

**Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee
September 16, 2017 – 10:00 AM
Law Offices of Adams and Reese
Baton Rouge LA**

Members Present: Cheryl Caskey; Beverly Ogden, MD; George Roberts; James Taylor, MD; Larry Broussard; Ashley Ware; Debbie Burris, Morteza Vaziri; Gaye Brunson; Yolanda Bennett

Guests Present: Patrick McCune (Adams and Reese); Patsy Jarreau, AD, CLPC; Phyllis Toups, former CLPC member, Dana Grant former CLPC member, Josie Roberts, Alexa Little (CLIA Program Manager)

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order at approximately 10:05 AM. A quorum was present.

II. Minutes of the last meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2017 meeting was accepted as presented.

Motion by Beverly Ogden

Seconded by Jim Taylor

Motion passed; approved by all

III. Introductions

Each committee member and visitor introduced himself/herself to the group and stated in what capacity they served the committee. Alexa Little was introduced as the CLIA Program Manager who is not a member of the CLPC but is present to serve as a consultant to the committee and answer questions related to CLIA and licensure.

IV. Appointments

The following individuals were introduced as new members of the CLPC and have been appointed by the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions:

- CLS-Gen (BS degree) – Yolanda Bennett
- CLS-G Supervisor – Morteza Vaziri
- CLS-Specialist – Larry Broussard
- MLT- position remains unfilled. CLPC continues to seek interested individuals to serve in this position.

The following individual was introduced as the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners appointee for the hospital administrator position – Gaye Brunson.

V. Office Update

Director Jarreau stated that the LSBME had selected a new Executive Dr. Vincent A. Culotta, Jr., MD.

A new licensure analyst has also been employed to assist Ms. Nile Hull. His name is Matthew Cook. Ms. Jarreau has been very impressed with his ability and willingness to assist Ms. Hull in putting together all the applications for licensure. These packets are then submitted to Ms. Jarreau who approves all licenses.

Additionally, the LSBME has informed Ms. Jarreau that she and the CLPC are now responsible for performing the Continuing Education audits on an annual basis. The analysts will randomly select the individuals to be audited, collect the materials, and then submit them to Ms. Jarreau for completion. This is not unlike the way the continuing education is audited by other professions under the LSBME. Ms. Jarreau then asked that each CLPC member choose packets and complete the audits at the end of the meeting. Any with potential issues, were given to Ms. Jarreau for appropriate follow-up.

VI. Certification Examination Eligibility Requirements

Following up from the previous March 2017 meeting, Ms. Jarreau informed the CLPC that the American Association of Bioanalysts (AAB) has apparently changed the eligibility requirements for certification with their agency since the advent of licensure in 1995 according to information published on the AAB website. The AAB attorney stated that the eligibility routes have not been changed and that members of the CLPC are misinterpreting the eligibility requirements. Based upon a review of the information on the website, it now appears that individuals may sit for the MT certification examination with first obtaining a baccalaureate degree with without any clinical experience. Mr. Broussard stated that there was a website that he knew about which served as an archive to changes to eligibility requirements for certification. He would attempt to locate the eligibility requirements as they existed in 1995 and present them to the committee for reference.

A discussion followed related to appropriate actions to be taken by the CLPC. The CLPC believes that if an accepted certification agency changes its eligibility requirements, that agency should notify the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. Mr. McCune suggested to the CLPC that if this was in fact what the CLPC believes to be the appropriate action, that the CLPC should make a recommendation to the LSBME along these lines.

Further, the CLPC considered the following motion:

A motion to, at this time, vacate the decision on page 3 of the minutes of the March 4, 2017 meeting of the CLPC to recommend suspension of licensure for AAB, and instead invite the three agencies (ASCP, AMT, & AAB) to send materials explaining current certification examination requirements to the CLPC by November 2, 2017, and invite these agencies to send representatives to the next meeting of the CLPC to answer questions regarding these eligibility routes.

Motion by George Roberts
Seconded by Beverly Ogden
Motion passed; approved by all

VII. Review of Law and Rules for New Members

Copies of the Law and Rules were given to all CLPC members. The Law was what was passed by the Legislature. The Rules are the guidelines that were written to aid in the implementation of the Law.

VIII. Pathologist Assistant Licensing

There was no new information to consider. PAs are complaining that Advanced Practice Nurses are performing lab testing. LSBME will be asked to address this.

IX. Optometrists as Lab Directors

The CLPC indicated that optometrists cannot serve as lab directors in Louisiana without a Louisiana license. Optometrists are not licensed in Louisiana. It was suggested that the appropriate approach would be to let the optometrists currently are not qualified to direct labs in Louisiana due to not being a licensed profession in Louisiana; while, further stating that CLPC would be willing to work with the optometrist to determine an avenue to achieve the goal of becoming a lab director.

X. Executive Session

There was no need for executive session.

XI. Continuing Education Audits

The CLPC members reviewed the Continuing Education audits as supplied by the Board office. Those that appeared to not meet the requirements were given to Ms. Jarreau for appropriate follow-up.

XII. Other Business

There seems to be a lot of push from other health care professional groups indicating the belief that these groups fall under the exception to the Louisiana Licensure Law (Title 46 Professional and Occupational Standards page 4 #7) and the Rules (Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 37 1313 Exemptions to Licensure # 6 page 3).

EMTs and Paramedics planning to state that laboratory testing falls under their scope of practice. Beverly Ogden will contact College of American Pathologists (CAP) to support the position of the CLPC on testing personnel.

Respiratory Therapists want to add glucose and perhaps other testing to their scope of practice since those tests are included on the point-of-care instruments currently used in respiratory therapy departments.

Registered nurses are also interpreting their declaratory statement to indicate that they can perform laboratory testing without an additional license. Ms. Jarreau will obtain a copy of the LSBN latest declaratory statement regarding laboratory testing. CLPC will ask LSBME to clarify rules related to exceptions to the rule for licensure for those performing laboratory testing..

XIII. Proposed Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the CLPC is scheduled for December 2, 2017 at 10:00 AM in the Law Offices of Adams and Reese in Baton Rouge. Chair Caskey expressed the importance of members attending the scheduled meeting since no business can be acted upon without a quorum being present.

Members were also given expense forms to be completed and given to Ms. Jarreau prior to leaving the meeting.

XIV. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by George Roberts
Seconded by Morteza Vaziri
The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM

Note: The agenda was misnumbered. These errors have been corrected in the minutes.

Draft minutes submitted by George Roberts, Secretary CLPC
September 25, 2017

Amended and approved minutes submitted by George Roberts, Secretary CLPC
March 3, 2018

