

BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

NOVEMBER 9, 2020

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-1109-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>A quorum was maintained and the meeting was called to order at 9:08am.</p> <p>A. 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>B. Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ericka Walker, Executive Director- Present • Aisha, Nixon, Executive Director- Present • Phillip Husband, General Counsel- Present • Gregory Scurlock, Investigator- Present • Emilia Moran, Investigator- Present • Ashley Balma, Health Licensng Specialist- Present
OS-1109-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the November 9, 2020 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>Motion was made by Carla Seals to accept the November 9, 2020 Open Session Agenda. The motion was seconded by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Vote:</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-1109-03	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Ms. Aisha Nixon welcomed everyone to the November 9, 2020 Respiratory Care Open Session Meeting. She informed the Board and staff that DC Health is still operating in full capacity with staff still working remotely. The Processing Center has reopened and is able to assist the community via appointment only. The appointment availability for the processing center is Monday & Wednesday (9am-1pm). To Make an appointment people are encouraged to visit the boards website to schedule.</p> <p>The District of Columbia has introduced a new alert system named DC CAN, it is accesible on Iphone and Android devices. This new alert system will alert</p>
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	<p>anyone who may have possibly come in contact with someone whom was exposed to COVID-19. For further information, visit coronavirus.dc.gov.</p> <p>Ms. Nixon informed the Board of the Health Regulation & Licensing Administration’s new alignment. Within the new alignment, the Health and Regulation Licensing Administration now has an Associate Director, Mr. Frank Meyers whom will be an asset to the organization and help to streamline processes for the administration. Along with the New alignment, The 13 Allied & Behavioral Health Boards have been split between two Executive Directors. The new Executive Director is Mrs. Ericka Walker, whom has been with DC Health for 5years in the Intermedicate Care Facilities Division. She will be a wonderful assest to the organization and continue to work alongside Ms. Nixon to provide quality servive to residents & visitors of the District of Columbia. Mrs. Walker thanked the Board for the warm welcome and informed the Board that she has a background in Social Work and is very excited to work with the Board of Respiratory Care.</p> <p>Ms. Nixon Thanked the Board of Respiratory Care for allowing her to be their Executive Director and for the wonderful lessons and oppportunity the Board has provided her. She said she will miss the Board and its members greatly and is always availble if needed.</p>	
OS-1109-04	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</p> <p>Mr. Phillip Husband, General Counsel, informed the Board of Respiratory Care that he will be the interim Attorney to the Board until a permanent attorney is hired. The Interview process occurred last week and Staff is hopeful to have a official Board Attorney by the next meeting in February 2021.</p>	
OS-1109-05	<p>BOARD CHAIRS’S REPORT:</p> <p>Board Chair Ms. Carolyn Wiliams welcomed all staff and Board members to the meeting. She thanked Ms. Nixon for all of her dedication and hard work provided to the Board over the years and how much she will be missed. Ms. Williams welcomed Mrs. Walker to the Board as the new Executive Director and said she is excited to work with her and knows that she will be an asset to the Board. Ms. Williams, thanked the Interim Attorney Mr. Phillip Husband and is looking forward to meeting the new Attorney next year.</p> <p>Ms. Williams informed the Board that Respiratory Care week was October 25, 2020 - October 31, 2020. She thanked DC Health for all of the transparency provided and the support to the Respiratory Therapy community during COVID-19.</p> <p>The American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) will be hosting their annual congress from Wedenseday November 18, 2020 - December 5, 2020. Due to COVID-19 and safety measures the event will be a virtual learning event, there is still time to sign up if interested. This event will include over 100 topics and you will also get the chance to explore the virtual exhibit halls,</p>	

	<p>checking out the latest industry products and services. Those whom attend will be able to earn up to (19.55 CEUs).</p> <p>The 2021 AARC Congress is to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, but that is all dependent upon COVID-19.</p>	
OS-1109-06	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the July 30, 2020 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Motion was made by Betty Akpan to accept the July 30, 2020 Open Session Minutes. The motion was seconded by Donae Maggett.</p> <p>Vote: Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan, Carla Seals, and Donae Magget all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-1109-07	<p><u>FY 2021 Board Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the upcoming 2021 Board meeting dates and confirm.</p> <p>Background: The Board of Respiratory Care meets quarterly, the upcoming meeting dates are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 8, 2021 • May 10, 2021 • July 12, 2021 • November 8, 2021 <p>Motion: <i>No Motion, FYI Only.</i></p>	
OS-1109-08	<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, FYI Only.</i></p>
OS-1109-09	<p><u>Telehealth</u></p> <p>Board Action: The Board is to provide any feedback/discussion.</p> <p>Background: DC Health has created an interprofessional workgroup comprised of the Board Chairs from different licensure boards. The group was established to generate ideas on solving health matters from a multi-discipline approach. The Workgroup has decided to focus its efforts on the development of legislation to address telehealth. A subcommittee will be formed with representation from each health professional board.</p> <p>Motion: <i>No Motion, FYI Only.</i></p>
OS-1109-10	<p><u>Upcoming 2020 Renewals</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the upcoming 2020 renewal Information and discuss renewal delegations.</p> <p>Background: The Board of Respiratory Care will launch their upcoming 2020 Renewals this fall. The</p>

	<p>renewal portal will go live beginning the second week of November. The portal will be accessible from the Board’s Website https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/159572 .</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 from the following time period February 1, 2019-January 31, 2020.</p> <p>Motion: <i>No Motion, FYI Only.</i></p>
OS-1109-11	<p><u>Fall 2020 Board Announcement (FYI)</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the upcoming 2020 fall announcement and provide feedback.</p> <p>Background: The District of Columbia Board of Respiratory Care fall announcement will be distributed within the coming weeks to all active licensees. The announcement will provide licensees an update regarding continuing education, DC Health operational status, and other pertinent information.</p> <p>Motion: <i>No Motion, FYI Only.</i></p>

CLOSING

OS-1109-12	<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: Motion was made by Betty Akpan to close the Open Session Meeting at 9:55am. The motion was seconded by Carla Seals.</p> <p>Vote: Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan, Carla Seals, and Donae Magget all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
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OS-1109-13	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p>Board Action: To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Background: At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p> <p>Motion: Motion was made by Carla Seals to Adjourn the Meeting at 10:18am. The motion was seconded by Betty Akpan.</p> <p>Vote: Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan, Carla Seals, and Donae Magget 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 February 8th, 2021

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