

Breathing Matters

RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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Board Bids Farewell to Two Exemplary Members!

At its March meeting in Sacramento, the Board acknowledged and bid a fond farewell to two exemplary members, Mark Goldstein and Mary Ellen Early.

Mr. Goldstein was appointed to the Board in June 2012 by former Governor Jerry Brown, and was reappointed two additional times thereafter. At the end of his term, Mr. Goldstein had served just a week shy of 12 years, which coincidentally is the same as his license number, RCP 12! Many may not know this, but Mr. Goldstein is the reason respiratory care professionals have licensure today. In the early 1980s, he cared for a newborn and saved its life. That newborn was the son of a newly established lobbyist. Mr. Goldstein developed a relationship with him and was able to educate him about the profession. In turn, the lobbyist insisted that this wonderful life-saving profession surely deserves and needs professional licensure. In 1982 the Board was established and, as they say, the rest is history!

California's consumers have been better served by Mr. Goldstein's dedication and advocacy for higher standards in education, scope of practice, and professionalism throughout the respiratory care industry. Additionally, there are about 47,000 people who are or were licensed as a Respiratory Care Practitioner that certainly owe Mr. Goldstein a thank you for his contributions toward establishing licensure and supporting its growth.

The Board also acknowledged Ms. Early for her selfless service as a public member. Ms. Early was appointed and reappointed by Governor Brown in 2013 and 2015, respectively. She was subsequently reappointed for her final term by Governor Gavin Newsom, and served a total of 11 years as a member of the Board. Throughout her tenure, Ms. Early always demonstrated an earnest commitment to the Board's mandate of consumer protection. She was an outstanding member and gave critical thought to every proposal and every disciplinary matter, and always raised thoughtful questions or perspectives from a consumer vantage. Her commitment to consumer protection was unyielding and California's consumers have been well represented.

While members and staff will sincerely miss both Mr. Goldstein and Ms. Early, the Board wishes them many successes in all their future endeavors!

Next Board Meeting

October 14, 2024, in Sacramento
(Please visit [RCB's website](#)
for meeting details.)



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