



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

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLR.  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**February 8, 2016**

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**OPEN SESSION  
MEETING MINUTES**



ATTENDANCE: February 2016

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	CAROLYN WILLIAMS, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	JEAN WILLIAMS, BOARD MEMBER	Absent
	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:	Betty Akpan	Present



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OS-0208-01	<p><b>SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> Dr. Sharon Lewis, Interim Deputy Director, came before the start of the meeting to alert Board Members about the upcoming DOH oversight hearings at the D.C. City Council on February 17, 2016.</p>	
OS-0208-02	<p><b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Executive Director reported that the D.C. City Council passed legislation requiring all licensed health professionals in the city to complete two (2) CEUs in training related to treating gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer and transgender clients. This legislation would require licensees to complete this training every two years for licensure renewal. She also noted that the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) is looking to fill the vacancies on the Board, and that interested applicants must reside in D.C., have a D.C. license in good standing, and must have practiced for three (3) years.</p>	
OS-0208-03	<p><b>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT</b></p> <p>There was no report.</p>	
OS-0208-04	<p><b>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> In this first meeting of 2016, the Board Chair took a moment to wish all in attendance a Happy New Year. She then noted her participation in the 2016 NBC4 Health Expo with other Respiratory Care Practitioners and students from University of the District of Columbia and Prince Georges Community College. The group provided screenings at the COPD Foundation Booth.</p> <p>The Board Chair also announced that the Maryland/District of Columbia Society for Respiratory Care held its Annual Installation of Officers Banquet and Awards Ceremony on January 15, 2016. She said that the following Respiratory Care Practitioners and organizations were recognized at that event for their contributions in 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Mwelwa Kostrick, RRT, from Children's National Hospital, received the Neonatal Respiratory Care Award;</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Addai Peterson, RRT, and Mamo Muluwork, RRT at Bridgepoint Health, received Excellence in Adult Critical Care Award;</li> <li>– Primatti Moore, RRT, from Howard University Hospital, received the award for Excellence in Adult Critical Care for 2015;</li> <li>– Ashley Davis, RRT, from Medstar Georgetown Hospital, received the award for Excellence in Neonatal Respiratory Care;</li> <li>– Carolyn Williams, RRT, from Children's National Hospital, received the AARC Fellowship Award (FAARC) recognition at the 2015 National Convention; and</li> <li>– Children's National Hospital received an award for Department Recognition.</li> </ul> <p>The Board Chair next mentioned the following educational opportunities and events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. March 18, 2016 – University of Maryland Medical Center's respiratory symposium entitled "Respiratory Care on the Cutting Edge;"</li> <li>b. April 13, 2016 – Lung Force Expo in Baltimore, Md.</li> <li>c. February 29 - March 1, 2016 – the COPD National Action Plan 2016 Town Hall Meeting at the National institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. The American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) seeks representation from Respiratory Care Practitioners at this event; and</li> <li>d. April 15 - 17, 2016 – The USA Science and Engineering Festival at the D.C. Convention Center. AARC will again sponsor a booth at this event.</li> </ul>	
OS-0208-05	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Open Session minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting were approved with the following clarifications: 1) that Ms. Betty Akpan attended the Open Session; and 2) that Scott Pettinichi, RRT, Angelina Plater, CRT, Edna Shattuck, RRT, RN, and Kim Turner, Esq., were recognized along with the Board Members at the D.C. City Council event celebrating Respiratory Care Month.</p>	