

RHODE ISLAND CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

MARCH 4, 2010

Open Session

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Clinical Laboratory Science Board was called to order at 2:14 p.m. on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting 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:

Wayne Aucoin

Gail Fracassa

Madalena M. Josephs

Lois Beauparlant

Board members not in attendance:

William Cashore, M.D.

N. Peter Libbey, MD

Jude Tomasino

Staff members in attendance:

J. Michel Martineau

Helen Drew

Dr. Ewa King

Charles Alexandre

Pamela McCue

Helen Drew, Pamela McCue and Dr. Ewa King, all of the Health Department attended the meeting to review and discuss proposed legislation (2010 – H 7375). Board Members and HEALTH staff discussed the reasons for this legislation, the potential impact on public health and on the profession.

Helen Drew and Dr. King advised striking out the reference to research as an exception as that is already addressed; this leaves the proposed change addressing only programs where the primary work is public health surveillance. After much conversation, Health Department personnel departed the meeting.

Board Members say they do not support the proposed request for change, for reasons including but limited to: Difficulty with recruiting is not a good reason to change licensing standards, expansion of the exemption section may set a bad precedent, licensed CLS background viewed as a foundation even if viewed as a starting point, the term surveillance is broad when considering programs to be exempt from CLS licensure.

Board Members reviewed a communication from licensee Ms. Carol Votta sharing her view about the problems with the renewal process and the fact that CLS license fees are not pro rated.

Minutes of the meeting held December 4, 2009 were reviewed. On a motion entered by Lois Beauparlant, seconded by Wayne Aucoin, the Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

On a motion entered by Wayne Aucoin, seconded by Gail Fracasa, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for July 1, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

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