

Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee
March 7, 2020 – 10:00 AM
Law Offices of Adams and Reese
Baton Rouge LA

Members Present: Gaye Brunson, Chair; Yolanda Bennett; Larry Broussard; Angela Foley; Richard Bridges; Morteza Vazairi, Ashley Ware; Michele Werner.

Guests Present: Justin Jack (Adams and Reese); Patsy Jarreau, AD, CLPC; Alexa Little (CLIA); Cary Koch (AAB attorney); Phyllis Toups, LSCLS member; Wendi Palermo, LCTCS, Dr. Vincent Culotta, LSBME Executive Director.

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at approximately 10:10 AM by Chair Brunson. A quorum was present.

II. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Motion to approve minutes of the November 2, 2019 meeting was made by Michele Werner and seconded by Larry Broussard. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Introductions

Each committee member introduced himself/herself and stated their position on the committee. All visitors introduced themselves and stated the organization they represented.

IV. Appointments

Dr. Richard Bridges is the newly appointed Rural Family Practitioner.

There are currently two open committee positions, the Ex Officio Board member and the CLS-Technician.

V. Office Update

Ms. Jarreau again reminded committee members that the LSBME Board minutes are available on the LSBME website and should be reviewed prior to each CLPC meeting for any items relevant to CLP.

Ms. Jarreau will invite LSBME CLP licensure analysts, Mr. Dave Vicknair and Ms. Rhonda Edwards, to come to our next meeting.

VI. MLT position update

A motion was made for Chair Brunson to email Dr. Culotta recommending that Mary Kingrey Pelegrin be replaced for failure to attend any meetings since her appointment 2 years ago and authorizing Dr. Culotta to contact the governor's office about replacing her.

Motion by Angela Foley

Second by Ashley Ware

Motion passed unanimously

A new MLT member will be appointed by governor's office. Dr. Culotta requested that 3 names be submitted to the governor's office for his consideration.

VII. Rules revision task force

The task force met in December. Revision of the rules is still in progress.

VIII. Code of Ethics

Rules task force will develop a CLP Code of Ethics and present to the committee at the next meeting. The task force will use ASCLS, AMT and ASCP as guidelines.

IX. Skin Testing

Chair Brunson read a letter sent by her to the LSBME stating the committee's position that skin testing does not fall within the scope of practice of clinical laboratory personnel.

X. Licensure for Grossing Tissue Specimens (Histotechnologists, Histotechnicians)

No action taken

XI. CE providers for CE Broker

List of acceptable CE providers was reviewed by the committee. Several providers were added to the list per committee members – API, ABB/Peer, AMA, IACET(CMS), ACCME, CDC, LSUHSC CLS Dept.

Dr. Culotta will send request to CE broker for a WebEx or Zoom presentation to the committee at our next meeting to provide clarification of how CE Broker works.

XII. Orientation material review

Committee participated in a conference call with Susie Alan from the LSBME. Current CLP Test Questions for new licensees on the website were reviewed by the committee.

Ms. Allen will send questions from other professions to Ms. Jarreau for the committee to review. Committee will work on updating and rewriting questions to reflect current practice and rule changes.

XIII. Executive Session

The following cases were reviewed by the committee:

1. Case 2020-198

Action - Grant license for Lab Assistant

2. Case 2019-78

Action - Grant license for phlebotomist with a probationary period. Length of time for probation to be what the board considers sufficient for applicant to demonstrate honesty and competency in the workplace.

3. Case for reinstatement of an expired CLP Generalist license for individual who was grandfathered in for licensure in 1995.

Recommendation – No temporary license should be issued. Individual should be required to take and pass the Generalist certification examination.

4. Case for application for Generalist license for individual who has not been engaged in the practice of clinical laboratory science for over 10 years.

Recommendation – Individual should apply for a Lab Assistant license and get appropriate training in each major lab discipline (i.e. Hematology, Blood Bank, Microbiology and Chemistry). After such training individual should obtain a letter from supervisor attesting to completion of training and competency.

XIV. Other business

No discussion

XV. Next meeting date: August 1, 2020

XVI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Yolanda Bennet

Second by Michele Werner

Motion approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 1:10

Draft 1 of minutes submitted by Angela Foley, Secretary CLPC
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