

LSBME
RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: June 18, 2018

Time 9:00 am

Location: LSBME Office

Recorder: Diana Merendino

Present: Ken Alexander, Sheila Guidry, Elizabeth Hamilton, Diana Merendino, Michael Nolan, Raymond Pisani, Brett Stafford, Dave Vicknair, Dr. Vincent A Culotta, Jr.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS
Call to order / establish quorum	Call to order 9:00am; quorum established	
<p>Approval of Minutes from 12-04-17 (pgs. 1-4)</p> <p>Old Business:</p> <p>F/U RCAC Recommendation Letter to LSBME (pg. 5-6)</p> <p>F/U Dr. Allen LSBME - CEU</p> <p>F/U Elaine Barberot – CEU (pg. 7)</p>	<p>Minutes reviewed;</p> <p>Correspondence sent to Elaine Barberot and RCAC members regarding recommendations from the last meeting. Candis Ledet is no longer with LSBME, Dave Vicknair to check to see if recommendations were forwarded onto LSBME BOD.</p> <p>Raymond reported that he had followed up with Dr. Allen regarding the CEU audits and our concern of a large number being unacceptable secondary to course provider. Dr. Culotta stated that initially the committee should draft a statement from the RCAC regarding acceptable CEU providers for the RT license. This statement could be sent to all licensed practitioners.</p> <p>Dr. Culotta also stated that the LSBME is looking at CE Broker for the purpose of uploading and verifying CEU's for all licensed professionals. Dr. Culotta stated this would not be available before 2019, however if implemented the CEU audit would be completed at the time of renewal.</p>	<p>Motion made by Ken Alexander to accept minutes; seconded by Sheila Guidry. No discussion. All in attendance voted yes.</p> <p>Raymond asked Ken Alexander to draft a statement regarding acceptable CEU providers.</p> <p style="color: blue; font-size: 1.2em;">* SEE PAGES 5 & 6</p>

<p>RCAC Appointments (pg. 8)</p>	<p>Raymond reported that the RCAC is missing two physician appointments and a lay person appointment. Dr. Culotta suggested if we knew of a community member that would be willing to serve to have this individual submit their name to Boards and Commissions.</p>	
<p>Rules Review / Ethics</p>	<p>Diana Merendino asked if any other thought had gone into requiring renewing licensees to take a mini exam on rules or ethical situations, similar to the exam for the initial license. Discussion occurred about the need to open up practice act to require an ethics course in CEUs or could a course be created around the current course that exist for physicians. RCAC agreed that at this time we did not want to open up the practice act for change.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Mike Nolan to get the committee to get with the AARC to review ethics courses and requirements in the profession. Beth Hamilton seconded. No more discussion was had. All in attendance voted yes. Once information is obtained from AARC, committee will get back with Dr. Allen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SEE PAGE 7</p>
<p>New Business: Travel Reimbursement Request (pg.10-11)</p>	<p>Travel reimbursement request, should be completed with State of LA travel form and the exact locations of travel should be included. Dave Vicknair pointed out that the RCAC does a very good job in completing the form correctly. Dr. Culotta stated that forms should be directed to ATTN: Glenda Ratcliff.</p>	
<p>RT Analyst</p>	<p>Raymond Pisani reported that he was unaware of the leaving of Ms. Ledet. He had received several calls asking who the new contact was for RT licensure issues. Dr. Culotta reported that Ms. Hull has been appointed to handle the RT issues. Raymond reported that he had tried contacting Ms. Hull several times and had not gotten a response back from her. Dr. Culotta to address this issue with the director of licensure.</p>	
<p>SB 40 (pg. 12)</p>	<p>Dr. Culotta reported that SB 40 just clarifies the line that comes from LDH to cover entities under the LSBME.</p>	

Legislative Auditor Survey LSBME (pg. 13-14)

Raymond Pisani asked Dr. Culotta about the legislative audit survey that was sent out several weeks ago. Dr. Culotta reported that auditors were in house to review the performance of the agency. Over thirty-five thousand surveys were sent out to all LSBME licensed professionals. He anticipated the audit to last up to 3 years. The LSBME is reviewing all processes, i.e. service and initial licensing which can now be completed online. There is now a status page to direct the applicant in what is missing from the application.

Scope of Practice – Oxygen Transports (pg. 15)

Raymond Pisani received an email asking if there were regulations of who can handle the oxygen during transport (connecting / reconnecting set up). Discussion was had regarding the need to have RT available upon each and every transport of patients. Ken Alexander reported that utilization of RT in this manner would be a cost increase to institutions. There would also be situations where RT services were limited. The RCAC agrees that personnel handling of oxygen during transport would be dependent upon facility policy and procedure. The RCAC feels that all who handle oxygen should be appropriately trained and annual competencies completed for these individuals. The questions came up regarding this being an issue for others. Ken Alexander will contact individual involved with Joint Commission to see if this has been previously addressed.

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Complaint from Investigations

The RCAC has been asked to review a complaint submitted for practicing RT. Information regarding the complaint was distributed to committee members for their review. Future information regarding confidential information will need to be obtained via Fed Ex or thru LSBME shared files. After review of the documentation, the RCAC agrees that RT practitioner violated the following Scope of Practice: (1) changing mechanical ventilation settings without the order from a physician, (2) falsification of documentation (did not

<p>CEU Audit</p>	<p>chart true vent settings) and (3) patient endangerment via alarm settings set outside safe levels. Upon discussion with Dr. Culotta regarding recommendations the committee could make, the RCAC agrees that the individual should have their license suspended, educational requirements to be completed and probationary period to follow with re-instatement of the license.</p> <p>Process not finalized – no audits</p>	<p>Mike Nolan made a motion for the RCAC to recommend a 6 month suspension of license, 20 hours of educational course work to be completed prior to re-instatement, (to include 5 hours in ethics and professionalism and 15 hours for critical care specifics in ventilator management and risk management), and 6 month probationary period upon Motion was seconded by Brett Stafford. No discussion. All in attendance voted yes.</p> <p><i>SEE PAGE 11</i></p>
<p>2018 Meeting Dates</p>	<p>September 10, 2018 December 17, 2018</p>	
<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 10:40am</p>	<p>Elizabeth Hamilton made a motion to adjourn meeting; Brett Stafford seconded. All present voted yes.</p>