

North Carolina Respiratory Care Board
Special Meeting May 18, 2009
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Members Present by Phone:

Timothy Safley, RCP
Margaret Mitchell, RCP
Thomas Goodin, MD
Ralph Webb, RRT, RCP
William Croft, RRT, RCP
Kimberly Roseman
Sherry Samuels

Others Present:

Floyd Boyer, RRT, RCP –Executive Director
William Shenton –Board Counsel (by phone)
Lisa Johnson - Public
Bill Kiger – Public (by phone)

Absent:

Arnold Frazier, MD
Karl Karlson, MD
Wayne Beauford, MD

Call to Order:

Mr. Webb called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Conflict of Interest Notice:

Mr. Webb read the North Carolina Board of Ethics' Conflict of Interest Reminder, indicating that if there are any conflicts of interest on any matters that come before the Board; Board members should refrain from voting and inform the Chair at that time.

Mr. Webb reminded the audience that the Board meetings are recorded and are a matter of public record. Comments and questions raised by the audience are recorded and may be part of the minutes.

General Session:

Mr. Webb stated that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss House Bill 819 and Senate Bill 892. He turned the meeting over to Bill Croft, RCP Chair of the Sleep Technology Subcommittee. Mr. Croft reported that he and Terry Smith attended the last meeting at the Legislative Office to get clarification of the issue of the Polysomnography Bill.

After a discussion, the unanimous consensus of the Board was that the current version of the Bill had no particular impact on the licenses of RCP's, since it contained the language exempting persons who were otherwise licensed or credentialed from compliance with the Bill if those persons were practicing within the scope of their profession. Since proposed 90-677.4 has the same exemption as the NCRCB's Practice Act, RCP's who choose to practice sleep will not be impacted. However, if the RCP's call themselves Registered Polysomnography Technologists, they must have passed the RPSGT and register with the Secretary of State.

Mr. Croft explained that the AARC had raised several concerns. The biggest issue raised by the AARC is whether the Bill protects the Public adequately. He noted that this Bill is not a licensing act. It is a registration Bill to protect the RPSGT credential. It does provide a way to track persons who use the credential and does provide for an injunction against anyone who is not appropriately credentialed by the BRPT or who uses the RPSGT credential without being registered.

Mr. Webb thanked Mr. Croft, Terry Smith, and Dan Grady for meeting with the Legislators and their work on this Bill.

Following a discussion by the Board and the Public, Mrs. Mitchell made a motion to support the Bill as an important first step in the regulation of Polysomnography. The motion was seconded by Mr. Safley. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 PM.