

## **KANSAS RESPIRATORY CARE SOCIETY**

April 23, 2009

11:40 am to 1:00 pm

Wichita Marriott

Wichita, KS

### **Members present:**

Don Carden, Julia Downs, Steve Ades, Terri Lesser, Karen Schell, Haley Busch, Pat Patterson, Troy Gooch, Donna Johnson, Monica Baden, Debbie Fox, Regina Chard, Dan Conyers, Rusty Taylor, Melanie Asmussen, Bill Rea, Ed Anderson, Leona Evans, David Mantz, Curtis Kidwell

### **Members absent:**

Jana Cox, Mark Brady, Pam Brown, Brandee Hogue, Bev Irmey, Stacia Nordyke, Jon Finnegan

### **Guests present:**

Judy Lesiak, Jeff Suderman, Nancy Jones, Allen Thomas, Cheryl West, Meg Trump

**Welcome:** Don Carden opened the meeting at 1140 and welcomed everyone. The minutes from out February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were approved with a motion from Dan Conyers and a second from Troy Gooch.

### **Education Committee:**

Melanie Asmussen gave a report on the number that had signed up for the seminar. We had the following: Both days: 160 (9 walk-ins) with 3 no shows. Thursday only: 19 (13 walk-ins) with 1 no show. There were 45 students and 60 vendors.

Update from Bev Urmey on May 15, 2009 shows the following:

Both days: 210 Therapists: 164 with 41 AARC members Students: 46 with 26 AARC members.

Thursday only: 16 Therapists: 16 with 13 AARC members

Friday only: 5 Therapists: 5 with 5 AARC members

Vendors: 57

Total: 288: 22 of the 210 are either committee members or board members or both.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Donna Johnson reported the following revenue from the meeting:

Vendor: \$7,350, Meeting registration: \$14,205, Golf registration: \$550

### **Delegates Report:**

The summer forum meeting will be held July 20 and 21 and will be at Marco Island in Florida. Karen needs input on the 2 resolutions that will be discussed at the meeting. She needs to receive this input by June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Karen has received clarification from Leona Evans on the resolution involving free membership to students who have clinical instructors who are AARC members. Karen is going to submit Debbie Fox's name for life membership to the AARC. Karen will need a recommendation letter from Don for

this. Recommendations for outstanding affiliate member need to be sent by Don by May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Legislative Update:**

Cheryl West from the AARC will give us a legislative update this afternoon. Debbie Fox reported that our legislature is on a 3 week recess in Topeka at this time. The clean indoor air bill has come up again in committee. There has been no update on the polysomnography bill since the February hearing. Debbie thinks the bill will be referred to the KDHE. Debbie reported that the March PACT visit in Washington D.C. was successful. She reported that they were able to schedule visits with both senators and our four representatives. Debbie reported that the Medicare bill to include Respiratory Therapists now has 16 co-sponsors. Cheryl West spoke of the importance of the PACT and the importance of having Respiratory Therapists make an appearance in Washington. Curtis has put pictures on our website with our congressmen.

**CEU Evaluator Selection**

Melanie Asmussen reported that there is new information on the KRCS website. She stated that the transition is going smoothly.

**Respiratory Care Council:**

Julia Downs and Bill Rae gave us an update on the Respiratory Care Council. Bill reported that we should be seeing an electronic newsletter from the Board of Healing Arts. Bill reported that SB 200 which is a bill related to background checks is being pushed through this session. He anticipates that it will not make it through this session. HB 2161 a bill to increase fee caps has failed to move out of the House. Julia passed out revised regulations related to our licensure. These regulations are changes for continuing education for license renewal. There will be a public hearing on these changes on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

No old business to address.

**New Business:**

No new business to address.

Meeting was adjourned at 1300.

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Respectfully submitted:  
Steve Ades, Secretary KRCS

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Respectfully submitted:  
Don Carden, President KRCS

