

KANSAS RESPIRATORY CARE SOCIETY

February 25, 2009

RC Classroom Room 111

Washburn campus

Topeka, Ks.

Members present:

Don Carden, Julia Downs, Steve Ades, Terri Lesser, Karen Schell, Haley Busch, Pat Patterson, Troy Gooch, Donna Johnson, Jon Finnegan, Monica Baden, Debbie Fox, Regina Chard, Dan Conyers, Suzanne Bollig, Rusty Taylor

Members absent:

Jana Cox, Mark Brady, Pam Brown, Brandee Hogue, Bev Irmey, Bill Rea, Stacia Nordyke, David Mantz, Ed Anderson, Leona Evans, Curtis Kidwell

Welcome: Don Carden opened the meeting at 1200 and welcomed everyone. He welcomed new members Dan Conyers, serving as chapter 1 president and Regina Chard, serving as chapter 2 president. He mentioned that Stacia Nordyke will be serving as chapter 6 president.

At noon we took a small break for lunch.

The minutes from our January 15, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved after minor changes in wording.

Treasurers Report:

We had a discussion on the use of our credit cards. We are currently working on developing policies to determine who is to receive the credit cards. The question was brought up whether we really need credit cards. Discussion was held that the cards come in very handy for travel especially when so many of our members are scattered across the state. We also received the cards when we started receiving credit card payments. We currently issue one to: President, President-elect, Treasurer, and Treasurer-elect. We are currently paying Bank of America \$11 per month for checking account service. Don suggested that we look at a different bank to do service with. We will be raising our seminar registration fees by \$10 and will also be raising vendor fees. Rusty suggested that we look at taping our presentations and offering CEUs through this venue. We discussed what this would involve. We reviewed the proposed 2009 budget and made a few changes. The DVD expense of \$250 was moved to public relations. We removed the ALA Denim Diamond item. Don stated that we are still working to balance our checking account balance. The bank says that we have more in the account than what our records show. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report.

Delegates Report:

Karen reported that she will be bringing 2 resolutions for us to discuss at our April meeting. She is waiting to receive the Summit award application. Terri and Monica have agreed to work on this and get it turned in. The application needs to be turned in before May. The summer forum meeting will be held July 20 and 21 and will be at Marco Island in Florida. Karen also asked for best practices to be reported to her so that can be shared at the HOD meeting.

Directors Report:

Monica is working on putting a story together for the website about Marshall Post. Marshall is a therapist that has worked at Wesley for about 25 years. He does clowning on his time off and is known as Artee the clown.

Rusty suggested that we evaluate an on line meeting tool and have some meetings over the internet. He suggested that this technology could be used for those that could not attend the meetings. We would need a headset with a microphone hooked to the internet. Rusty will do some testing with this.

Jon reported that he has been working on policies for the KRCS.

Report from Jack Confer, Executive Director Board of Healing Arts

At 1330 we had a presentation from Jack Confer, the Executive Director of the Kansas Board of Healing Arts. The Board is comprised of 15 members with 12 licensees and 3 members from the public. He spoke about 3 bills that are currently pending in the legislative session. House Bill 2161 refers to fee limit increases. He reported the need to increase fees because of a 30% increase in staffing levels. House Bill 2010 has to do with medical records retention and forwarding medical records. Senate Bill 200 is related to utilizing finger printing technology to be used on first time license applicants. This will require an increase in fees of about \$50. He stated that the state suggests that you hold on to your CEUs for at least 3 years but it might be prudent to hold on to them much longer than this. A question was asked about what must be reported to the state for misconduct. He stated that any child abuse, ethical obligations below standard of care, any chemical impairment must be reported. He answered many other questions and concerns. The Board felt that he was asking for our support relating to his desire to increase the fees for licenses. Suzanne and Debbie have agreed to draft a letter stating that the Board will support HB 2161 if all the allied health profession fees were increased where all allied health professions were at the same level.

Legislative Update

Today we held our 17th annual Legislative Day at the Capitol. This has paid off for us and has been very beneficial this year as we worked with the Senate Committee on SB 63. Debbie reported that our timing was good this year doing it the week after turnaround week. Our location this year was not good having our booth in the basement of the Docking State Office Building in the back of the cafeteria. We completed visits to all the Public Health and Welfare Committee Senate offices and the Health and Human Services Committee House of Representative offices. We were able to actually speak to 10 face to face visits with legislators. Senate Bill 25 is a statewide smoking ordinance.

The bill was passed by the Senate. It has gone to the House for a vote. The KRCS BOD provided written testimony in support at the committee hearing on January 28th. Don Carden also provided separate testimony as a private citizen of Newton that recently passed a city ordinance. SB 63 is a polysomnography licensure bill that the KRCS had board members testify in the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on 2-4-09. The KRCS is opposed the wording in the bill. The bill does not mention the exclusion of respiratory therapists. Karen Schell, Suzanne Bollig and Debbie Fox gave testimony against the bill. There were 6 proponents and 6 opponents of the bill. The bill did not pass out of committee. There is some impression that the group will be referred to the KDHE to complete. HB 2161 is a Kansas State Board of Healing Arts bill to increase the fee structure for all health care professions under their direction. The bill has not been acted on by the House Health and Human Services. The bill is dead for this session. It will remain in committee until next year. The Washington DC PACT visit is on March 9th and 10th. Julia, Karen, and Debbie will attend the meeting. Meetings have been scheduled with all 4 congressmen and both senators. We need emails from the Board. We need emails from any respiratory patients. The House and Senate bills are to recognize Respiratory Therapists under Medicare part B. Any petitions need to be completed and mailed to Debbie. The plan is to send an email out to all KRCS members requesting an activation of the 435 plan.

CEU Evaluator Selection

The executive committee has been conducting interviews to fill the position of CEU evaluator. The executive committee recommends that Melanie Asmussen fill the position of CEU Evaluator. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept Melanie Asmussen as the new CEU Evaluator.

Chapter I:

Dan Conyers reported that he would like to receive a list of members in his chapter. Dan will receive this list.

Chapter II:

Regina Chard reported that she had recently been to Topeka Seaman High School and had talked to the students about respiratory therapy.

Chapter III:

No report.

Chapter IV:

No report

Chapter V:

No report

Chapter VI:

New Chapter President is Stachia Nordyke

Chapter VII:

Haley Busch reported that the Asthma walk is May 30th in Wichita.

Chapter VIII:

No report.

Russ Babb Symposium Report

Terri reported that the speakers have been taken care of. The meeting is scheduled for June 5th at the Holiday Inn in Salina.

Bylaws Committee:

Karen gave us an update on policies and procedures that have been worked on. Terri handed out the duties of the secretary. Karen will receive the policies that have been worked on and will review before the April meeting. Karen asked the question concerning the function of the Medical Director on the HOD list serve.

Chapter Affairs:

No report.

Education Committee:

Don reported that Allan Thomas has been working with the education committee to finalize preparations for the State Education Seminar. It will be held this year in Wichita on April 23rd and 24th at the Marriott. Debbie Fox is helping provide additional support to the committee.

Member Services Committee:

No report.

Publications Committee:

No report.

Public Relations:

Karen reported that the AARC is encouraging us to make contact with Kansas Education counselors. She reported that there will be a school counselor meeting in Great Bend on March 12th and 13th. Karen suggested that we make packets to distribute to counselors. She reported that she is going to apply for a grant through the AARC by contacting Steve Nelson. Karen plans to make copies of the Life and Breath video to put in the counselor packets. The \$1000 grant from ARCF was received. Karen put together 400 packets for the school counselors. We will have handouts from each of the respiratory therapy programs in Kansas. Karen asked if board members could send her business cards that she can leave with the school counselors.

Impaired Provider Committee:

No report.

CEU Evaluator:

Julia recently sent out providership renewal forms and hospital should be receiving soon.

Respiratory Care Council:

No report.

Smoking Cessation:

No report.

Old Business:

No report.

New Business:

A discussion was held on allowing Board Members free registration to attend the education meetings. The perceived advantages and disadvantages were shared. No decision was made at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 1550.

Respectfully submitted:
Steve Ades, Secretary KRCS

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Don Carden, President KRCS