



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

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

December 12, 2016

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**



ATTENDANCE: December 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
VISITOR		

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OS-1212-01	<p>SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT Board Action: There was no report.</p>	
OS-1212-02	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Board Action: The Executive Director mentioned that the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) is searching for prospects for this Board, and that she has spoken with at least one candidate about how the Board functions and the work that is involved in serving on the Board.</p>	
OS-1212-03	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT Board Action: There was no report.</p>	
OS-1212-04	<p>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT Board Action: The Board Chair took a moment to wish all a joyful holiday season. From October 15-18, she attended the 62nd International Respiratory Convention & Exhibition in San Antonio, Texas. Attendees had the opportunity to earn more than 20 CEUs while learning at over 200 sessions featuring the latest in technological advances, research, disease management, and telemedicine. The Board Chair said that the event was a truly momentous occasion: attendees formed the largest ever gathering of humans blowing on pinwheels simultaneously, and the act was recorded and documented by officials from Guinness World Records. The Board Chair also noted that she attended the House of Delegates Meeting with the representatives from Maryland/DC Society for Respiratory Care. Finally, she reported that the American Association for Respiratory Care's Annual Congress will be held from October 4-7, 2017 in Indianapolis.</p> <p>The Board Chair then thanked the DOH staff for its work on the renewal, noting that the online renewal of her license was speedy and efficient. Board Member Tim Mahoney agreed and said that he had heard nothing but positive feedback from colleagues who renewed their D.C. licenses.</p>	



OS-1212-05	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u> Board Action: The Open Session minutes of the October 3, 2016 meeting were approved.</p>	
OS-1212-06	<p><u>LGBTQ EDUCATION REQUIREMENT</u> Board Action: The Board discussed the regulations that will fold the mandatory two (2) CE credits in training related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) clients into the total of sixteen (16) credits required for every licensure renewal. It also agreed to overhaul all of the D.C. Municipal Regulations for Respiratory Care by the spring of 2017.</p> <p>The Board observed that at its October meeting it agreed that three (3) ethics CEUs will be required for the January 2017 renewal, and that two (2) CEUs in ethics and two (2) CEUs in LGBTQ training will be needed for the 2019 renewal.</p> <p>The Board Attorney again advised that the Board remove Section 7606.9's language requiring that an applicant who falsely certifies completion of CEUs "shall be subject to disciplinary action." In her view, this language is unnecessary since the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) already provides sanctions for such false representations. Board Member Tim Mahoney opposed the change, saying that he wanted a clear statement in the regulations that a licensee's failure to maintain CEUs can result in disciplinary action. The Board agreed to address this issue again when conducting the general overhaul of all the regulations.</p> <p>The Open Session closed at 1040 a.m.</p>	