

# **Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee Minutes**

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## **Minutes**

### **Members Present**

Mary Muslow  
George Roberts  
Cheryl Caskey  
Brian Vidrine  
Dana Grant  
Rhonda Givens  
Jim Taylor, MD

### **Guests Present**

Patsy Jarreau, AD, CLPC  
Phyllis Touns  
Josie Roberts  
Melissa Grand (Atty, Adams & Reese)

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Muslow called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. A quorum was present. Brief introductions were made.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes (November 9, 2013 Meeting)**

The minutes from November 9, 2103 meeting were reviewed.

**MOTION:** by George Roberts to approve minutes as written. Second by Brian Vidrine. All approved, MOTION PASSED.

#### **III. Board of Medical Examiners Update**

1. Renewals went very well.
2. Issue of Drug Monitoring by the board was discussed. Issue needs more clarification. Patsy will pose specific questions to the board regarding notification of Lab of offender's employment.

#### **IV. Licensure related to Histotechnicians**

1. Discussion regarding necessity of Histotechnician licensure to perform "gross dictation". CLIA implies "yes". The committee agreed to defer/refer the pathologist to the State agency.

#### **V. University of Louisiana at Monroe MLS Program**

1. George Roberts and Cheryl Caskey updated the committee regarding the progress of the closure of the program. All comments from players below the Board of Regents were negative; however the Board "tabled" the discussion pending more information. That was about 45 days ago. General discussion brought forth the following motion.

**MOTION:** by Jim Taylor that: The LSBME develop a contingency plan model in anticipation of workforce shortages. Plan would address education, training, and licensure. In addition the "LSBME develop a policy (non-advocacy) to address issues that will affect the health and welfare of the patients of the state of Louisiana. I.e. the closure of allied health programs and other issues affecting the healthcare workforce and licensure".

Second by Brian Vidrine. All approved, MOTION PASSED.

**VI. Background Checks**

1. Patsy Jarreau stated that at the time of application, if all is acceptable, the board grants an interim permit to work, then when background check comes in, one of two things occur:
  - a) if check is in disagreement with application, revocation may occur; investigation ensues and is more in depth until positive outcome is reached or license not granted, or
  - b) if check is in agreement with application, permanent license issued.

**VII. Executive Session**

**VIII. Other Business**

- a. David Aucoin will come to speak to the Budget at our next meeting.
- b. Clark Cosse called to let us know that the LHA would be submitting an amendment to the CLP bill changing its position on the CLPC from Hospital Administrator to Laboratory Administrator. The committee has no issue with this, but advises that the bill be monitored closely in the legislature.
- c. A group called "Go Care Aids Awareness" is performing HIV testing. It was Recommended the CPLC send them an information seeking letter to ensure regulations are met and quality testing is being provided to those served by this group.
- d. Mary got notes from Phyllis to begin statement formation and distribute for comments, recommendations to LSBME regarding the Nursing Declaratory Statement regarding MCT being performed by nurses.

**IX. Next meeting date June 14, 2014**

**X. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** by George Roberts to adjourn at 12 Noon. Second by Rhonda Givens. All approved, MOTION PASSED.

Notes by Dana Grant and Phyllis Touns  
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