

LSBME  
RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: December 5, 2016      Time 9:00 am      Location: LSBME Office      Recorder: Diana Merendino

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

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS
<b>Call to order / establish quorum</b>	Call to order 9:00am; quorum established	
<p data-bbox="176 490 680 526"><b>Approval of Minutes for June 20, 2016</b></p> <p data-bbox="176 600 680 665"><b>Old Business: PICC Line Insertion</b></p> <p data-bbox="176 1347 680 1380"><b>Current Credentials</b></p>	<p data-bbox="680 490 1360 526">Minutes reviewed; no corrections recommended</p> <p data-bbox="680 633 1360 1266">Mr. Torres responded to Raymond Pisani that he did not want Raymond to query the LSRC BOD about the the PICC line insertion; he wanted this question answered by the RCAC. The discussion was held concerning where the wording could be found within our law to cover the procedure. The licensure law section 3353 (Definitions): (5): l: v; there is wording to support line placement for RT procedures. Discussion was then had on what RT procedures would require PICC line placement. Most of PICC lines are placed for nutritional or antibiotic therapy which is not directly related to RT care, however Diana Merendino commented that patients with pulmonary disorders may not be able to progress without appropriate nutritional or antibiotic therapy, and most of the need would be in the LTAC or SNF facilities. Ken Alexander brought out that there were also liability issues and risk management issues that needed to be addressed.</p> <p data-bbox="680 1347 1360 1515">Diana Merendino read a brief rough draft of a letter to inform healthcare facilities that that while the LSBME provided the practitioner with a current license, it was not the responsibility of the LSBME to ensure a current credential.</p>	<p data-bbox="1360 490 1913 597">Motion made by Ken Alexander to accept minutes; seconded by Sue Davis. All in attendance voted yes.</p> <p data-bbox="1360 633 1913 909">The RCAC does not have a final recommendation for the LSBME and further investigation into the need continues. Ken Alexander will do an informal inquiry to LTAC and small rural hospitals. Raymond Pisani to inquire with Cheryl West at the AARC regarding this issue on a national level.</p> <p data-bbox="1360 1347 1913 1455">Diana Merendino will have letter for next meeting for final approval of RCAC and approval from LSBME to distribute</p>

<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p><b>Quorum:</b></p> <p><b>4 Attempt rule waivers:</b></p> <p><b>Scope of Practice:</b></p>	<p>Raymond Pisani apologized for having to cancel the last scheduled meeting on Sept 12, 2016. Two of the RT's were going to be unable to be present and a quorum would not be reach. He consulted Phil Bergeron and asked if the quorum could be based on the members still on the RCAC or did all members need to be accounted for (an additional 2 MDs and 1 Layperson). All members are counted for quorum purposes. The Governor's office has requested names from the LSRC for RTs to be appointed to the RCAC, so appointments should also be made for the physicians and layperson.</p> <p>The LSBME has sent out waivers to grant two individuals who failed the exam more than 4 attempts provisions allowing them to work on a probation status. These individuals were given Board approval for employment as long as they received: 4 consecutive evaluation reports from the employer, monitoring fee and an additional 10 hours of CEUs. The committee did not see any problems with this decision; the athletic trainers do not have a 4 attempt rule for their license and the OT practitioners had a remediation process in place to allow licensing if they failed the exam by more than 4 attempts.</p> <p>Correspondence was received from Ms. Jacklyn Pitts asking if it was within RT's scope of practice to administer medications during PFT that were specified within the PFT protocol which was approved annually by the Respiratory Therapy Medical Directory and the Medical Executive Committee. All committee members felt it was within the scope of practice.</p>	<p>Raymond Pisani will send correspondence to LSBME with the RCAC responses for these scope of practice issues.</p>
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**Body Fluid pH monitoring:**

**NBRC annual meeting:**

<b>CEU Audits</b>	CEU audits were completed; several of the files were found to be non-compliant and noted to have been granted a renewal license months ago. Diana Merendino wanted to know if there was a mechanism to perform these audits on a timely basis so 6-8 months have not lapsed before they were found non-compliant. Many of these were non-compliant based on inappropriate non-approved educational courses.	Dave Vicknair to inquire about pulling audits based on the previous quarter versus the entire year.
<b>2017 Meeting Dates</b>	TBA	
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	Meeting adjourned at 11:00am	Michael Nolan made the motion to adjourn meeting; seconded by Diana Merendino. All in attendance voted yes.