

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

6 FEBRUARY 2009

The Open Meeting of the Board of Respiratory Care was called to order at 8:30 am on the above date in Room 104. 3 Capitol Hill, Providence Rhode Island pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance were:

**Paul Boivin Deborah Guckian
Nancy Roman Vera DePalo, MD**

Staff members in attendance were:

**Gail Giuliano
Charles Alexandre**

After review of the Open Minutes of 16 January 2009, upon motion by Dr. DePalo, seconded by Nancy Roman, the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

The Board reviewed a Position Statement drafted by Elizabeth Shelov defining who, other than respiratory care practitioners or other licensed persons acting within the scope of their license, may administer, or caused to be administered respiratory care therapies. After review and discussion, upon motion of Dr. DePalo, seconded by Nancy Roman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the position statement as presented (attached).

Mr. Alexandre explained that the position statement will be posted on the Department of Health's website within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Alexandre left the meeting at this time.

Adjournment to Executive Session:

Upon motion of Dr. DePalo, seconded by Paul Boivin, it was unanimously voted by the Board to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:45 am pursuant to Sections 42-26-4 and 42-26-4 (a)(1)(4) of the RI General Laws, as Amended, in those confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative case.

Return to Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:47 am.

Decisions Ratified in Closed Session & Public Business Discussed:

The Board had no Business to disclose.

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Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes:

The Administrator called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 5 December 2008 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Deborah Guckian, seconded by Nancy Roman, the Board voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 4 December 2008.

Next Meeting Date:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is 19 June 2009 in Conference Room 104.

Adjournment

On a motion by Nancy Roman,, seconded by Paul Bovin, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Giuliano

Board Administrator

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