LSBME RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: May 6, 2019 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, Dr. Vincent A Culotta, Jr., Elaine Barberot, Lynne Hull, Dr. Susie Allen.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS
Call to order / establish quorum	Call to order 9:15 am; quorum established	
Approval of Minutes from 2-18-19 (pgs. 1-4)	Minutes reviewed;	Motion made by Michael Nolan to accept minutes; seconded by Sheila Guidry. No discussion. All in attendance voted yes.
Old Business:		
F/U RCAC Recommendations to LSBME (pg. 5)	Raymond presented the RCAC recommendations from the last meeting as submitted in email to the RCAC, Elaine Barberot, Lynne Hull, Dr. Culotta and Rita Arceneaux on 2-22-2019.	
New Business:		
Yearly Quiz – Dr. Susie Allen (pg. 21)	The RCAC presented to Dr. Allen the concerns of information regarding licensure, i.e. CEU approved courses not being adhered to for renewal, being overlooked. The RCAC would like to see all RTs renewing license given a quiz on the lines of the quiz given for initial licensees. Dr. Allen stated she would need to discuss with Mr. Bergeron in regards to the process being a change in the law. She also stated there were other mechanisms in which to disseminate information to the practicing RTs in the state: newsletter, yearly communications on rule changes and maybe thru IT with an update email. The RCAC is wanting the process to be linked to the renewal process and set-up like the quiz given for the initial	Motion made by Diana Merendino to use LSBME email system to send out news blasts / hot topics to licensees until further research can be done on the logistic so doing an annual quiz for all renewals. Mike Nolan 2 nd . All present voted yes.

license. Dr. Allen stated there was more involved in the process than her just creating the quiz. Dr. Allen stated she would research this new request, but suggested in the interim, a RT Newsletter / Blast be sent out via email to disseminate the information. Another question that arose in this area: will this be Dr. Culotta requested an effective date for utilized for CEUs as Ethics / Jurisprudence with 1 hour this to occur: 1 hr Ethics / Jurisprudence + 9 of CEU being given? hours of other CEUs for renewal PHP for RT's While in discussion of the purpose of this annual quiz, Ken Alexander made a motion for Dr. another example of information useful to licensees Culotta to explore the option of mid-level was how to handle a report of a "DUI". Dr. Culotta allied health professionals to have the ability stated physicians immediately processed thru the PHP. to enroll in PHP; Diana Merendino seconded He inquired if the RT's were using the PHP process. It the motion. All present voted yes. was brought up that individuals using this process had prescription writing privileges and not currently being utilized by mid-level professionals **Lynne Hull Licensure Request:** N Copelton request extension on current temporary Diana Merendino made a motion to deny the extension, Beth Hamilton 2nd. All permit due to extenuating circumstances (issues Jan 2019 expires June 2019): at this time the individual has present voted yes. approximately 7 weeks to successfully complete the NBRC exam. L. Liddle was instructed to get 30 hours of CEU's prior Ken Alexander made a motion to accept the to being reinstated with a new license after a period of 2018 CEUs for the 2019 requirements; Brett not practicing. She was then informed that she had to Stafford 2nd. All present voted yes. complete the NBRC TMC exam. Ms. Liddle completed both CEU and exam requests. Upon learning the CEU's were not needed, Ms. Liddle requested a waiver on the 10 CEUs needed for her 2019 renewal. D Volentine was processing for reinstatement due to Sheila Guidry made a motion to accept the lapse in license. She submitted CEUs for her absence CEUs as requested by the LSBME and waive the exam for the reinstatement of her in time as instructed by the LSBME. She was not license. Diana Merendino 2nd. All present informed to retake the NBRC exam. She has requested

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	the LSBME waive the exam requirement.	voted yes.
	G Burrell request for licensure with more than 4 attempts to pass the NBRC exam. Mr. Burrel passed the exam and has been practicing in another state for the last 12 years as a Respiratory Therapist.	Diana Merendino made a motion to grant a 90 day temporary license with a full license being granted pending the completion of 30 CEUs. Ken Alexander 2 nd . All present voted yes.
	M. Talley request for initial licensure with multiple failures of the Entry Level exam prior to 2015. She passed the new NBRC exam and received RRT credentials in January 2017.	Diana Merendino made a motion to grant license; Ken Alexander 2 nd . All present voted yes.
"Fresh Start Act"	Just for informational purposes only: Dr. Culotta informed the RCAC the HB 503 was being presented that would prohibit an organization from going back more than 5 years on a criminal background check.	
Elaine Barberot Licensing Analyst Supervisor Report	Elaine Barberot wanted us to look at the law regarding the approval of courses for CEUs. She stated that another allied health profession viewed the wording differently from the RTS and wanted our insight. The RCAC has approved set organizations for CEU courses and has verbiage in our law for CEUs to be approved by the RCAC if a submission is made for a course that is not provided by an approved CEU agency.	
CEU Audits	Once a year; 2020 CEU broker will audit as renewal is made.	
2019 Meeting Dates	August 26, 2019 December 2, 2019	
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 11:10am	Mike Nolan made a motion to adjourn meeting; Sheila Guidry seconded. All present voted yes.