

# STATE BOARD FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

## MINUTES

**March 6, 2009**

The Wyoming State Board for Respiratory Care met on Friday, March 6, 2009 at the University of Wyoming Outreach Center located at 957 N Poplar St, Casper WY.

### **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

The meeting was brought to order by Chair Rena Piper, at 10:07 a.m. In attendance were Board Members Rena M. Piper , Joseph B. Burke, Loretta Crider and Wanda Hulit. Also present were Executive Director Veronica Skoranski, and visitors as reflected on the attached sign in sheet.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion by Hulit the minutes of August 15, 2008 were approved as submitted.

### **INFORMATION**

Skoranski presented the financial report through February 28, 2009. The reports reflect that the Board is in sound financial standing.

Skoranski presented a report showing new licenses issued from July 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009.

Skoranski presented a report showing the licenses which expired on October 31, 2008

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Burke updated the members on a conversation he had with the VA regarding Rotech. They assured Burke that they are in compliance with the Respiratory Care Act.

The members reviewed correspondence from Robert Downey with questions regarding home care companies. In answer to Mr. Downey's questions the Board stated the following:

1. Can the PST verify the pressure on a CPAP unit?

Probably, but the documentation of that needs to be done by an LRCP. Same for CNAs

2. Can the PST adjust the pressure on a CPAP unit if they find that the set pressure is different than the prescribed pressure?

No, this must be done by a License Respiratory Care Practitioner (or nurse, etc.).

3. Can a PST change/exchange filters?

Yes

4. Can a PST perform finger pulse oximetry?

No

5. Can a PST adjust oxygen liter flow if they find the flow is set differently than the prescribed liter flow?

No

6. Can a PST physically attach supplies to any piece of equipment?

This is a gray area. Assembling the equipment is equipment maintenance as long as they do not set parameters for BILEVEL and CPAP.

The members reviewed correspondence from Scott Klopitcke of Copenhaver, Kath, Kitchen & Kolpitche, LLC regarding pulmonary function tests. The Board opined that it is not relevant if pulmonary function testing is provided under a VA contract or not. Pulmonary function tests performed by persons not licensed as a respiratory care practitioner, conducted as part of a physician's practice, are solely the responsibility of the physician. The Respiratory Care Practice act does not regulate practices in physician's offices.

Communication from the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) regarding the option of CoARC leaving the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs and becoming a freestanding accreditor of respiratory care education programs was presented for information only.

From a question posed from the audience, a CEU was clarified to equal 10 contact hours. However, license holders need to be careful because not all CE providers use the term "CEU" properly. Many will use the term to indicate actual hours wherein 1 CEU is actually only 1 contact hour.

The Board will have a slot of time in the morning during the September 17, 2009 Wyoming Society for Respiratory Care conference agenda to address questions.

The members were given a sample of the Board of Nursing disaster volunteer plan questionnaire.

The remaining meetings for the year are scheduled as follows:

June 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Cheyenne.

September 16, 2009, Sheridan, Holiday Inn



**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Crider the Board convened in executive session 11:36 a.m.

The Board reconvened into public session at 12:08 p.m.

On motion by Hult, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Investigative Review Committee and accepted the Settlement Agreement, Stipulation And Order negotiated to resolve complaint #2008-01. Burke abstained.

On motion by Crider, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Investigative Review Committee and accepted the Settlement Agreement, Stipulation And Order negotiated to resolve complaint #2008-03. Burke abstained.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Burke, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by the Board

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Veronica Skoranski, Executive Director

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Rena M. Piper, Board Chair