



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

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

June 13, 2016

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**



ATTENDANCE: June 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:	FRANK MEYERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, D.C. BOARD OF MEDICINE	Present
	REEMA ATILA, LEGAL INTERN, DOH	Present



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OS-0613-01	<p>SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT Board Action: There was no report.</p>	
OS-0613-02	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Board Action: The Executive Director reported that she was informed at a recent DOH senior staff meeting that budget expenditures for the FY 2016 budget have been exceeded. As a result, no more travel approvals will be approved for the remainder of this fiscal year.</p>	
OS-0613-03	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT Board Action: The Board Attorney noted how she has been rewriting other boards' regulations to accommodate the legislation passed by the D.C. City Council requiring all licensed health professionals to complete two (2) CEUs in training related to treating gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer and transgender clients every renewal cycle. She asked the Board members whether these two (2) CEUs should be folded into the total of the sixteen (16) CEUs currently required for licensure renewal, or whether they should be added to the current sixteen (16) CEU requirement. The Board decided to resolve this issue at the next Board meeting in August.</p>	
OS-0613-04	<p>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT Board Action: Since there was no April meeting, the Board Chair took a moment to send belated birthday wishes to Board Member Timothy Mahoney and Licensing Specialist Eric Yeager.</p> <p>The Board Chair announced that she attended the February 17 D.C. City Council Oversight Hearing and gave testimony before Councilwoman Yvette Alexander related to the Board's activities during 2015.</p> <p>The Board Chair said that on February 29 and March 1 she joined others D.C. area Respiratory Care practitioners at a COPD town hall meeting at the National Institutes of Health. Conferees at this</p>	



meeting discussed key issues to address COPD on the national level. One of the objectives of this meeting was to develop a national action plan to provide U.S. cities with a comprehensive plan aimed at reducing the impact of COPD.

The Board Chair next mentioned the following educational opportunities and events:

- The American Association for Respiratory Care held their annual Hill Day on April 12th. There were over 100 Respiratory Care Practitioners, Students and Patient Advocates who participated.
- The USA Science and Engineering Festival was held April 14 – 17 at the D.C. Convention Center. The American Association for Respiratory Care had a “Life Savers” exhibition that was staffed by Respiratory Care Practitioners from several D.C. hospitals. There were approximately 365,000 attendees at the event over the course of 4 days.
- The University of the District of Columbia Community College had their Pinning Ceremony on May 10th and graduation was held on May 14th. There were 6 graduates in the 2016 Class.
- World Asthma Day was held May 3rd to promote asthma prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Various outreach activities were held in May pertaining to asthma education and awareness.
- On April 21, the Anne Arundel Medical Center held a respiratory therapy conference entitled “Spring Tune-Up by the Bay” which offered 6 CEUs.
- The International Tracheostomy Symposium was held at Johns Hopkins University April 29 – 30.
- The National Board for Respiratory Care’s State Licensure Liaison Meeting will be held from August 26– 28, and Board



	<p>Member Timothy Mahoney will be attending.</p> <p>– The Maryland/DC Society for Respiratory Care will hold its annual Conference by the Sea from September 14– 16 in Ocean City, Md.</p> <p>– The American Association for Respiratory Care’s International Congress will be held October 15 – 18 in San Antonio, Texas.</p>	
OS-0613-05	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Open Session minutes of the February 8, 2016 meeting were approved.</p>	