LSBME RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: August 26, 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, Lynne Hull, Phyllis Johnson, and Kathy Storm.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS
Call to order / establish quorum	Call to order 9:01 am; quorum established	
Approval of Minutes from 5-06-19 (pgs. 1-4)	Minutes reviewed;	Motion made by Michael Nolan to accept minutes; seconded by Ken Alexander. No discussion. All in attendance voted yes.
	Previous minutes form the RCAC meetings have not been placed on the website due to sensitive information in the section for investigations. Diana Merendino has asked the committee to approve minutes from these meetings with the removal the name listed in the report for investigations.	Ken Alexander made a motion to accept those minutes with the removal of a name; seconded by Sheila Guidry. All in attendance voted yes. Amended minutes will be sent to Raymond Pisani and Lynne Hull
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, Phyllis Johnson, Dr. Culotta and Rita Arceneaux and Jacintha Duthu on 5-23-2019.	
F/U Dr. Cullotta Revisions to RT Rules and Regs	Dr. Cullotta not present; tabled until next meeting.	
F/U CE Broker	Sheila Guidry reported that while in attendance at the NBRC annual meeting she had received negative reports concerning CE Broker. One state reported they had a 2 year contract with CE broker and they had to restart their own proprietary auditing process for licensure. This increased the work load for those boards. Sheila gave Bill Croft's name from North Carolina as a contact person with experience with CE	Ken Alexander will check with the nursing board for their auditing process. Diana Merendino will check with Physical Therapy regarding their auditing process.

F/U Dr. Allen Yearly Quiz	Broker. Lynne Hull will report this information to Aloma James. It was also reported that Shawna Strickland with the AARC had heard negative remarks concerning CE Broker. Dr. Allen not present in meeting.	Raymond Pisani to contact Dr. Allen for latest information on yearly quiz for all renewals.
New Business:		
	No report	
Lynn Hull Licensing Analyst - Report		
Phyllis Johnson Licensing Supervisor - Report	No report; Phyllis inquired why individuals who had failed the exam more than 4 times had their cases presented at the RCAC BOD meeting. It was stated that the Athletic Trainers and the Occupational Therapist had their rules and regulations amended to exclude the 4 strike rule and their solution to the situation was to require 30 CEUs.	
Kathy Storm Compliance Officer	Kathy was asked about the processing of individuals for impairments. All individuals reported for impairment go through the compliance office. There are several follow up processes in place based on the incident, i.c. test / screen individual, monitor, mandatory evaluation and possible follow-up treatment plans. A question was posed regarding employee performing facility mandates for offense and additional mandates by the LSBME. Kathy stated that if the facility mandates met the requirements of the LSBME there should not be a duplication of processes. They have approved facilities for treatment and individuals should contact the LSBME immediately.	
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Executive Session:		Diana Merendino made motion for the board to enter Executive Session; seconded by Brett Stafford; all in attendance voted yes.
	Correspondence was received looking for specific	Diana Merendino made motion for the board to exit Executive Session; seconded by Ken Alexander; all in attendance voted yes.
Scope of Practice - ECMO	regulations in the rules and regulations for respiratory therapist participating in ECMO. There are no specifics to define the role of the RT in ECMO. The committee feels it is the facility's responsibility to define those roles and to provide the education and monitoring to define competency amongst their staff.	Raymond Pisani to send letter stating it is at the discrepancy of the facility to define specific guidelines for respiratory therapist and ECMO
Scope of Practice - ECHO	Correspondence was received inquiring about the educational requirements for performing echocardiography. The committee feels it is the facility's responsibility to define that position. Diana Merendino stated there are schools that train specifically for echocardiography, however her students get some ECHO training and then are required to complete on the job performance of ECHOs before they are eligible to take the board exams.	Raymond to send back correspondence stating it is the facility that provides the job description and requirements for an ECHO position.
Investigations – Cathy Storm	The RCAC committee asked to review case of individual licensee report of substandard care.	Sheila Guidry made a motion that the compliance office utilized all legal resources they have available to re-evaluate the therapist to ensure the safety of the patients. Elizabeth Hamilton seconded. All in attendance voted yes.
License Reinstatement	Individual failed to keep license updated for over 4 years. Per Section2545 (C) – individual needs to retake the Therapist Multiple Choice exam and pass	,

Complaint – Can't pass Exam	at the minimum level before licensee can be reinstated.	
	Individual wanted to complain about the program she completed and her inability (along with other graduates in the program) to pass the Therapist Multiple Choice Exam. RCAC sympathizes with her circumstance, however it is not this boards position to regulate programs and pass rates. The RCAC recommends that she contact other existing programs to see if there are available review	
	seminars to assist her with study.	
NBRC Report – Sheila Guidry	January 2020 a calculator will be provided for the exams. The new reports back to the examinees will not contain sub scores – the programs will still get the breakdown for all students. The credentialing maintenance program is changing: quarterly quizzes versus CEU submissions. CoARC reported over last 3 years there have been 25 programs close (3 of these BS), but have gained 22 BS programs. Ohio has approval for the advanced practitioners program and are awaiting the AARC define the scope of practice. There is a new accrediting body for RT Program accreditation, Joint Review Commission for Respiratory Care. University of Colorado has established a Transition to Practice Program – it's an 8 month post graduate residency program. Some states are using medics for homecare – to assist with reimbursement issues.	
2019 Meeting Dates	December 2, 2019	
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 11:00	Ken Alexander made a motion to adjourn meeting; Diana Merendino seconded. All present voted yes.