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. Allder, 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
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
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Board Members Present: Armand Rienudeau, 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. Rienudeau, 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. Rienudeau 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. Rienudeau 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.

Board of Respiratory Care
Minutes of January 18, 2012 Meeting
(to be approved February 15, 2012)
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 "credentialing by an organization which is a
member of NCHCA...".

Following discussion, Mr. Riedeau 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. Riedeau 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:

[Signature]  [Signature]  2/15/12
Name  Position  Date