

LSBME  
RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: March 26, 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, Elaine Barberot, Candis Ledet

| AGENDA ITEM  | DISCUSSION   | RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS  |
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| Call to order / establish quorum   | Call to order 9:10am; quorum established   |  |
| <p data-bbox="212 527 525 592"><b>Approval of Minutes from 12-04-17 (pgs. 1-3)</b></p> <p data-bbox="212 657 378 690"><b>Old Business:</b></p> <p data-bbox="212 722 661 787"><b>F/U RCAC Recommendation Letter to LSBME (pg. 4-5)</b></p> <p data-bbox="212 1169 525 1201"><b>F/U Dr. Allen LSBME - CEU</b></p> | <p data-bbox="688 527 924 560">Minutes reviewed;</p> <p data-bbox="688 722 1333 860">Correspondence sent for recommendation of 30 day extension of license for Washington; Candis Ledet reported individual did not pass exam and work permit was terminated.</p> <p data-bbox="688 893 1312 998">Correspondence sent to Mr. Zachary Portin regarding scope of practice – no correspondence back from Mr. Portin.</p> <p data-bbox="688 1031 1291 1096">Correspondence sent to Pam Battista RCAC that subject matter was not relative to scope of practice.</p> <p data-bbox="688 1169 1323 1372">Raymond Pisani has been unable to discuss with Dr. Allen the possibility of doing an annual on-line quiz with questions pertinent to CEU renewal to assist with non-compliance issues with renewals. Elaine Barberot reported that CEU renewal process has not been finalized.</p> | <p data-bbox="1346 527 1858 625">Motion made by Elizabeth Hamilton to accept minutes; seconded by Sheila Guidry. No discussion. All in attendance voted yes.</p> |



**Cheema, MD – RRT / Sleep Tech (pg. 11)**

Dr. Cheema requested a ruling on scope of practice for the use of a licensed RRT in her sleep lab. The RCAC stated that by licensure law she is covered to work in the sleep lab, however for matters of reimbursement for the study, this would need to be directly addressed with the individual payer sources.

**Kitchings MD – RRT/Wound care (pg. 12)**

Dr. Kitchings has asked if wound care dressing is part of respiratory therapy scope of practice. The RCAC agrees that hyperbaric oxygen therapy is part of the scope of practice for RTs. The committee discussed the primary reasons for hyperbaric oxygen therapy is severe hypoxemia (carbon monoxide poisoning) and revascularization of capillary beds for wounds and the need to monitor therapy with evaluation of arterial blood gases and wound inspection post therapy. If the organization has concerns regarding the authority and or potential liability associated with RT's providing services not directly related to provision of respiratory therapy as outlined above, the organization should refer to its internal policies and procedures. The RCAC does recognize that courses providing expertise in dressing changes, casting, etc. could result in the attendee obtaining a separate professional status, expertise, credential, etc. that allows that individual to legitimately perform those duties for the organization, mitigating potential concerns. However, any such training would be mutually exclusive from their licensed practice of respiratory therapy.

**Robichaux – CEU inquiry (pg. 13-15)**

Question was asked - Is "Up to Date" subscriptions accepted for CEU requirements for license renewal. The RCAC stated individual needs to refer Rules and Regulations Section #2559 for the Approval of Sponsor Programs – list of sponsors.