

LSBME  
RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: June 29, 2015

Time 9:00 am

Location: LSBME Office

Recorder: Diana Merendino

Present: Ken Alexander, Sue Davis, Elizabeth Hamilton, Diana Merendino, Michael Nolan, Raymond Pisani, Brett Stafford, Dave Vicknair

Appearance: Peter Zengel

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS
<b>Call to order / establish quorum</b>	Quorum established	
<b>Approval of Minutes: 2-23-2015</b>	Elizabeth Hamilton made motion for approval of minutes Ken Alexander seconded. All in attendance approved minutes.	
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <p><b>Follow-up from 2-23-2015</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Intubations in emergency situations</b></li> <li>- <b>CEU documentation</b></li> </ul>	<p>Raymond Pisani sent letter to Diane Bretton stating that intubation performed in an emergency situation is covered by the Practice Act.</p> <p>Questions posted by the RCAC were presented to Peter Zengel from Dave Vicknair for clarification (see attached document – for responses); Peter Zengel appeared to speak with RCAC concerning this new process of no formal documentation for CEU’s. Peter stated the new CEU process is still a work in progress; RCAC would like to see some sort of list for the programs even if the individual does not submit actual documentation. Audits today will consist of those that submitted paperwork for renewal this time (without being asked to submit). Future audit and the mechanism</p>	<p>Questions concerning CEU documentation and licensing non-credentialed therapist was sent to Dr. Mouton. Dr. Mouton invited to meeting today pending her appearance in hearing; Dr. Mouton unable to attend meeting today.</p>

	<p>to obtain paperwork in still undetermined. Individuals should be keeping records for 4 years per Rules. Peter stated that once request is made for proof of CEU's there is a 60 day period + an additional 30 days to submit before individual is turned over to the board.</p>	
<p><b>Online Renewal Applicants</b></p> <p><b>Current Credential for License Renewal</b></p> <p><b>Scope of Practice</b></p> <p><b>“Expungement”</b></p>	<p>Concern here that applicants will sign off on CEU, however will not have completed the CEU's the only clearing house for CEU verification will be with the Licensee keeping a file folder for 4-5 years.</p> <p>Diana Merendino expressed concern that the LSBME would be renewing individuals for a license who did not have current credentials. Ken Alexander stated the LSBME should be covered since the Law recognized renewal of license without current credential. Merendino wanted to make sure the LSBME board aware of the new development since re-credentialing started with NBRC. Ken Alexander stated that hospitals with by-laws could require the RT staff to have current credentials which is above the minimum requirement of current license. Currently there are only 2 states that require a current credential for renewal of licensure: Nevada and North Carolina.</p> <p>Addressed under follow-ups.</p> <p>Documentation submitted stating that places of employment could not use information from “expunged” records for hiring purposes. Diana Merendino wanted to make sure that current law does not affect LSBME gathering information on “expunged” cases. Document previously sent to Dr. Mouton and Mr. Bergeron.</p>	

<p><b>New Business: Sleep Studies – RT’s need RPSFT or SDS credential</b></p>	<p>Dave Vicknair submitted email received from Lori Speyrer stating that LA Medicare and Medicaid required a licensed RT to have Sleep Diagnostic Specialist (SDS) for re-imburement (see attached); It was also stated that Tri-Care (insurance for military) was also requiring the addition of SDS.</p>	<p>Ken Alexander stated he would investigate further, but he needed the CFR document # to reference. He would look at Federal and State Legislation.</p>
<p><b>Trach Change Outs</b></p>	<p>Dave Vicknair has received an email request regarding the changing out of trachs. Dave’s initial response was to send the Section 2503 (b) which stated “insertion and care of natural and artificial airways”. He also sent a ruling from June 15, 16, 2009 (see attached). The therapist wanted clarification for change outs in 2 cases: (1) MD ordered change out in ED secondary to trach in place for over 1 year and (2) change out and downsizing. (See attached)</p>	<p>RCAC stated with the language in 2503, Definitions, that RT’s can change out trachs as ordered by physician and can downsize trach as ordered by physician. Correspondence to be sent back to inquirer.</p>
<p><b>Initial Licensure of Applicant</b></p>	<p>Dave Vicknair presented the RCAC with a request for licensure for an applicant that did not pass the board exam within the maximum 4 attempt rule. The applicant submitted information regarding her test anxiety, her previous employment in LA under her temporary license, her employment in Mississippi with a license, and her hardship she underwent while attempting to take the exam. Current licensure does not ensure reciprocity.</p>	<p>Ken Alexander made a Motion: The RCAC recommends that the board grant Ms. Peggy Brodnax a respiratory therapy license, with the recommendation that the applicant be required to submit an additional 10 continuing education units upon initial license renewal. The RCAC further suggests that the applicant consider formal review offerings to accomplish the additional ceu requirement that might assist her in overcoming testing anxiety related issues. Sue Davis 2<sup>nd</sup>. Diana Merendino recused herself from the vote (student is graduate of consortium program). Motion passed with all others in favor. Recommendation to be sent to the Board.</p>

<b>CEU Audits</b>	Completed by committee members	
<b>2015 Meeting Dates</b>	9-21-2015  12-07-2015	Those non-compliant noted.
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	Motion for meeting to adjourn after CEU audits – Ken Alexander; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sue Davis. Meeting adjourned at 10:45am	