

LSBME  
RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: December 4, 2017

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
Call to order / establish quorum	Call to order 9:15am; quorum established	
<b>Approval of Minutes from 9-25-2017 (pgs. 1-4)</b>  <b>Old Business:</b>  <b>F/U RCAC Recommendation Letter to LSBME (pg. 5)</b>  <b>F/U Dr. Allen LSBME - CEU</b>	Minutes reviewed; clarification needed for letter regarding licensing versus credentialing. Merendino will add. "LSBME" typo noted on page 3.  Raymond Pisani provided documentation of correspondence to LSBME with RCAC Committee opinions from September 2017 meeting.  Raymond reported that he would be getting with Dr. Allen in next several weeks to discuss changes in CEUs. Elaine Barberot reported that CEU audits would be done only once a year. New date has yet to be established. The original discussion of June not logistically good due to all the license preparations for incoming medical staff and allied health individuals who graduate in May.	Motion made by Ken Alexander to accept minutes with changes; seconded by Brett Stafford. All in attendance voted yes.          Raymond Pisani 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.
<b>Credentials versus license</b>	Diana Merendino handed out draft of statement regarding the difference between credentialing and licensing respiratory care practitioners. Diana is wanting to use this document as education purposes only. Ken Alexander to give the document to his department at Louisiana Hospital Association for review and possible publication. Upon review and revisions, Diana would like to see it published in LSBME newsletter for educational purposes.	Copy of statement given to Ken Alexander.

**New Business:**

## Dave Vicknair's Replacment (pg 6)

Ms. Candis Ledet will be replacing Dave Vicknair, who has moved into the department which handles background checks and verifications. The RCAC thanked Dave for his work and dedication to the RCAC over the years.

**M. Washington – Exam Permit  
Extension (pgs. 7-10)**

Discussion occurred regarding applicant that was issued temporary license in June 2017. Applicant took the exam once in August with a failing grade and has requested (Nov. 1, 2017) for an extension on the temporary license. RCAC reviewed the circumstances and licensure law to discuss recommendation. Diana Merendino noted that NBRC exams can be taken frequently and the extension may not need to be for the maximum of 3 months.

Ken Alexander made a motion to extend the temporary permit for 30 days after the initial expiration date of 12/12/2017. Mike Nolan seconded the motion. All in attendance agreed. Raymond to send RCAC recommendation to the LSBME board.

## Scope of Practice

- Z. Porten DME (pgs. 11-13)

Three questions were asked regarding RT's and DME and remote equipment instruction across state lines. Upon review of Mr. Porten's request, and discussion, the RCAC feels you must have a LA license to provide equipment instruction to patient's in Louisiana. If remote instruction is being used via video conference, the RCAC would like to refer back to the LSBEM legal department for further review and response – need to look at rules and regulations involving telehealth. In regards to the third question where Mr. Porten referred to the June 2013 Advisory Opinion regarding home health medical equipment delivery, the RCAC stands by the ruling. The ruling is self-explanatory and required no further explanation.

Ken Alexander made a motion to for Raymond Pisani to send the opinions of the committee (1) La license needed to practice in LA, (2) remoted instruction to be referred back to LSMBE for rules and regulations involving telehealth and (3) June 2013 Ruling is self explanatory and the RCAC is in full support of the ruling. Mike Nolan seconded; all in attendance agreed.

<p>- <b>P. Battista (pgs. 14-15)</b></p> <p><b>CEU Audits:</b></p>	<p>Question submitted to the RCAC regarding time limits to complete an ABG, once an order has been placed. The committee agreed that the subject matter was not relative to scope of practice, but related to individual hospital policy.</p> <p>CEU audits to be completed when new yearly review date is established. Elaine Barberot will let us know when the date has been established.</p>	
<b>2018 Meeting Dates</b>	TBA	
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	Meeting adjourned at 10:35am	Diana Merendino made a motion to adjourn meeting; Mike Nolan seconded. All present voted yes.