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ADVISORY BOARD ON POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGY

Minutes

October 7, 2016

The Advisory Board on Polysomnographic Technology met on Friday, October 7, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anna Rodriquez, Chair
Debbie Akers, Vice Chair
Jonathan Clark
Robert Vorona, M.D.
Marie Quinn

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Director for Licensure
Colanthia Morton, Operations Manager
Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist

GUESTS PRESENT: None

Call TO ORDER

Ms. Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 1:11p.m.

EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES

Mr. Heaberlin announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 6, 2015

Dr. Vorona moved to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Vorona moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Supervisory Responsibilities 18VAC85-140-120

Ms. Akers asked for clarification of the supervisor responsibilities for unlicensed personnel. Mr. Heaberlin noted that the Board approved an initial grace period to December 31, 2015, for those who were practicing as a Polysomnographic Technologist to get licensed without being disciplined for unlicensed practice. Furthermore, he noted that if a practitioner holds a Registered Polysomnographic Technologist (RPSGT) credential and is working without a license, it may be considered unlicensed practice and Board discipline would be a possibility upon licensure. Mr. Heaberlin suggested that individuals should apply for their license with the Board at the same time they apply to take the RPSGT certification exam.

2. Role of the Advisory Board Member

Ms. Akers inquired about the role of the Advisory Board member. She explained that she receives calls from the applicants wanting assistance with applications. She stated that she refers applicants to the Board for assistance. The Advisory Board further discussed its role in advising the full Board of Medicine and staff with professional and regulatory issues, assisting with licensure questions from the staff, completing probable cause reviews for disciplinary action and participating in informal conferences and formal hearings.

3. Discussion Regarding Complaints Filed Against Polysomnographic Technologist

Mr. Heaberlin noted the Board had disciplined 10 polysomnographic technologists for unlicensed practice; there have been no standard of care cases brought before the Board.

4. Promulgation of Regulations to Accept Volunteer Service for Fulfillment of Continuing Education Requirements

The members reviewed the statute and the draft regulation which allows for up to 2 hours of continuing education to be satisfied through delivery of services, without compensation, to low-income individuals receiving health services through a local health department or a free clinic organized in whole or primarily for the delivery of those services. One hour of continuing education may be credited for three hours of providing such volunteer services, as documented by the health department or free clinic. Mr. Clark motioned to approve regulation as written. The motion was second and carried unanimously.

5. Election of Officers

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Ms. Rodriguez moved to nominate Mr. Clark to serve as Chair. The motion was seconded and carried. Dr. Vorona moved to nominate Ms. Akers to serve as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Mason announced that there are currently 427 licensed polysomnographic technologists in Virginia.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

February 3, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Advisory Board was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Dr. Robert Vorona, Chair

William Harp, Executive Director

Denise W. Mason, Licensing Specialist