## LSBME RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: December 17, 2018 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

| AGENDA ITEM                                  | DISCUSSION  | RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS  |
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| Call to order / establish quorum             | Call to order 9:10 am; quorum established   |  |
| Approval of Minutes from 9-10-18 (pgs. 1-6)  | Minutes reviewed;   | Motion made by Elizabeth Hamilton to accept minutes; seconded by Brett Stafford. No discussion. All in attendance voted yes. |
| Old Business:                                |   |  |
| F/U RCAC Recommendations to LSBME (pgs. 7-8) | Raymond presented the RCAC recommendations from the last meeting as submitted to Elaine Barberot on 9-18-18 for information only.   |  |
| F/U Investigations issue                     | The LSBME per recommendation of the RCAC physician to verify statements as reported by RT; MD denied making those statements.  The LSBME contacted Assistant Director of the involved facility on the recommendation of the RCAC to verify if they had a protocol for recruitment maneuvers or PEEP titration. The Assistant Director stated that recruitment maneuvers and PEEP titration were not a part of the Respiratory Care Department Ventilator Protocol.  RCAC still holds with their original position statement; Dr. Culotta will check on the current status of this disciplinary issue. |  |

## **New Business:**

Scope of Practice – C David Beldon (pgs 12 – 13)

Mr. Belden inquired if pedal pulse can be used for obtaining an arterial blood gas? He states he knows that the radial artery is the first option, brachial as a second and femoral if ordered per physician. Diana Merendino stated that the stick of an artery for arterial blood gas analysis is in the law and that she teaches radial, dorsalis pedis, brachial and femoral as potential sites. She also stated that hospital policy and procedure would designate the appropriate sites based on their competency training.

Motion was made by Michael Nolan to draft response to Mr. Belden stating the site is appropriate in regards to the Respiratory Therapy Practice Act, however his institutional policy and procedure with competency training would define the actual appropriate sites for his facility. Ken Alexander seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in attendance voted yes.

Updated Expense Form (pg. 14-15)

Board Rulings September 2018 for Revisted: licensure process (new document with no numbers) 15A – 15E designated per recorder Raymond provided the committee members with the updated expense form showing mileage reimbursement at 0.54 / mile. All completed forms should be submitted to Elaine Barberot.

At the September meeting the RCAC recommended an unrestricted license to be issue to two individuals who has requested an waiver on the number of attempts. The LSBME Board deferred the license pending CEU recommendation from the RCAC. Elaine Barberot noted that on March 25, 2013 Dr. Marier recommended additional CEUs for individuals who were unable to pass their credentialing exam within 4 attempts of the exam. A structured formula was reviewed that was previously used by the OTs. While the RCAC did not recommend CEUs with their recommendation. The RCAC agrees that an additional CEUs should be required from these individuals prior to issuing a license, however the RCAC would like a maximum of 30 hours of CEUs. The RCAC will be willing to suggest appropriate CEUs courses if the LSBME Board so desires.

Shelia Guidry made a motion for a letter to be sent to the LSBME Board stating that the RCAC concurs with the Board's decision to defer license until CEUs are completed by these individuals. The RCAC would like to recommend a maximum of 30 hours of approved courses. The RCAC will recommend appropriate approved CEU courses for these individuals if the Board so wishes. The RCAC would also like to recommend CEUs for future applicants who have failed to pass the credentialing examination within four attempts with 30 hours being the maximum hours required. The RCAC will recommend approved courses if the Board so desires. Motion seconded by Ken Alexander. All in attendance voted yes.

| CE Broker   | Dr. Culotta stated that CE Brokers has been approved by the Board for CEU submissions. Currently the Board would like to see 5% compliance by 2020. The RCAC feels that there should be 100% compliance of CEU submissions by the March 2019 meeting. Dr. Culotta also state the LSBME will be using new software for licensing purposes, so there will be a different look to the application.  | Ken Alexander made a motion to send position statement to the Board on the need of 100% compliance of the CE Broker CEU submissions by the RCAC March 2019 meeting. Motion was seconded by Sheila Guidry. All in attendance voted yes. |
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| Sub-Committee Work on RT Practice Act Rules / Regs (pgs. 16-21) | The RCAC reviewed the previously submitted document for a vote for submission. Upon review of the document the following changes were advised: No changes to be made on pages 17 – 19. On page 20 Subchapter G #2559 – there was some confusion on what organizations were to be listed. Diana Merendino stated that all previous organizations would remain with the addition of those added in bold. Ken Alexander recommended the addition of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and American Hospital Association (AHA). RCAC agreed with those additions. It was noted that section 2561 should be deleted in its entirety. Sheila Guidry noted that on page 21 "respiratory" should be added to #2575 A in between licensed therapist. | Elizabeth Hamilton made a motion to accept the changes in the Rules and Regs for submission with the noted changes today. Sheila Guidry seconded. All in attendance voted yes.   |
| CEU Audits  | Unable to complete CEU audits – documentation for review did not contain birth month / renewal month. Lynn Hull / Elaine Barberot will contact Raymond when information is listed.   |  |
| 2019 Meeting Dates  | To be determined   |  |
| Meeting Adjourned   | Meeting adjourned at 10:55am   | Mike Nolan made a motion to adjourn meeting; Sheila Guidry seconded. All present voted yes.  |