

**BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
SOMERSET CONFERENCE ROOM,
6th Floor
JUNE 5, 2007**

FINAL

The June meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Respiratory Care was convened in accordance with its notice to the Secretary of State, the Bergen Record, the Trenton Times, the Courier Post and the Star-Ledger and was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Vice Chairman, Brozoski convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded for these minutes.

PRESENT:

Jeffrey Brozoski James Brophy
Michael G. Brown Tajwar Aamir, M.D.
Janet Castronovo

ABSENT:

Robert Malovany, M.D Kenneth Capek

Also in attendance: Dorcas K. O'Neal, Executive Director; Sandra Dick, Deputy Attorney General and Bernadette Abercrombie, staff.

Public attendance: None.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the Public Minutes of May 8, 2007. On a motion by Janet Castronovo, seconded by Michael G. Brown, the Board unanimously approved the Public Session Minutes as submitted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

a. Status of Accreditation of California College - Mr. Brophy stated that California College is now called Independent University of Salt Lake City. The University is accredited and in good standing with CoARC.

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. The Board reviewed an invitation from the National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC) to Executive Director or her designated representative to attend the September 7-8, 2007, meeting of the State Licensure Liaison Group, sponsored by the National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC) and the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) and determined as follow:

On a motion by James Brophy, seconded by Michael G. Brown, the Board unanimously voted to have the Executive Director attend the meeting September 7 & 8, 2007 in Kansas.

On a motion by Michael G. Brown, seconded by Janet Castronovo, the Board unanimously voted to have Boardmember, James Brophy attend the meeting September 7 & 8, 2007, in Kansas.

b. The Board reviewed a fax from James Sharp, BS, RRT, Administrative Director, Cardio/Pulmonary

Diagnostics, Saint James Hospital, inquiring as to whether sleep lab technicians are required to be licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners. It was the consensus of the Board that while Sleep Lab Technicians are not required to be licensed by the Board, respiratory care practitioners may be sleep lab technicians or technologists. Also, he will be advised that there is a Polysomnography Board and he should refer questions to that Board.

c. The Board reviewed New Jersey Continuing Education Sponsors Requirements: (AARC and NJSRC approved). The Board tabled this matter until March, 2008, to see if the need exists.

d. The Board reviewed New Jersey Board of Respiratory Care, LICENSEE CE CREDIT AUDIT FORM, amendments were made as follow:

Under April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2010, insert Credits must total 30 CE's for each biennial cycle.

Delete May 2, 2006 to March 31, 2007, insert March 5, 2006 to March 31, 2008.

Before Clinical Respiratory CE Credits, delete 20, insert 18

Before Other Healthcare CE Credits, delete 10, insert 9

After Ethics CE Credits, insert (Mandatory)

After Medical Errors Safety, insert (Mandatory)

After Infection Control CE Credits, insert (Mandatory)

Before ACLS - Initial, delete 14, insert 12

Before PALS - Initial, delete 14, insert 12

The date, topic and # of CE's will be added to the chart.

The Board also determined that 10% licensees will be audited after renewal. This matter was reagendaized.

e. The Board reviewed Division of Law Billing, for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2007, as informational.

f. The Board reviewed Board of Respiratory Care CE Credit Q & A, update May 2007. It was the consensus of the Board to table this matter as it relates to the 2008 - 2010 cycle and should be considered at a later date.

g. The Board reviewed a copy of N.J.A.C.13:44F-10, New Rules for Continuing Education, as informational.

h. The Board reviewed a fax from Bernie Gerard, Jr., Vice President, Health Professionals and Allied Employees, inquiring as to whether the Health Professionals and Allied Employees, AFT/AFI-CIO, would be considered as Continuing Education Sponsors for members of the Board of Respiratory Care for non-clinical Continuing Education Credits. It was the consensus of the Board to advise Mr. Gerard that all CE courses must be approved by the American Association of Respiratory Care (AARC) or New Jersey Society of Respiratory Care (NJSRC).

I. The Board reviewed a fax from Bernie Gerard, Jr., Vice President, Health Professionals and Allied Employees, inquiring as to the notice issued in 2002, regarding Cardio Pulmonary Testing and whether nurses are permitted to perform diagnostic pulmonary function testing. The Board stated that it has no jurisdiction over nurses. Querist, Gerald will be so advised.

IV. INFORMATIONAL

None.

V. LEGISLATION AND REGULATION None

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

There being no other business to come before the Board in Public Session, on a motion by James Brophy, seconded by Michael G. Brown, the Board moved to Executive Session for the purpose of receiving counsel, to conduct one investigative inquiry, to review six items of old business and two items of new business.

The Board reconvened in Public Session. The following disciplinary action was taken and is being reported in Public Session.

I/M/O JOSEPH HEFFERNAN - Consent Order filed May 22, 2007. Respondent cited for violation of Palisades Medical Center's Substance abuse policy by ingesting alcohol and a controlled substance while on duty on or about March 4, 2006.

The next scheduled meeting is July 3, 2007. The Board requested that the meeting date be changed to July 10, 2007. There being no other business to come before the Board, on a motion by Michael G. Brown, seconded by Dr. Tajwar Aamir, the Board adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorcas K. O'Neal
Executive Director