



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

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

October 5, 2015

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**



ATTENDANCE: October 2015

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



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OS-1005-01	<p>SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT There was no report.</p>	
OS-1005-02	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT There was no report.</p>	
OS-1005-03	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT The Board Attorney informed the Board that Dr. Rikin Mehta was no longer serving as DOH's Senior Deputy Director and that Dr. Sharon Lewis, who has served as DOH's Facilities Division Program Manager, is Interim Senior Deputy Director.</p>	
OS-1005-04	<p>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT Board Action: The Board Chair announced that the 2015 Conference by the Sea, which was held September 16-18 in Ocean City, Maryland, was a huge success and offered attendees 16 CEUs. The Board Chair also announced that she and Board Member Jean Williams attended National Board for Respiratory Care's State Licensure Liaison Group Meeting in Olathe, Kansas. This meeting provided valuable information on regulatory and licensing frameworks, she said. Board Member Timothy Mahoney asked if the NBRC meeting discussed how cheating on exams might be more pervasive with the advent of online testing. According to the Board Chair, this concern was indeed raised at the meeting, and that NBRC officials noted that electronic monitoring technologies such as cameras and recorders have been employed to ensure testing integrity.</p> <p>Continuing, the Board Chair noted that Adventist Health Care will offer 8 CEUs at its 12th Annual Mechanical Ventilation Conference on October 15 at the Holiday Inn on Baltimore Avenue in College Park, Maryland. She added that HSC Pediatric Center on Bunker Hill Road in Northeast, Washington, D.C., will be hosting a respiratory conference October 29-30 that offers 12 CEUs, including 3 credits in ethics. She also announced that October 25-29 is Respiratory Care Week, and that Children's Hospital will have a program to recognize the week's importance. Finally, the Board Chair noted that she and Board Members Jean Williams and</p>	



	<p>Timothy Mahoney will attend the American Association for Respiratory Care’s Congress 2015 in Tampa, Florida, from November 7-10.</p>	
OS-1005-05	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Open Session minutes of the August 10, 2015 2015 were approved with the clarification that the Board Chair attended the “memorial” service of “Dr. Forrest Bird.”</p>	
OS-1005-06	<p><u>THERAPIST DRIVEN PROTOCOLS</u> <u>Board Action:</u> After a discussion, the Board voted to close this matter.</p> <p>In the discussion, Board Chair Carolyn Williams and Board Member Jean Williams noted that protocols already work smoothly at their hospitals. Ms. Betty Akpan, a visitor at the Board meeting and licensed Respiratory Therapist, noted that protocols have worked fine with “no problems” at Washington Hospital Center.</p>	