

WV BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE  
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 20, 2017  
(Proposed)

Presiding: Tracy Matthews  
Present: Barbara Folden, Regina Gillispie, Eric Hawkins, Len Picha, Dr. Ihle, William Boring  
Absent: None  
Recording: Nancy Massey

Proposed Agenda

Dr. Ihle motioned to approve the proposed agenda. Eric Hawkins seconded. Motion carried.

Board Minutes; September 20, 2017

Eric Hawkins motioned to approve the September 20, 2017 minutes. Dr. Ihle seconded. Motion carried.

Executive Session – Eric Hawkins motioned to go into executive session to discuss disciplinary issues. Len Picha seconded. Motion carried.

Regular Session – Eric Hawkins motioned to return to regular session. Regina Gillispie seconded. Motion carried.

Disciplinary Actions –

17-86 Lipinski – Eric Hawkins motioned for the board to find probable cause for disciplinary action. William Boring seconded. Motion Carried. Board directed work records be subpoenaed. 17-96 Lifeguard and 17-29 Advanced Home Care – Dr. Ihle motioned the board to dismiss as “no jurisdiction” and to forward both complaints to WV Medicaid Fraud Unit. Len Picha seconded. Motion carried.

Respiratory Therapist Need in WV –

Discussion ensued regarding the shortage/need for Respiratory Therapist in the State of WV as expressed by the accredited educational programs and several healthcare facilities. Dr. Ihle motioned the board to put information and links on our website to promote the profession. Len Picha seconded. Motion carried. Tracy will meet with educational facilities regarding this issue.

Reed, LLC; Scope of Practice Inquiry –

Discussion ensued on this inquiry. Dr. Ihle motioned to forward this letter to board’s attorney for clarification and written response. William Boring seconded. Motion carried.

WV DHHR – Scope Conflict –

Discussion ensued regarding the Point of Care license. WV DHHR representative says our Respiratory Therapist need to have this POC in the State of West Virginia. WV DHHR’s own statute excludes Licensed Respiratory Therapist from this requirement. Board concurs that

procedures requiring a POC is within a Licensed Respiratory Therapist scope of practice as defined in our board's statute. Therefore, RT's do not need an additional POC license. Barbara Folden motioned for Tracy Matthews to send a written response to WV Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Laboratory Services official stating the board's position that RT's do not need a POC license and cite the language in DHHR and our statute. William Boring seconded. Motion carried.

Legislative Oversight Committee Recommendation for DHHR Reorganization –

Tracy Matthew presented a review and summary of this committee's recommendation as to how it may affect our board/RT profession. Mr. Matthews will monitor any bills which may get introduced regarding this committee report and any other proposed legislation that concerns the practice of respiratory care.

Meeting Reviews –

- Tracy Matthews presented the board with a review of the agenda topics for the AARC Congress in Indianapolis on October 4 – 7, 2017. Discussion ensued on informational topics the board felt may be a concern for our practitioners.
- Len Picha represented the board at the AACYPH Conference on October 3 – 6, 2017 held in North Charleston, SC. Mr. Picha presented topics of interest and benefit for the RT profession in our state and the national level. A detailed written summary is attached.
- Regina Gillispie represented our board at the MEDTRADE Conference in Atlanta, GA on October 23- 26, 2017. Ms. Gillispie presented topics of concern to the profession of respiratory therapists practice. Discussion ensued on all topics presented by Ms. Gillispie.
- Len Picha attended the WV American Association's Lung Expo on November 13<sup>th</sup> in Charleston, WV. Mr. Picha stated this expo was very well attended by patients, caregivers, practitioners and providers. Discussion ensued on topics of Asthma, COPD, Lung High Resolution CD, E-cigarette dangers, and palliative care of chronic lung disease. Dr. Ihle presented on Asthma COPD Overlap syndrome.
- Nancy Massey and Eric Hawkins attended the WV Auditors Licensing Board Seminar held on November 29, 2017 in Charleston, WV. Agenda topics were addressed with members of the board.

Administrative Issues – Nancy Massey

- YTD FY2018 Budget/Expenses/Revenues
- Nancy Massey presented PCard purchases to the board for review and approval. Regina Gillispie motioned to approve the PCard purchases and Len Picha seconded. Motion carried.
- 2018 Renewal Statistics; 427 of 1756 licenses have not applied for 2018 renewal. 11 days remain to renew at the \$65.00 rate.

Adjourn – Eric Hawkins motioned. Barbara Folden seconded. Motion carried.

Recording - Nancy J. Massey, Executive Secretary

