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

Thursday, November 15, 2012
1 p.m.
239 Causeway Street – 4th Floor, Room 418
Boston, MA 02114

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes
A. October 3, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Meeting
B. October 3, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session

IV. Adjudicatory Session (closed session)
None.

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

A. REP-2010-013 Agostini, Thomas
   Request for license reinstatement
   License No. RT2598
   (voluntary surrendered effective 12-12-2010; expired 5-31-2012)

B. REP-2012-007 Carter, Stephen
   Allegation: Misrepresentation of Academic Credentials
   Additional information received
   RT3376 (expires 5-31-2014)

C. REP-2012-006 Swift, Jamie
   Allegation: falsification of medical records
   RT6047 (expires 5-31-2014)

D. REP-2012-011 Dupuis, Veronica
   Disclosure of criminal history on license renewal application
   RT3432 (expires 5-31-2014)

VI. Limited Permit Applications
None.
VII. Full License Applications
None.

VIII. License Reactivation Applications
A. Poirer, Heather  License No. RT5552  Expired 5-31-2010
B. Ochijeh, Obiageli  License No. RT6054  Expired 5-31-2012

IX. Staff Assignments
None.

X. Complaints
None.

XI. Scope of Practice Inquiries
A. Respiratory therapists and the performance of ECMO procedures and/or the management of ECMO patients

XII. Other Business/Announcements
A. Reports of Unlicensed Practice
B. Request for CEU Approval: JoAnne Gleason, RT228: ACLS course (initial)
C. Review of Board regulations: 261 CMR 2.00, Licensure and Practice.

XIII. Adjourn
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BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

BOARD MEETING
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MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Sally Graham, Executive Director
Joelle Stein, Board Counsel, OGC, DPH
Anson Chu, Administrative Assistant
Curtis Jackson, MPRS Coordinator

I. Call to Order
Ms. Mack, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.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: November 15, 2012 Meeting Agenda

III. Review and Approval of Minutes
A. October 3, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
   The Minutes of the October 3, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting were reviewed. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Mack and Mr. Burns voting in favor. Mr. Rienzneau did not vote as he was not present at the October Meeting.

B. Minutes of the October 3, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)
   The Minutes of the October 3, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session were reviewed. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Mack and Mr. Burns voting in favor. Mr. Rienzneau did not vote as he was not present at the October Meeting.

Documents: Minutes of October 3, 2012 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
Minutes of the October 3, 2012 M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session

IV. Adjudicatory Session

Board of Respiratory Care
Minutes of November 15, 2012 Meeting
(to be approved December 12, 2012)
V. M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session (closed session)
Mr. Burns made a motion to go into the Section 65C Session at 1:31 p.m.; Ms. Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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   NH RCP1222 (expires 12-31-2013)

D. REP-2012-011 Dupuis, Veronica
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   RT3432 (expires 5-31-2014)

[The Board adjourned the M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C Session at 3:20 p.m. and resumed its Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting.]

VI. Limited Permit Applications
None.

VII. Full License Applications
None.

VIII. License Reactivation Applications
A. POIer, Heather
   License No. RT5552
   Expired 5-31-2010
   Mr. Riendeau made a motion to approve the license reactivation application; Ms. Mack seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Ochijeh, Obiageli
   License No. RT6054
   Expired 5-31-2012
   Mr. Riendeau made a motion to approve the license reactivation application; 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. Respiratory therapists and the performance of ECMO procedures and/or the management of ECMO patients: request for clarification
After Board discussion, Ms. Mack made a motion to post to the Board’s website the following statement: “Any respiratory therapist who performs ECMO must be meet the education and training requirements identified in the AARC’s Position Statement, Respiratory Therapists as Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Specialist, issued in 1998 and revised in 2007, which endorses the use of qualified and appropriately educated respiratory therapists as ECMO specialists.”; Mr. Burns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Mack made a motion to add the above statement to the FAQs posted on the Board’s website and post a link to the AARC’s position statement on the Board’s website; Mr. Riendeau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: Email inquiry; AARC’s Position Statement, Respiratory Therapists as Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) Specialist

XII. Other Business/Announcements
A. Reports of Unlicensed Practice
   The Board discussed the concern that unlicensed persons are providing respiratory care services. Possible actions to pursue were discussed; the Board will continue the discussion at the January 2013 Board meeting.

B. Request for CEU Approval: JoAnne Gleason, RT228: ACLS course (initial)
   Ms. Mack made a motion to grant the licensee 12 CEUs for the ACLS Course (initial) in accordance with Board Policy RC-08-01; Mr. Riendeau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Document: Request for CEU Credits

C. Review of Board regulations: 261 CMR 2.00, Licensure and Practice
   The Board deferred discussion to the December 2012 Board meeting.

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 4:21 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Respiratory Care is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2012, at 1 p.m. in Boston, MA.

Respectfully submitted:

[Signature]
Name
[Title]
Position
[Date]

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