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MISSOURI RECEIVES “F” FOR TOBACCO CONTROL

A major report released in January by the American Lung Association rates Missouri an “F” for Tobacco Control.

The report, State of Tobacco Control 2007—which assigns each state four letter grades—explains that overall state spending on prevention is on the rise, and that half the states now have a deterrent cigarette tax of \$1 or higher. Each State is then graded on Tobacco Prevention Spending, Smoke-free Air

Laws, Cigarette Tax, and Youth Access.

The report in no way condemns or commends health care communities, nor is it a survey of our nation’s health. Rather, the grades are a ranking of each state’s tobacco control laws and policies as compared to other states and the recommendations of federal health agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

<http://www.stateoftobaccocontrol.org/>

MISSOURI:	Grade
Tobacco Prevention & Control Spending	F
Smoke-free Air	F
Cigarette Tax	F
Youth Access	C

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OTC HOSTS 7TH ANNUAL RESPIRATORY CARE SEMINAR

Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield, MO held its annual respiratory care seminar on June 20, 2008. The seminar was held on OTC’s main campus and awarded five “free” CEUs to 92 participants from Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri. This year’s presentations included “Hemoglobin Abnormalities” and “Respiratory Care Case

Studies” by Doug Pursley, Program Director – Respiratory Care, OTC; “Lung Protective Strategies for Mechanical Ventilation” by Brent Kenney, Staff Educator – Respiratory Care, St. John’s Hospital, Springfield, MO; “The Benefits of Pulmonary Rehabilitation” by John Binder, Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Department, Hammons Heart Institute, Springfield, MO; and

Critical Care Therapist: How Times Have Changed!” by Dr. James W. Coulter, Medical Director, Select Specialty Hospital, Springfield, MO. This is the seventh consecutive year that OTC has offered “no cost” CEUs along with a complimentary breakfast to the respiratory care community.

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DISTRICT UPDATES

DISTRICT 1: Elections for District Vice-President will be held to fill one year remaining for current terms. Cheryl Hoerr was elected to the State office of Director-at-Large. To nominate a therapist for District one Vice-President, please contact the election Chair, Warren Dubois. (wdubois@rolla.k12.mo.us).

District 1 held a quarterly meeting on June 11 at Maggianos Italian Grill in Brentwood, MO. 40+ District 1 members attended the Smoking Cessation training put on by the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services in conjunction with the March of Dimes. The event was sponsored by Pfizer and all who attended had a wonderful time. At that meeting, an election for the interim District 1 President was held. Stephanie Stover, BS, RRT was elected new interim president and will serve out the remainder of the district 1 president. The position was formerly held by G.W. Hamilton. G.W. will be leaving to take a position on the state board as the new Vice President Elect for the MSRC.

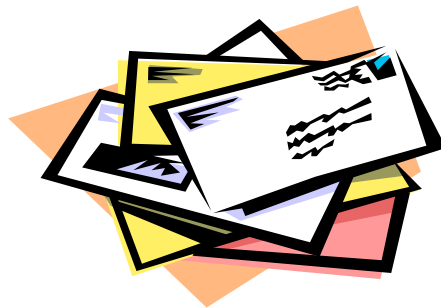
The 21st Annual Fall Conference will be September 5th, 2008 from 0800 to 1530 at Forest Park Community College, St. Louis. Application for 6 CRCEs have been submitted to the AARC. A Flyer is available on MSRC website (www.mosrc.com) under the district 1 information tab. For more information, contact Karen Lane 636-219-9688, or Sandy Uhlemeyer 636-926-9318.

The 5th Annual Respiratory Care

Week Challenge will be held October 22 from 1600 to 2000 at Saratoga Lanes. This is the oldest bowling alley in St. Louis. It's also the only 'upstairs' alley, located at 2725 Sutton Blvd., Maplewood, MO 63143. Get your teams together and practice or just show up and join in the fun. Flyers will be available at the September Conference and also faxed to District 1 hospitals and DME companies.

DISTRICT 2: No Report

DISTRICT 3: MSRC District III 21st Annual Current Concepts in Respiratory Care will be held October 2-3, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Select Expo Center in Columbia. 12 CRCE credits expected



to be approved by the AARC

DISTRICT 4: District IV met on July 22nd at Chappell's Restaurant and Sports Museum, 323 Armour Rd, North Kansas City. Mary Lou Guy presented "2008 and 2009 Joint

Commission Patient Safety Guidelines" 1 CEU was given to each attendee. Mobile Med Care sponsored the event. The next meeting will be September 23rd. Dr. Dominique Crain will present "Ventilator Acquired Pneumonia" 1 CEU will be applied for, Apria Healthcare will be the sponsor. Plans are being made

for our annual seminar in February. If anyone is interested in helping with the planning committee please contact a District officer. The American Lung Association's Clean Air Challenge, 5K run/walk will be October

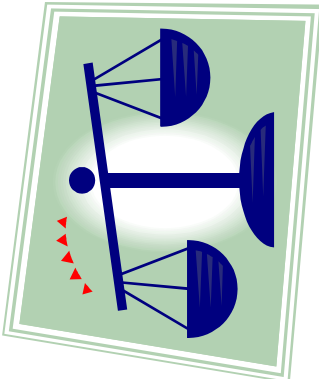
4th at Liberty Memorial, you may register online

District IV meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday, every other month at Chappell's. Contact a district officer for more information.

DISTRICT 5: No Report



RT RELATED VOTING PATTERNS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS



Below is a chart of different RT related legislative items and how our various representatives acted on each of those items. The chart shows whether or not they co-sponsored the bill, and then how each voted on HR6331, and HR493.

Bill	District	Resp Act HR3968/S270 4	Pulm Rehab HR552/S32 9	Home O2 pro- tect HR621/S1484	HR1108/S 625	Medicare re- form HR6331	Genetic test HR493 Co- Sponsor	Vote
Legislator		Co-Sponsor	Co-Sponsor	Co-Sponsor	Co-Sponsor	Vote		Vote
Sam Graves	6-North of KC					yes		yes
Emanuel	5-KC			YES		yes	YES	yes
Lacy Clay	1-N.St.Louis		YES			yes	YES	yes
Kenny Hulshof	9-N.E MO					yes		yes
Roy Blunt	7- Springfield/Joplin					No		yes
Todd Akin	2-St.Charles	YES				No		yes
Jo Ann Emerson	8-Cape		YES	YES	YES	Yes	YES	yes
Russ Carnahan	3-S.St.Louis			YES	YES	yes		yes
Ike Skelton	4-Jeff City/Ozark					yes		yes
Senators								
Kit Bond						No/Yes		
Claire McCaskill						Yes/Yes		
Obama					YES	No Vote	YES	
McCain					YES	No Vote		

The information provided above can be found by searching www.thomas.gov for Legislative Co-Sponsorship and vote. The MSRC is in no way endorsing any Specific Candidate. We realize many factors go into one's personal decision on voting for a candidate. This document is to serve as supplemental information regarding past sponsorship and voting records.

MSRC DELEGATES REPORT

In July, John Hemkens and Bill Lamb attended the AARC House of Delegates (HOD) Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Their report from that meeting follows:

Goals for the AARC House of Delegates for 2008:

1. Work with the Chartered Affiliates to improve the lines of communication to the grass-roots member when it comes to advocacy for our profession and/or our patients.
2. Strengthen the HOD role in the governance of the AARC through an improved resolution process.
3. Strengthen the lines of communication between the Chartered Affiliates and the AARC through an efficient and effective HOD.
4. Maintain an open line of communication and collaborative working relationship with the AARC President, AARC-BOD, and Executive office.

Resolutions Acted upon at this years HOD meeting and their current status:

Resolution #44-08-02

"Resolved that the AARC CRCE application process and member transcript be modified to separately break out the hours devoted to specific course content categories to ensure the usefulness of the transcript in reporting to state licensure boards." (Presented by MN). A friendly amendment was presented by DE to add at the end of the resolution "as well as the program certificates to include how many CRCEs fall into the traditional vs. non-traditional categories". MOTION TO POSTPONE CARRIED. AMENDMENT DEFEATED. Alabama requested a placard vote – 28 delegations voted "yes" and 21 voted "no". ORIGINAL RESOLUTION CARRIED. AARC BOD- referred to the AARC Executive Office to explore and report back to the AARC BOD.

Resolution #06-08-03

"Resolved that the AARC increase membership dues \$5 beginning January 1, 2009." (presented by PA). DE presented a friendly amendment to state "that the AARC explore increasing the membership dues by \$5.00 beginning January 1, 2009." AMENDMENT DEFEATED. ORIGINAL RESOLUTION DEFEATED. No AARC BOD consideration required.

Resolution #22-08-04

"Resolved that the AARC create an ad hoc committee to investigate and recommend the feasibility of creating an AARC student leadership initiative." (Presented by HI). MOTION CARRIED. AARC BOD- referred this back to the AARC House of Delegates to develop a plan. HOD has formed an ad Hoc committee to work on and make a recommendation at the Fall meeting in Anaheim this year.

Resolution #29-08-05

"Resolved that the AARC engage the NBRC in discussions aimed at reducing the significant cost barrier to participation in the Registry credentialing program, with the ultimate goal being that the total cost to candidates qualified to participate in the Registry credentialing program not exceed that required of qualified candidates for participation in the Certification Credentialing Program." (presented by FL). Alabama requested a placard vote – 30 delegations voted "yes" and 19 voted "no". MOTION CARRIED. AARC BOD- will have AARC President discuss with NBRC.

The AARC House of delegates discussed the student leadership initiative, as represented in resolution #22-08-04 above and the HOD recognized the practice that a few State Delegations have done in bringing a student with them to the HOD meetings. Bill and John suggest that the MSRC Education Committee explore and discuss the possibility of the Missouri Delegation taking a student to a HOUSE of Delegates meeting as a mentoring and leadership building experience. We would need a process whereby students apply or present their case to participate and how the Education Committee would make a proposal to the MSRC BOD to award this experience to a student. A reasonable expectation might be to potentially take a student to a HOD meeting in 2009.

As a reminder, The House of Delegates serve as a representative body of the general membership and the representative body of the Chartered Affiliates of the Association (the different State societies). These delegates participate in the establishment of the goals and objectives for the Association and participate in the governance of the Association. Our two Missouri delegates represent all members of the Missouri Society through their work at the AARC-level. Should you have any concerns, please contact the delegates, John Hemkens & Bill Lamb (contact info on MSRC webpage).



MSRC MEMBERS ATTEND AARC SUMMER FORUM IN PHOENIX

The MSRC was well represented when several Missouri respiratory therapists traveled to Phoenix for the Summer Forum July 11-13, 2008. In addition to attending the conference, MSRC members Doug Pursley and Shawna Strickland were invited to share their recent research projects during the abstract presentation on July 12.

Pictures:

Doug and Shawna at the abstract presentation

Cheryl Hoerr, Robin Kidder, Doug Pursley, Paul Bast, Linda Smith, Glenda Pippin, Janice Dunnaway, Peggy Watts, Monica Schibig, Shawna Strickland, Lisa Bommarito, Rose Shafer, Omar Hussein, and Clint Hudson (not pictured: Lisa Newcomer and Darnetta Clinkscale)



MSRC FALL SYMPOSIUM

The MSRC Fall Symposium will take place again this year in November. It will again feature specialty tracks in Sleep, Pulmonary Function, and Neonatal/Pediatric. Stay tuned to the MSRC webpage for details as they become available on speakers, dates, cost and lodging and accommodations. This is a wonderful program for specialty credentialed practitioners to earn CEU's or for any therapist interested in learning more in these areas.



JOB POSTING

Respiratory Therapist Needed:

NEW Progressive Rural Hospital is looking for a recent graduate to fill a full time day position with call in Respiratory Therapy. Will be working in a critical access hospital with a rural health clinic. Offering Competitive Salary, Flexible scheduling, Insurance and retirement pack-

ages as well as weekend and holiday benefits. Must be a self starter and motivated, must have a Missouri License. Qualified applicants submit resume to :

Judy Green at

*Job Posting, critical access hospital,
primarily day-shift*

jgreen@pcmhosp.com or 660-947-2411 x 438.

We're on the Web:

<http://www.mosrc.com>



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