



IOWA SOCIETY FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

Iowa Society for Respiratory Care Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, February 21st, 2019

Legislature breakfast at the State Capital 0730-0900

DMACC Capitol Center 0930-1300

Des Moines, Iowa

1. Approve November Meeting minutes
 - a. Meeting called to order at 0940 by President, Cindy Duncan. Motion to approve minutes from 11/01/2018. Vote: unable to vote due to not enough members present to make a quorum.
2. Roll Call at 0945 by Secretary, Nicole Benhart
 - a. Present: Cindy Duncan (President), Nicole Benhart (Secretary), Whitney Clausen (Vice President), Dinah Crees (Treasurer), Patrick Stevens (Director at Large), Gary Smith (Senior Delegate), Jamie Bute (District 3 Director), Matt Eide (Lobbyist), Luanne Heemstra (PACT)
 - b. Absent: Colleen Reiland (President Elect), Larry Wagner (Director at Large), Julie Jackson (Junior Delegate), Pamela Currie (District 1 Director), Justin Hester (District 2 Director), Mica Spicer (District 4 Director), Joel Meredith (District 5 Director), David Fuller (District 6 Director), Dr. Randall Hanson (Medical Advisor), Peg Iverson (Public Member), Anne Stark (PACT)
3. Guest Introduction:
 - a. Students: Terra Koelker (Kirkwood College), Jose Gomez (Kirkwood College), Naomie Lemeuble (DMACC), Danyelle Myers (DMACC), Michele Gayechuway (St. Luke's College)
4. Reports
 - a. President- Cindy Duncan
 - i. Orientation- sent to new board members since they are not present
 - ii. Goals:
 1. Continue to update Policy and Procedure Manual
 2. Agenda Template- Cindy sent out
 3. Student AARC membership reimbursement
 - a. Increased from \$35 to \$40 (we budgeted \$35)
 - b. Cindy sent out a letter to all 6 schools to pick 1 student
 4. Increase minimal credential level for licensure in Iowa to RRT
 - a. We would have grandfather clause
 - b. Survey state to see if there is support for it



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- c. Will take 5 years to implement
- d. Why don't we develop a program similar to nursing (LPN, RN, BSN)? - because AARC says CRT is the minimal credential
 - i. Evidence between CRT vs RRT
 - ii. Why change if there is no difference between CRT and RRT knowledge and schooling?
 - iii. CRT shouldn't be critical care
- e. How do we find out how many CRT's are in the state?
- f. Telemedicine
- g. Double license fees for renewal
 - i. \$66 now, was going to be \$120
 - ii. 1,666 license respiratory therapists, 93 dual license resp/poly, and 50 polysomnography only
 - iii. Polysomnography pays \$300 every 2 years
 - iv. Legislators thought we should cover the bill for polysomnography since there isn't as many of them compared to us. We said no because we told them it would be costly due to not as many poly. We said we would give a little, but not allow double amount (\$120)
- h. Should we look at other states to see how they are doing it for CRT vs RRT?
- b. President Elect- Colleen Reiland
 - i. Not present. No report. Congrats on baby!!!
- c. Vice President- Whitney Clausen
 - i. Added notes from Tammy's meeting.
- d. Secretary- Nicole Benhart
 - i. Lung conference update
 - ii. Going to AARC Bootcamp in Dallas, Texas.
 - 1. Give report in April
- e. Treasurer- Dinah Crees
 - i. Started February 1st
 - ii. Cindy, Dinah and Sullen met at Bank
 - iii. \$189 in fees due to credit card not being paid on time
 - iv. Checking Account: \$25,572.23



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- v. Savings Account: \$25,076.05
- vi. Starting in March, the credit card will automatically be paid from the checking account. This will stop the possibility of late fees and interest fees. Receipts are still needed though and follow ups will occur if there are questions.
- vii. Vote: credit card will be paid each month on the 19th
- viii. Need to address how to fill out the tax return
- f. Directors at Large- Patrick Stevens & Larry Wagner
 - i. No report.
- g. Senior Delegate (HOD)- Gary Smith
 - i. Couldn't go to AARC in Vegas
- h. Junior Delegate (HOD)- Julie Jackson
 - i. Not present. Julie emailed out report for AARC meeting in Vegas
 - ii. AARC is pushing for audits for organization
 - 1. Would cost us \$5,000- we can't afford
 - iii. Pushing for RRT
 - iv. Pushing for Bachelors (there are some schools that aren't CoArc approved)
 - 1. St. Luke's is still working on bachelor's degree program
 - 2. AARC is still pushing for Bachelor of RT for entry level jobs
 - v. Government doesn't recognize us as a profession without a bachelor's degree
- i. District Directors
 - i. District 1- Pamela Currie
 - 1. Not Present. No report.
 - ii. District 2- Justin Hester
 - 1. Not Present. No report.
 - iii. District 3- Jamie Bute
 - 1. Hawkeye Community College 2nd Annual Conference is Friday, June 7th, 2019 with 6 speakers (6 contact hours)
 - a. Has 4 speakers, needs 2 more.
 - 2. Iowa Licensure is 24 CEUs every 2 years (10 online, 14 in person) changed to (12 online, 12 in person)
 - 3. NBRC is 30 CEUs every 5 years
 - 4. Look at online CEU options for IaSRC offered through our website
 - iv. District 4- Mica Spicer



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1. Not Present. No report.
- v. Joel Meredith
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- vi. David Fuller
- j. Medical Advisor- Dr. Randall Hanson
 - i. Not Present. No report.
- k. Public Member- Peg Iverson
5. Old Business
 - a. PACT report- Anne Stark & Luanne Heemstra
 - i. Luanne gave report
 - ii. Virtual Lobby Week (end of March/early April)
 1. Contact legislators
 2. PACT going to the hill
 3. Set up appointments with senators and representatives
 - iii. Competitive Bidding Program through Medicare
 1. Liquid O2/regular O2 – homecare bids (lower price for Medicare is the goal)
 2. ventilators
 - b. Lung Conference- Nicole gave updates/details on conference
6. New Business
 - a. Lobbyist report- Matt Eide
 - i. Great turn out at the legislature breakfast- loved having students
 - ii. Matt read the polysomnography/respiratory bill
 - iii. Need to better define mobile unit testing center
 1. There was talk of sleep studies in hotels, especially for truck drivers
 2. Concern for sleep studies at home- is it actually the patient that is doing it?
 - b. Break-out Sessions
 - i. Group 1:
 1. High Schoolers come to hospital
 2. DMAACC at state fair
 3. High School career days
 4. Hospital wellness participation
 5. Present at movie "5 Feet Apart," March 15th
 - ii. Group 2:



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1. Going to high school to promote respiratory
 2. Farmers Market? Iowa State Fair?
 3. Going to local teams' games to recruit
 4. More advertising/boards to make sure people know what we do.
- iii. Group 3:
1. Patient experience: instruction
 - a. "I am your Respiratory Therapist"
 - b. Respiratory Therapy student
 - c. Differentiate us from other professions
 2. More visits to high schools
 3. Great American Smoke out participation
 - a. Wear scrubs and badge
 4. Wear scrubs to Capitol
 - a. Respiratory Therapist label-BIG
 5. Guessing games: # of COPD, # of RTs, # of E-cigs sold
 6. More during Respiratory Care Week
 7. Use more AARC resources
 - a. RTs at college orientation days- booth?
 8. Invite high school nurse/guidance counselors to educate on profession. -asthma (disorders)
 9. Make our own video (not the Life & Breath video)
 - a. 2 years and done
7. HOD presentation by Naomie
- a. Says thank you for sending her
 - b. 2025 everyone be RRT
 - c. Make us a more smoke free environment
 - d. Airplanes don't want vents and home cpap machines
 - i. Delta and American do allow home vents and COPD materials
 - e. Workshop- make AARC membership apart of program requirement
 - f. Colorado loves students- talks to students more than therapists
 - g. Students find its too expensive to pay- a lot of programs add membership fee within tuition fee
8. Next Meeting
- a. Wednesday, April 3rd at the DMACC Ankeny Campus (Building 24, Room 105) from 2:30pm-5:00pm
9. Meeting Adjournment



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- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting. Vote: unable to vote due to not enough members present to make a quorum.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Nicole Benhart

Nicole Benhart, 2019 IaSRC Secretary

Reviewed and Approved by:

Cindy Duncan

Cindy Duncan, 2019 IaSRC President