

LSBME
RESPIRATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: June 20, 2016 Time 9:00 am Location: LSBME Office Recorder: Diana Merendino

Present: Ken Alexander, Sue Davis, Elizabeth Hamilton, Diana Merendino, Raymond Pisani, Brett Stafford, Dave Vicknair
Mike Nolan present via conference call.
Guest: Mr. Eric Torres

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS
Call to order / establish quorum	Call to order 9:05am; quorum established	
Introduction: Mr. Eric Torres, Executive Director, LSBME Old Business: Current Credentials	<p>Introductions were made with the Respiratory Care Committee and Mr. Eric Torres. Mr. Torres gave the RCAC a brief overview of his professional career before coming to the LSBME in February.</p> <p>Diana Merendino presented her concerns to Mr. Torres regarding the possibility of individuals holding a current license, but not having current credentials and asked if there could be any legal issues that could arise from this scenario. A brief discussion was held to give Mr. Torres a brief description of the dual credentialing process and the changes that occurred in 2002 regarding the use of the credentials. Upon the completion of the discussion, it was suggested that the hospitals would have the ultimate responsibility for ensuring the RT staff kept current with the credentials. It was stated that the LSBME was enforcing the RT licensure law requirements by auditing 3% of licensed RTs for the completion of CEUs. Elizabeth Hamilton noted that the change from submitting documentation to a signature that attested to “the knowledge” of the need for 10 CEUs was also a new change and at this time we had not performed any audits since the change. Discussion followed on how information could be disseminated to facilities with RT personnel to inform them that current RT credentials were not part</p>	<p>Diana Merendino will write a brief article that could be submitted into a newsletters for distribution to facilities to educate on the renewal of RT credentials.</p> <p>A letter can then be constructed for LSBME approval and submission to several organizations for mail out to facilities with RT employees discussing the renewal of RT credentials.</p>

<p>New Business:</p> <p>PICC Lines</p>	<p>of the RT license renewal process and the re-credentialing process would need to be followed by individual RT Departments or Human Resource Departments.</p> <p>Raymond Pisani asked Mr. Torres if he had any insight on PICC line insertion by RTs. Mr. Torres stated he has received a letter and was referring this issue back to the RCAC for an opinion. Raymond thanked Mr. Torres for coming in and meeting the committee.</p>	<p>Raymond to send opinion to Mr. Torres after our meeting today.</p>
<p>Approval of Minutes: 03-14-16</p>	<p>Minutes reviewed; Minutes to be corrected to eliminate possible identification information of the applicant applying for re-instatement.</p>	<p>Motion was made by Sue Davis to accept the minutes with changes; seconded by Ken Alexander. All in attendance voted yes.</p>
<p>Old Business:</p> <p>Current Credentials</p> <p>New Business:</p> <p>PICC line insertion by RTs</p>	<p>See above – Mr. Eric Torres</p> <p>Ms. Robyn Rushing made a presentation at the LSRC BOD meeting on June 10th in Lafayette regarding PICC line placement by RTs. Ms. Rushing stated that she had attempted to get the LSBME to rule on this, but had been unsuccessful. She had passed on the AARC position statement for PICC line placement. The initial conversation with PICC line placement in Louisiana was made at an educational advisory committee meeting for a program in the state with her husband, Richard</p>	<p>Raymond Pisani to send a letter to Mr. Torres requesting a letter be sent from the LSRC BOD to the Department Heads of the Respiratory Care departments in the state to assess the need for RT's to place PICC lines before an opinion is rendered from the RCAC.</p>

	<p>Rushing, a director of a long-term care facility. Discussion was had by the committee on the intent of this request. While the current law allows for RTs to place venous line, there is no language that addresses PICC lines. While the committee recognizes and appreciates the Scope of Practice Position Statement from the AARC, the RCAC would like to know there is a justified need for providing these services, i.e. staffing issues, timeliness of line placement. Is patient care suffering?</p>	
CEU Audits	<p>Letters were sent out for information to be submitted to the LSBME for CEU audits. (See attached letter). Audits completed by RCAC. It was noted there were an unusual high number of non-compliant individuals with this audit. It was also noted that one individual who was non-compliant had been issued a license in August 2015 – Diana Merendino wanted to know if the audited individuals could be pulled based on the quarter in which they expired.</p>	<p>Dave Vicknair to inquire about pulling audits based on the previous quarter versus the entire year.</p>
2016 Meeting Dates	<p>September 12, 2016 December 5, 2016</p>	
Meeting Adjourned	<p>Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am</p>	<p>Ken Alexander made the motion to adjourn meeting; seconded by Brett Stafford. All in attendance voted yes.</p>