LSBME RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: November 24, 2014 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: Dwight Dillon

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS
Call to order / establish quorum	Quorum established	
Approval of Minutes	Sue Davis made motion for approval of minutes Beth Hamilton seconded. All in attendance approved minutes.	
Old Business:	The Respiratory Care Advisory Committee agreed with the Polysomnography Advisory Committee in	Ken Alexander will speak with the policy guys from the Louisiana Hospital
Home Sleep Studies / CPAP delivery	regards to their opposition of home sleep studies. Raymond Pisani sent this recommendation for support of the PolysomnographyAdvisory Committee's stance. At the LSBME September 15, 2014 meeting, the consensus of the Board was to "advise Ms. Thiel that in accordance with the Law and rules of the Board, the devices, equipment and patient instructions necessary to insure proper PSG testing must be performed under physician direction and supervision and given or applied in-person by Louisiana licensed polysomnographic or respiratory therapy personnel." The question was asked, how are other states handling this matter, since the home testing is being pushed by the insurance companies which takes funding away from the hospitals.	Association.

Stress Testing	The LSBME had received correspondence inquiring about the necessity for a physician to be present during cardiac stress testing. Ken Alexander asked if there was a statute already in place that addresses the proximity of the physician during the procedure – not sure of this. Committee members voiced concern that either the physician or physician extender should be present during diagnostic cardiac stress testing.	Brett Stafford made a motion for Raymond to draft a letter to the LSMBE stating, "the Respiratory Care Advisory Committee does not feel it is in the scope of practice for the respiratory therapist to administer diagnostic cardiac stress testing independent of the physician or advanced practice physician extender." Ken Alexander seconded. All present approved.
New Business:		
Criminal Records / Expunged Arrests	Mike Nolan presented a letter from Fred Preis addressing background checks for employment. According to Mr. Preis' statement, "under new law expunged records of arrests of convictions are now considered confidential and no longer part of the public record." The committee felt like this may promote a disconnect between the requirements for licensure and employment that would be confusing to the applicants.	Raymond Pisani will share this information with the LSBME Board for their opinion on the effects of the new law if any on the current requirements in reporting expunged arrests.
Elective Intubations	A letter was received regarding a respiratory therapist "carrying out an elective intubation, with an order to intubatewithout MD presentand no medications would be given to sedate the patient". This did not include a code situation. The RCAC did not feel any intubation was elective.	A letter is to be addressed to individual making the inquiry as to the definition of elective intubation before any opinion can be given to the Board.

Labs other than ABG's	Request for statement on the ability of the respiratory therapist to run lab such as cTNL, BNP, PT/INR and Chem 8 profiles on instrumentation that is utilized for arterial blood gas measurements. Dave Vicknair sent the individual making the inquiry the LSBME rulings from 7-16-2012 and 4-7-2014. The committee agrees with the previous ruling.	Dave Vicknair will send a letter back stating that the RCAC agree with previous rulings and they may petition the Board for further clarification.
Delivery of sensitive material from the LSBME	Dave Vicknair asked the committee their preference of the delivery of sensitive material to committee members. The committee prefers the USPS Priority Mail versus, Fed Ex. Dave also asked committee members for preference of office or home delivery.	
Initial Licensure of Applicant	An applicant Mr. Platt was requesting initial licensure for Louisiana. He currently holds a license in PA. The discussion concerned the initial credential date and his initial PA license date. After discussion the committee feels he meets all the requirement for LA licensure.	
Appearance of Dwight Dillon	Mr. Dillon was introduced to the committee as an individual requesting initial licensure in the state. Raymond Pisani explained that the committee would go into Executive Session for his appearance. Mr. Pisani explained the rules of Executive session to Mr. Dillon and all the committee members. Raymond Pisani asked the RCAC for approval for Dave Vicknair presence during Executive session – it was granted.	Brett Stafford made a motion for Executive Session at 10:25am, Mike Nolan seconded and all in attendance were in favor. At 11:25am Mike Nolan made a motion to leave Executive Session, seconded by Ken Alexander. Ken Alexander made a motion for the RCAC to render an opinion to the Board supporting the initial licensure of Dwight Dillon; Mike Nolan seconded. All members present in favor.
CEU Audits	Completed by committee members.	Those non-compliant noted.

2015 Meeting Dates	TBA	
Meeting Adjourned	Motion for meeting to adjourn after CEU audits –	
	Sue Davie; 2 nd Elizabeth Hamilton. Meeting	
	adjourned at 11:40am.	