Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners' Committee For Clinical Perfusion

Minutes April 22, 2014

A regular meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners' Committee for Clinical Perfusion was held in the Poplar Conference Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee

Members Present: Paul Robinson, Perfusionist, Chair

Alice Walker, Public Member

R. Lewis Wilson, MD, Cardiothoracic Surgeon

Chad Smith, Perfusionist

Members Absent: Howard Briscoe, Perfusionist, Vice Chair

Gwen Bonner, Hospital Administrator

Barbara H. Ebey, Perfusionist

Staff Present: Grant Mullins, General Counsel

Scott Creel, Administrator

Marsha Arnold, Administrative Director

Mr. Paul Robinson, Committee Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. The Chairman determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Wilson made a motion to approve the June 18, 2013 minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Financial Report

Ms. Vanessa Crutcher from the Bureau Office provided an Actual Revenue and Expenditures report through December 31, 2013. She reviewed the categories with the panel and explained some of the revenue and expenditure headings. The report revealed that they had \$2,733.58 in expenditures and \$12,643.75 in Revenue with a cumulative carryover of \$97,538.77 The panel showed concern over the amount of carryover and asked how the figure could be reduced. Ms. Crutcher stated that they may look into spending some of the funds but that the expenditure would have to have prior approval. She also stated that they could reduce their revenue by lowering their renewal fees. The panel asked that a table be provided at the next meeting for a renewal fee reduction.

Manager's Report

Ms. Arnold reported that there had been 3 new applications, 6 new licenses issued, and 0 reinstatements between april 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014. Online renewals were 63%. The number of active licensees as of March 31, 2014 was 131. She also announced that she would be retiring at the end of April and thanked the Committee for their participation and continued support through her years of service.

OGC Report

Mr. Grant Mulling, General Counsel, informed the Committee that the Office of General Counsel does not currently have any disciplinary cases pertaining to the Clinical Perfusion Committee. He did report there was one case being investigated and two being reviewed. He also stated that there is no legislation regarding the Clinical Perfusion Committee that is currently pending.

There is, however, one case under review by the investigation department that will need to be reviewed by an OGC attorney and a Committee Consultant.

Investigation & Disciplinary Report

Ms. Denise Moran, Director of Investigations reported that there were not many cases that come through their office concerning complaints about perfusionists. She introduced Ms. Tammy Cochnauer as the new Disciplinary Coordinator..

Ratification of New Licenses

Mr. Smith made a motion to ratify the list of new licenses, and reinstatements. Ms. Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The following licensees were ratified:

Adam A. Mattison Cole K. McCallum David B. Middleton Scott Owen

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.