, 2021. DC Health Department is operational with staff working remotely to assist the public and remain compliant to CDC Guidelines for social distancing. The processing center to assist clients is open Monday & Wednesday's from 9-1 by appointment only. DC Health Director Dr. Nesbitt has provided a letter to all with the COVID-19 vaccine plan. This may be found by visiting the District's website at: https://coronavirus.dc.gov/ .</p> <p>The Board of Respiratory Care is currently open for late renewals until March 31, 2021. The late renewal fee is \$85.00. A newsletter went out to all licensees at the end of January 2021 via email to provide updates and renewal information.</p> <p>Licensure Census: Active Licensees: 650</p>	
OS-0208-04	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Order No. 2021-004 <p>Clarifies and excludes health professionals who are not in good standing in the District of Columbia from obtaining a waiver of licensure requirement pursuant to Administrative Order 2020-02 (Waiver of Licensure Requirements for Healthcare Providers) dated March 13, 2020 and that requires a healthcare facility to check an online database when utilizing Administrative Order 2020-02.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayors Order No. 2021-004 <p>Extension of paused activities and clarification of duration of public emergency and public health emergency.</p>	
OS-0208-05	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRS'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Board Chair Ms. Carolyn Williams welcomed all board members, staff and visitors to the February 8, 2021 Open session meeting. "Happy New Year to everyone and I am hoping that we will be able to have a live meeting later this year". The Maryland and DC Society for Respiratory Care will hold a Virtual Respiratory Conference between March 15 – April 15, 2021. The Conference will run for 30 days and participants will be able to watch the sessions at a date and time of their choosing. Participants can receive up to 16 CEUs. Ms. Williams Welcomed Christopher Boone, Esq. to the Board of Respiratory Care and shared that "We are looking forward to your guidance and support".</p>	
OS-0208-06	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the November 09, 2020 meeting.</p>	

	<p>Motion: A motion was made by Betty Akpan to accept the Open Session meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Donae Maggett.</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan, Carla Seals, and Donae Maggett all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0208-07	<p><u>FY 2021 Board Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the upcoming 2021-2022 Board meeting dates and confirm attendance.</p> <p>Background: The Board of Respiratory Care meets quarterly, the upcoming meeting dates are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 10, 2021 • July 12, 2021 • November 8, 2021 • February 14, 2022 <p>Motion: <i>No motion, FYI Only</i></p>
OS-0208-08	<p><u>HORA Revisions</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the current scope of practice for the Board of Respiratory Care and provide feedback regarding revision/updates.</p> <p>Background: The Board of Respiratory Care's current Scope of Practice states that:</p> <p>(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:</p> <p>(A) Therapeutic and diagnostic use of medical gases, humidity, and aerosols, including the maintenance of associated apparatus;</p> <p>(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: <i>No motion.</i></p>
OS-0208-09	<p><u>Aeroflow HealthCare</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the question submitted by Aeroflow HealthCare regarding CPAP Devices and regulations for distribution. "Has the Board addressed CPAP equipment in this context and does the Board have guidance on this issue?"</p> <p>Background: Aeroflow HealthCare has numerous products in which it provides to their patients. Among their products, they ship CPAP devices to patients in the District of Columbia. The plan of Aeroflow is to have personnel available to assist patients with mask fittings and other equipment adjustments. Aeroflow is seeking guidance from the Board.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made by Betty Akpan and seconded by Carla Seals to provide guidance to Aeroflow Healthcare stating that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respiratory Therapist have a license to treat a patient, a driver may drop off a AeroFlow machine, breathing device to the home only. Instruction on how to use the machine must be provided by a Respiratory Therapist. <p>Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan, Carla Seals, and Donae Maggett all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0208-10	<p><u>FYI Late Renewals</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the late renewal dates for renewal</p> <p>Background: The Board of Respiratory Care launched their online renewals November 2020. The renewal portal is still accessible from the Board's Website until March 31, 2021 https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/159572. There is an additional fee of \$85.00 for late renewals.</p>

	<p>All licensees will be able to visit the website and renew their license and upload their continuing education units to the renewal portal. The Board will accept continuing education for the following time period February 1, 2019-January 31, 2021.</p> <p>Motion: <i>No motion, FYI only.</i></p>
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CLOSING

OS-0208-11	<p><u>MOTION TO COSE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Motion: A motion to close the Open Session Portion of the meeting was made at 9:54am by Betty Akpan, seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan, Carla Seals, and Donae Maggett all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for **May 10, 2021**

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