

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING**

4 March 2011

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:

Vera DePalo, MD Paul Boivin

Deborah Guckian Nancy Roman

Staff members in attendance were:

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator

After review of the Open Minutes of 25 June 2010, upon motion by Nancy Roman, seconded by Deborah Guckian, the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

The Board reviewed a listing of new licensees. Twenty-one licenses have been issued since October 2009

Adjournment to Executive Session:

Upon motion of Dr. DePalo, seconded by Nancy Roman, it was unanimously voted by the Board to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:40 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 9:10 am.

Decisions Ratified in Closed Session & Public Business Discussed:

There were no decisions ratified nor, public business discussed to be disclosed.

Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes:

The Administrator called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 25 June 2010 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Deborah Guckian, seconded by Paul Boivin, the Board voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of that meeting.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held on 17 June 2011.

Miscellaneous:

At this time, Mrs. Guckian reported that while attending the NBRC State Licensure Liaison Group Meeting this past August the main topic of discussion was the issue of who should be allowed to administer CPAP and BIPAP to patients. She reported at that this question had come before the RI Board and a “Policy Statement” had been developed and adopted to address this issue.

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Members discussed an inquiry from Besty Blake, ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation) Respiratory Manager at RI Hospital & Hasbro Children’s Hospital regarding the possible need for a an advanced license for respiratory therapists providing ECMO services. After discussion, Dr. DePalo suggested that the Administrator obtain information from the Massachusetts Boards with regard to licensing such individuals. Ms. Blake will be invited to the next meeting of the Board.

Adjournment

On a motion by Nancy Roman,, seconded by Paul Boivin, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Giuliano

Board Administrator

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