

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; Previous minutes from 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 of the name listed in the report for investigations.	Motion made by Michael Nolan to accept minutes; seconded by Ken Alexander. No discussion. All in attendance voted yes. 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. Dr. Culotta not present; tabled until next meeting.	
F/U Dr. Culotta Revisions to RT Rules and Regs		
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.

Executive Session:		<p>Diana Merendino made motion for the board to enter Executive Session; seconded by Brett Stafford; all in attendance voted yes.</p> <p>Diana Merendino made motion for the board to exit Executive Session; seconded by Ken Alexander; all in attendance voted yes.</p>
Scope of Practice - ECMO	<p>Correspondence was received looking for specific 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.</p>	<p>Raymond Pisani to send letter stating it is at the discrepancy of the facility to define specific guidelines for respiratory therapist and ECMO</p>
Scope of Practice - ECHO	<p>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.</p>	<p>Raymond to send back correspondence stating it is the facility that provides the job description and requirements for an ECHO position.</p>
Investigations – Cathy Storm	<p>The RCAC committee asked to review case of individual licensee report of substandard care.</p>	<p>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.</p>
License Reinstatement	<p>Individual failed to keep license updated for over 4 years. Per Section 2545 (C) – individual needs to retake the Therapist Multiple Choice exam and pass</p>	

