



**Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Health
Board of Respiratory Care**

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FLR.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

August 8, 2016

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**



ATTENDANCE: August 2016

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	CAROLYN WILLIAMS, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	TIMOTHY MAHONEY, BOARD MEMBER	Present
STAFF:	ROBIN Y. JENKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	ERIC YEAGER, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	REBECCA ODRICK, INVESTIGATOR	Present
	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	Present

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OS-0808-01	<p>SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT Board Action: There was no report.</p>	
OS-0808-02	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Board Action: The Executive Director reported that Board Members who have undergone the ethics training will be provided official government email addresses, key fobs to enter the DOH building, and Metro SmarTrip cards.</p>	
OS-0808-03	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT Board Action: The Board Attorney reported that the City Council has proposed new legislation which would require a health professional's employer, health care provider, facility or agency to submit a written report, within five (5) days, of any action taken against a health professional for incompetence, mental or physical impairment, unprofessional, illegal or unethical conduct. If the reporting requirement is not met, the Mayor may impose a fine of up to \$10,000 per incident. This legislation is entitled the "Health-Care and Community Residence Facility, Hospice and Home Care Licensure Act of 1983 Amendment of 2016. The Board Attorney noted that this legislation is broad in scope and raises many reporting and liability issues for an array of entities and stakeholders. Since this legislation affects all health professionals and all licensing boards, it needs to be monitored closely, she said.</p>	
OS-0808-04	<p>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT Board Action: The Board Chair took a moment to give belated birthday wishes to Executive Director Robin Jenkins and Board Investigator Rebecca Odrick.</p> <p>The Board Chair next mentioned the following educational opportunities and events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. State Licensure Liaison Group Meeting will be August 25th – 27th in Olathe Kansas; b. The 36th Annual Conference by the Sea will be September 14th -16th in Ocean City, Maryland, and participants can earn up to 16 CEUs via the AARC; 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Washington Adventist Hospital will host a Mechanical Ventilation Conference on October 29, 2016 in College Park, Maryland, and participants can earn up to 7 CRCE's; d. The Respiratory Care & Sleep Medicine Conference is on October 27th in Poughkeepsie, NY, and participants can earn up to 10 CEUs; e. The 62nd International Respiratory Convention will be October 15th – 18th in San Antonio, Texas, and participants can earn over 20 CEU; and f. Respiratory Care Week will be October 23 – 29, 2016. 	
OS-0808-05	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u> Board Action: The Open Session minutes of the June 13, 2016 meeting were approved.</p>	
OS-0808-06	<p><u>LGBTQ EDUCATION REQUIREMENT</u> Board Action: The Board voted to fold the mandatory to (2) credits for all licensees in training related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) patients into the total of sixteen (16) CEUs currently required for renewal, while it reduced the number of ethics CEUs from three (3) to two (2).</p>	
OS-0808-07	<p><u>DISCUSSION OF RE-ENTRY TO PRACTICE</u> Board Action: The Board tabled until the October 3, 2016 meeting the discussion of educational pathways to practice for applicants who possess CRT or RRT certifications but have not practiced for five years or more. The Board decided to seek additional information from credentialing organizations and state licensing entities on this issue.</p>	