



**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 13, 2017**

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

**OPEN SESSION  
MEETING MINUTES**



ATTENDANCE: February 13, 2017

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
	DR. SHARON LEWIS, SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR	Present
VISITOR	Betty Akpan	Present
	Carolyn Kuchel	Present
	Brett Cox	Present



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Call to Order and Roll Call

OS-0213-01	<p><b>SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b>  <b>Board Action:</b> Dr. Sharon Lewis thanked the Board Members for their hard work on behalf of the citizens of the District of Columbia and invited them to attend the DOH oversight hearing at the City Council on March 1, 2017.</p>	
OS-0213-02	<p><b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b>  <b>Board Action:</b> The Executive Director mentioned that the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) is still searching for candidates to fill vacancies on this Board. She also encouraged the Board Members to attend the March 1, 2017 oversight hearing at the City Council.</p>	
OS-0213-03	<p><b>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT</b>  <b>Board Action:</b> The Board Attorney took a moment to review with the Board Members materials from Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services, LLC (EBAS) as another tool boards can use for discipline of licensees.</p>	
OS-0213-04	<p><b>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</b>  <b>Board Action:</b> The Board Chair took a moment to wish all in attendance a Happy Valentine's Day.</p> <p>She then announced that she attended the Maryland/DC Society for Respiratory Care Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet on January 21, 2017 in Columbia, Md. The Society recognized Respiratory Therapists who were nominated and selected for various awards. The following Respiratory Therapists who work in DC hospitals were recognized:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nithin George – Nominated for Rookie of the Year</li> <li>2. Karen Brant and Vanae Tood – Nominated for Neonatal/Pediatric Critical Care Therapists of the Year</li> </ol>	



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Stefani Harvey – Nominated for Supervisor of the Year</li> <li>4. Cherise Wilson – Nominated for Manager of the Year</li> <li>5. Jean Williams – Received a Special Award for Service to the DC Board of Respiratory Care and retirement after more than 40 years as a Respiratory Therapist</li> <li>6. Carolyn Williams, Chair of the DC Respiratory Care Board – Received the Award for Excellence in Respiratory Care</li> </ol> <p>The Board Chair then discussed the following educational opportunities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Respiratory Therapy Spring Tune-Up by the Bay Conference on April 20, 2017 at Anne Arundel Hospital in Annapolis, Md.</li> <li>2) The American Lung Association conference on April 27, 2017 at Martin’s West in Baltimore, Md.</li> </ol>	
OS-0213-05	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></b>  <b>Board Action:</b> The Open Session Minutes of the December 12, 2016 meeting were approved.</p>	
OS-0213-06	<p><b><u>REGULATIONS UPDATE</u></b>  <b>Board Action:</b> The Board agreed that Member Tim Mahoney will head the subcommittee that will recommend amendments to update the regulations.</p> <p>The Open Session closed at 9:51 a.m.</p>	