LSBME RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: March 27, 2017 Time 9:00 am Location: LSBME Office Recorder: Diana Merendino

Present: Shelia Guidry, Beth Hamilton, Diana Merendino, Michael Nolan Raymond Pisani, Brett Stafford, Dave Vicknair

Absent: Ken Alexander

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS
Call to order / establish quorum	Call to order 9:15am; quorum established	
Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2016 (pgs 1-4) Old Business:	Minutes reviewed; no corrections recommended	Motion made by Mike Nolan to accept minutes; seconded by Brett Stafford. All in attendance voted yes.
PICC Line Insertion (pgs 5-6)	Documentation was provided for this meeting in regards to PICC line insertion from AARC. Defer to next meeting; Ken Alexander to get input from constituents.	
Follow-up of recommendations from December 2016 meeting (pg. 16)	See page 16 of handouts today for the LSBME Board Minutes for Rulings and Advisory Opinions: Respiratory Therapy Scope of Practice #9. 10, and 11. As stated in the minutes: (1) It is within the scope of practice for RT's to perform PFT through a PFT protocol, (2) it is within the scope of practice for RT's to deliver continuous nebulizer medication through an infusion pump and (3) it is within the scope of practice of RT's to administer nebulized narcan. All of these via order by physician, APRN or PA.	
Credentials versus license	Diana Merendino reported she had not typed up the letter from previous meeting and will send out for RAC read prior to next meeting.	

New Business: Appointment of Respiratory Care Advisory Committee Members by Governor John Bel Edwards	Raymond Pisani reported that the following had been re-appointed by Gov. Edwards: Raymond Pisani, Diana Merendino, Beth Hamilton, Mike Nolan, Brett Stafford. Shelia Guidry is new appointee taking the place of Sue Davis. Raymond asked if there were any recommendations from the committee for a lay person. He also stated that at this time no physicians had been appointed to the committee.	
RQI ACLS Annual Renewal (pgs. 10-11)	Laerdal has developed a Resuscitation Quality Improvement program that is an annual training program to help maintain a high quality in CPR / ACLS skills. The RAC received a question regarding this program and the use of it annually for 5 CEU's. Upon further discussion and a call to a facility that utilized this program, it was noted to be a "skills check-off" for annual training. It is the committee opinion this DOES NOT qualify for the 5 CEUs; the RAC will only accept the AHA training for the 5 CEUs per 2557 (B) (2).	
Licensure approval / Waiver of 4 Attempt Rule Pgs 12 - 15	The RAC was asked to make an opinion on granting licensure to the following individuals Alex Banks and Latrisha (???). Request and circumstances of individual situations discussed.	Diana Merendino made a motion for the approval of license for Alex Banks. Brett Stafford seconded motion. All in attendance voted yes. Beth Hamilton made a motion for the approval of license for Latrisha (???). Brett Stafford seconded motion. All in attendance voted yes.
Retirement of Glasper	Interim director of licensure to be appointed.	

CEU Audits:	The RAC had several concerns regarding the increase	
(pg 17)	in CEU audits that were non-compliant at the	
	December meeting. Dave Vicknair reported these	
	concerns. Ms. Aloma James responded back 1-10-17:	
	that the current review process was working for all the	
	other professions. The system for random audits does	
	not offer a mechanism to choose time periods for	
	audited individuals. The system is set-up to choose a %	
	of licensed individuals and the audit is then based on	
	the 12 months prior to renewal.	
	The RAC still has concerns of individuals being licensed	
	for almost of year with CEUs that are not approved –	Dave Vicknair to follow-up with these
	so the individual has been working for almost a year	questions.
	without appropriate CEUs per 2557. The committee	
	present unanimously supports changing these	
	guidelines to AARC / NBRC ONLY sponsored events to	
	streamline the process further and eliminate any	
	confusion by the licensee. The committee would like	
	to know how to accomplish such a change: thru	
	administrative changes or rules and regulations.	
2017 Meeting Dates	June 19, 2017 (unable to find rooms) - date to be	
	changed	
	September 25, 2017	
	December 4, 2017	
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 10:45	Diana Merendino made a motion to adjourn
		meeting; Brett Stafford seconded. All present voted yes.