

Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee

June 14, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

Law Offices of Adams and Reese

Baton Rouge, LA

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

Guests Present: Melissa Grand (Adams and Reese); Patsy Jarreau, AD, CLPC; David O'Quinn, CPA; Josie Roberts

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order at approximately 10:18 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. Minutes of the last meeting

A motion to approve the minutes as written of the February 8, 2014 meeting by Rhonda Givens. Second by Cheryl Caskey. All approved, motion passed.

III. Update contact information

A Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee membership chart was passed for review and updates as necessary.

IV. Office update

- A. Renewals continue to go smoothly. Any questions may be directed to Pasty via e-mail.
- B. David O'Quinn gave a financial report. Licensure program is self funded. The moneys are used to pay the salaries of the CLP staff, the continuing education program fees, and for miscellaneous items such as fees related to investigations, etc.
- C. Discussion on possible continuing education program geared toward Phlebotomists. Melissa to investigate any legal issues. Further discussion next meeting.

V. Licensure related to Histology technicians and RNs

- A. Histo-technicians: State can issue a Specialty license to those having a BS degree. Those who are OJT's could possibly receive a Lab Assistant license. The criteria are defined so it may be best to check with the HT Society to obtain an opinion.

B. RNs: CLPC subcommittee met with the LSBME and issued a 4 point response with very specific guidelines for RNs practice. The LSBME will make a decision. The CLPC needs to ensure this meeting is well attended by it membership to show support. Phil B is to be contacted for meeting date.

VI. Pharmacists performing finger sticks

LSBME has been queried. CLPC would like to require a Lab Assistant license.

Motion: In order to assist the Pharmacists, in the opinion of the CLPC, Pharmacists should obtain a Lab Assistant license to comply with the CLIA guidelines in regards to finger sticks or any other non-waived procedures and that they must collaborate with physicians in the reporting of the results of those procedures.

Motion made by Jim Taylor, second by Rhonda Givens. All approved, motion passed.

VII. ULM's program for MLS

University has received 2 years funding from regional hospitals to keep the program open. There is 20 student minimum to maintain this program beyond 2 years. ULM is recruiting and is working with other clinical programs to bring students in with the requirement that the last 30 hours are obtained through ULM.

VIII. AMCA request for approval as an examining body

Application seems good, the only reservation expressed was unclear clinical requirements. Agency to be contacted for clarification.

IX. Rule changes

A. Temporary permits:

Currently, applicants that qualify by education, experience, or training but who have not taken or passed an approved national certification examination may be granted a temporary license or certificate for a 6 month period; then a second 6 month period if the applicant fails to pass an approved national exam. Applicants that fail a second time may not renew...

Motion: To reduce the first temporary license period to 90 days at which time a satisfactory score be submitted to the licensing board. ?? A second 90 days may be granted if the applicant fails to pass an approved national exam (reducing the total temporary licensure period to 6 months).

Motion made by Jim Taylor, second by Brian Vidrine. All approved, motion passed.

B. Length of time out of the field:

Currently, An applicant who has been certified, but who has not engaged in the practice of CLS within 10 years and has not fulfilled the CE requirements shall be granted a trainee license.....

It was decided to gather more information before further discussion of this matter.

IX. Executive Session

X. Other business

Rhonda to review the Lab Assistant competency form and make recommendations at the next meeting.

XI. Confirm next meeting

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XII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 1236 by Rhonda Givens. Second by George Roberts.
All approved, motion passed.