

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE**

**THIS AGENDA CONSTITUTES NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE  
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETING LAW, G.L. c. 30A, § 20**

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

10 a.m.

DPH Regional Office  
23 Service Center Road  
Northampton, MA

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - A. December 21, 2011 Regularly Scheduled Meeting
  - B. December 21, 2011 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session
- IV. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)
  - A. None
- V. M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)
  - A. REP-2012-001                      Buonomo, Matthew  
Practice without a license                      Meeting with Board    10:30 a.m.  
Request to reschedule meeting to February 18, 2012
  - B. REP-2011-005                      Alfonso, Michael  
Update: Denial of application for licensure
- VI. Limited Permit Applications
  - A. Latham, Maureen  
Disclosure of criminal history
- VII. Full License Applications
  - A. None
- VIII. License Reactivation Applications
  - A. Alder, Walter                      RT 3595                      Expired 5-31-2010
  - B. DeMarco, Cheryl                      RT3604                      Expired 5-31-2010
- IX. Staff Assignments
  - A. None

X. Complaints

A. None

XI. Scope of Practice Inquiries

A. Amy Ginter, RT9653: Is placement of Vascular Lines within a RT's scope of practice

XII. Other Business/Announcements

A. American Board of Sleep Medicine: Request for further clarification of sleep technologist certification examination

XIII. Adjourn

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**BOARD MEETING**

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Board Members Present: Armand Riendeau, RT, RN, Chair  
Carol Mack, RT, Vice-Chair  
Edward Burns, RT, Member

Staff Present: Sally Graham, Executive Director  
Joelle Stein, Board Counsel, OGC, DPH  
Maura Drury, Administrative Assistant

Guest: Matthew Buonomo (left at 11:39 a.m.)

I. Call to Order  
Mr. Riendeau, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

II. Approval of the Agenda  
The meeting agenda was reviewed. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: January 18, 2012 Meeting Agenda

III. Review and Approval of Minutes  
A. December 21, 2011 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting  
The minutes of the December 21, 2011 Regularly Scheduled Board meeting were reviewed. Mr. Burns made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Riendeau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: Minutes of the December 21, 2011 Regularly Scheduled Board meeting

B. December 21, 2011 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session  
The minutes of the December 21, 2011 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session were reviewed. Mr. Burns made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Riendeau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: Minutes of the December 21, 2011 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session

IV. Adjudicatory Session  
None.

V. M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)

Ms. Mack made a motion to go into the Section 65C Session at 10:27 a.m.; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. REP-2012-001 Buonomo, Matthew  
Practice without a license

B. REP-2011-005 Alfonso, Michael  
Update: Denial of application for licensure

[The Board adjourned the M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session at 11:50 a.m. and resumed its Regularly Scheduled Board meeting.]

VI. Limited Permit Applications

A. Latham, Maureen

Mr. Riendeau made a motion to approve the Limited Permit application. Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Full License Applications

None.

VIII. License Reactivation Applications

A. Allder, Walter RT 3595 License Expired 5-31-2010

Mr. Riendeau made a motion to approve the license reactivation application; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. DeMarco, Cheryl RT3604 License Expired 5-31-2010

Mr. Riendeau made a motion to defer action on the reactivation application pending confirmation of attendance at the Massachusetts Society for Respiratory Care's ("MSRC") Fall 2011 Conference and CEUs earned; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Documents: License Reactivation Applications

IX. Staff Assignments

None.

X. Complaints

None.

XI. Scope of Practice Inquiries

A. Amy Ginter, RT9653: Is placement of Vascular Lines within a RT's scope of practice?

The licensee informed the Board that she has been offered a position that would require that she travel to various locations in Massachusetts and place PICC (peripherally inserted central catheter) lines and midlines (catheters that are peripheral venous access devices between 3 to 10 inches in length). She states that she is a Registered Respiratory Therapist ("RRT"), that she would be trained by a Registered Nurse in a program currently only available to RNs in Massachusetts, and that she has prior experience placing arterial lines and difficult peripheral IVs obtained while employed in Delaware. The licensee asked the Board asked whether this is within scope of RT practice.

After discussion, the Board determined that the placement of PICC lines and midlines are not within the scope of practice of a respiratory therapist and that the licensee be so informed.

XII. Other Business/Announcements

A. American Board of Sleep Medicine: Request for further clarification of Board's interpretation under M.G.L. Chapter 112, Section 23V

By letter of August 11, 2011, the American Board of Sleep Medicine ("ABSM") requested that the Board approve the ABSM's certification examination for sleep technologists, its Sleep Technologists Registry Exam, on the basis that ABSM is an organizational member of the Institute of Credentialing Excellence ("ICE"), formerly the National Commission for the Health Certifying Agencies ("NCHCA"). At the September 21, 2011 Board meeting the Board reviewed ABSM's request and determined that it is not within the Board's authority to approve such an examination. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 23W(b), the Board may approve an examination for licensure as a respiratory therapist; and pursuant to Board regulation 261 CMR 2.06(1), the Board has approved the National Board of Respiratory Care's (NBRC) Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician (CRTT) or Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) examinations as requirements for licensure. The Board informed ABSM of their determination by letter dated October 6, 2011.

By letter of November 3, 2011, the ABSM requested that the Board confirm ABSM's interpretation of M.G.L. c. 112, § 23V, that an individual performing sleep services who has received the ABSM Registered Sleep Technologist ("RST") certification credential is exempt from the licensure requirement "credentialed by an organization which is a member of NCHCA...".

Following discussion, Mr. Riendeau made a motion to inform the ABSM that the Board determined that *membership* in the ICE alone is not sufficient to meet the intent of the language in M.G.L. c. 112, § 23V relative to the statute and that a **nationally**-recognized certifying agency must certify ABSM's educational programs and validate its examinations. At this time, a person holding a RST certification from the ABSM would not be exempt from RT licensure under M.G.L. c. 112, § 23V. Ms. Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Riendeau and Ms. Mack voting in favor; Mr. Burns abstained.

Documents: ABSM letters and information regarding the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA), National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)

XIII. Adjourn

There being no other business before the Board, Ms. Mack made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Respiratory Care is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at 1 p.m. in Boston, MA.

Respectfully submitted:

<u>Carol Mack</u>	<u>vice chair</u>	<u>2/15/12</u>
Name	Position	Date